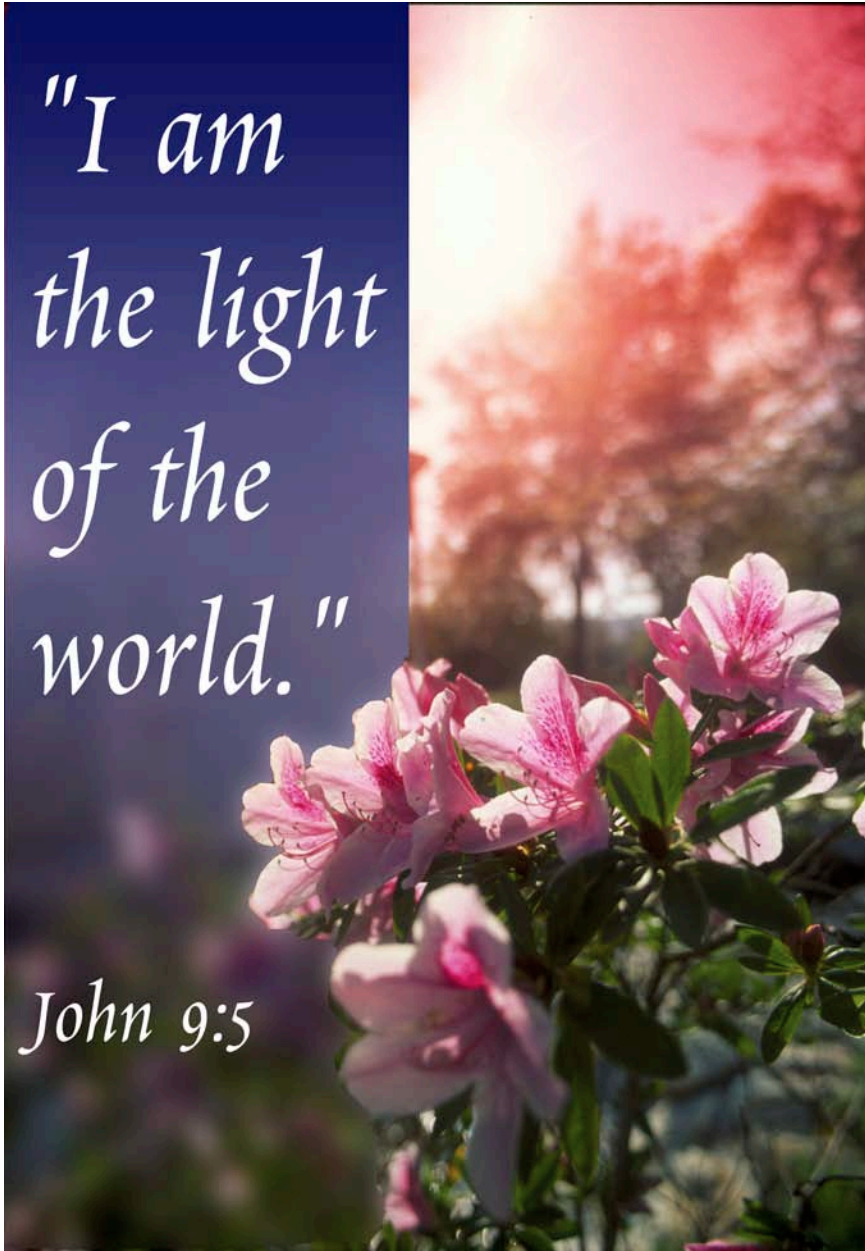


*"I am
the light
of the
world."*

John 9:5



St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 25/26, 2017

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to the House of the Lord

“On the Way to Calvary, Jesus Encounters...”

Week 1 ~ Jesus Encounters Satan (Matthew 4:1–11)

Week 2 ~ Jesus Encounters Nicodemus (John 3:1–17)

Week 3 ~ Jesus Encounters the Samaritan Woman (John 4:5–30; 39–42)

Week 4 ~ Jesus Encounters the Blind Man (John 9:1–39)

Week 5 ~ Jesus Encounters Lazarus (John 11:1–45)

Palm Sunday ~ Jesus Encounters the Crowd (John 12:12–19)



Opening Hymn **551** *When to Our World the Savior Came*

Confession and Absolution **page 184**

Psalmody *Psalm 142*

I cry to you, O LORD;

I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

With my voice I cry out to the LORD;

with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

I pour out my complaint before him;

I tell my trouble before him.

When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!

In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;

no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

I cry to you, O LORD;

I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:14–21*

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does

not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8–14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . . ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do

you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed **page 192 or inside back cover**

Hymn **554** *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

Sermon

Hymn **956** *Create in Me*

Offering *Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.*

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **531** *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*



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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

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Organist	Mrs. Louise Reisler		
Acolytes	Alicia Oviedo	Lila Pleshek	Jake Dreyer

PRAYERS

In Need of Healing . . . *J.J. Brusewitz, Greyson Cornelius, Kathy Ebert, Cliff Hanson, Doris Hoffman, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Dorothy Krull, Ted Kupsky, Judy Manthei, Marian Monroe, Sandy Rosin, Doris Schmidt, Brittany Slack, and David Wegner.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Read through the Bible in Two Years... a note from Pastor Shoup

I'm behind! I'm still in Genesis, but will catch up. We started WEEK ONE on Monday, January 30. Monday, March 27 is WEEK NINE, if you are following the schedule. Next week we complete Exodus and start Leviticus. Leviticus – not easy, but stick with it. Consider all the stories you've taken in thus far, from Creation and the flood, to Abraham, the sacrifice of Isaac, Jacob and his brothers, Moses, the 10 plagues, the meticulous instructions for the tabernacle, Mount Sinai, the receiving of the 10 commandments, all as God's plan to bring His Christ to earth for us unfolds. Haven't started yet? Jump in any time. The two-year reading schedules are on the narthex table. Bibles with brief explanatory notes are available too, if you'd like to try one.

Senior High Youth . . . meet with the pastors **today**, Sunday, March 26, 11:30am–1:00pm in the fellowship hall. Pizza, chips, cookies, etc., will be served. Come and be part of the video we will be making. ☺



Easter Lilies and plants. . . Orders are now being taken for those who would like to beautify the sanctuary for Easter. Lilies are \$16, and other types of spring plants are \$18. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex.

A box is available for your payment. Orders will be taken until Palm Sunday.

Attended/Communed – March 18, 19, and 22, 2017

Saturday	3/18	7:00pm	160/112
Sunday	3/19	8:00am	157/124
Sunday	3/19	10:15am	172/110
Wednesday	3/22	10:00am	316
Wednesday	3/22	7:00pm	<u>63</u>
		Total	868/346

Last chance to designate 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . Call 800-847-4836 or go online at [.thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice) by March 31 before the dollars are gone. April 1, 2017 starts a new year for Thrivent. Over 80 congregation members called or went on line to designate their Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool this past month. Thank you everyone.

Lutheran Hour . . . "Freedom in the Spirit" (*Romans 8:1-11*) Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be. Tune in next Sunday to hear Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7.

Midweek Lenten Worship — 10:00am and 7:00pm

"Questions of the Passion"

In Matthew's telling of Jesus' suffering and death in chapters 26 and 27, there are two dozen questions asked by the High Priest, or the Pharisees, or Pilate, or Jesus Himself. Each Wednesday, a pastor from our circuit will be visiting St. Paul and preaching on one of the questions listed below. The series will continue through Easter Sunday.

"But How Then Should the Scriptures Be Fulfilled?" (Matthew 26:54)

"What Further Witnesses Do We Need?" (Matthew 26:65)

"Why This Waste" (Matthew 26:8)

"Do You Think that I Cannot Appeal to My Father...?" (Matthew 26:53)

"What Is that to Us?" (Matthew 27:4)

Maundy Thursday "Is It I, Lord?" (Matthew 26:22)

Good Friday "What Shall I Do with Jesus Who Is Called Christ?" (Matthew 27:22)

Easter Sunday "Strong Statements, Not Questions!" (Matthew 28:1 – 10)

55+ Group . . . will meet on Tuesday, March 28, for a noon potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. We are pleased to have Mr. David Fladten give a program on "Best Practices" for emergency care for stroke victims. He will discuss various types of strokes and what emergency action is needed. This is a Wisconsin Coverdell Stroke program presented by an EMS project specialist. Interested people are cordially invited.

Change at St. Paul School . . . If you walk around St. Paul during the school day you will notice that all teachers and staff are wearing an ID badge. This is the first step in upgrading the security here at St. Paul. A question has been asked, “Why at St. Paul?” Good question as this is small town Bonduel. It is for the safety of the children, your children here at St. Paul. One of the younger children asked our custodian Sue, “Why do you wear that thing on your neck?” Response: “So you know who I am.” It is so the student, no matter how big or small, knows that the adult they meet in the hall belongs at St. Paul.

Visitors to St. Paul must sign in and pick up a visitor pass in the school office before continuing into the school building. When the visitor leaves, he or she needs to stop in the office to sign out and return the visitor pass.

If parents are picking up or bringing children to school, they will need a visitor pass to continue in the school building past the metal doors outside the 4K classroom. This would allow parents of K, 4K, or Preschool children to help them get ready for the day or meet them at the end of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation in making St. Paul a safe place for your children.

Sunday School Update

Sunday School starts **next week!!** The spring session will begin on April 2, 9:15am – 10:05am. This 8-week session will end on May 21 (no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.) New students may sign up at stpaulbonduel.com. Please invite friends and neighbors to attend. We have a lot of fun learning about Jesus with puppets, crafts, and stories while 4th–6th graders learn with skits, games, and crafts.



Little Lambs Sunday School will meet Sunday mornings 9:15am – 10:00am in the Preschool classroom. This spring session will run April 2 through May 21. All parents with infants through 3-year old toddlers are invited to join with other parents for informal fellowship, Bible stories, and music corresponding with the church year seasons. Parents who have youngsters attending other Sunday School classes are also welcome to join us. No registration is required and walk-ins are always welcome. Call Pastor Palmer at 715–758–8559 or email Jill Olson at @live.com if you have questions.



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, April 9, 2017

7:00 – 9:30am



SPYRT (St. Paul Youth Rejoicing Together) will serve a Palm Sunday Breakfast. Please call the school office at 715–758–8532 if you can donate anything to help offset the costs. Thank you in advance for your contribution of supplies or cash donations. Proceeds will be used to help benefit our youth for their next national youth gathering.

Items needed:

- 45 dozen eggs
- 30# cheese curds
- 22 frozen cans of orange juice (12 oz.)

Cash Donations will be used for:

Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Sweet rolls/Doughnuts, and French Toast Sticks

Unused Offering Envelopes . . . may be dropped off in the box in the narthex or in the box in the church/school office. These are recycled and used for chapel offerings.

St. Paul Mission Circle's Potluck Salad Buffet . . . will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. This year's theme is "It's a Great Day to be Alive." The program will consist of music and a Power Point presentation by David and Cheryl Schmidt. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased from Joyce Shest (715–881–1018), Mary Luepke (715–758–8664), Kathleen Kriehn (715–799–3857), Karen Baker (715–758–8874), or from Trisha in the church/school office. Come enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship.

Second Annual Steak Fry . . . is being planned by the St. Paul Men's Club for April 23. Tickets again are \$15 and will go on sale soon. Menu includes rib eye steak, lettuce salad, baked potato, rolls, coffee, milk, and desserts.

Creation Museum/Ark Trip . . . St. John Lutheran in Pulaski is hosting a 4-day trip to the Creation Museum and Ark this summer. They've kept costs as tight as possible--another local company hosting this trip is charging hundreds more per person. Space is limited so reserve your spot soon. Details may be found in the narthex.



Camp Luther News



Memorial Day Family Retreat at Camp Luther

May 26–29

Start a new Memorial Day tradition and bring your family to Camp Luther this year. Join in on any or all of the staff-led favorite summer activities or do your own thing as a family in this very flexible schedule. A guest pastor leads the Adult Bible Study while the staff teaches the kids in age-appropriate groups. More information can be found on our website at .campluther.com.

Try Teen Camp at Camp Luther this Summer

July 2–7

Are you ready for the best week of your life? Teen Camp is a five-night program specifically for high school students that takes the awesomeness of camp up to the next level. Teen Camp means plunging into crazy large group activities: things like night games, the root beer relay, an oatmeal war, and offsite excursions. It means building lasting friendships with your fellow teen campers and with the amazing staff who want to challenge you to go deeper with your relationships and with your faith. This is an experience that's real. It's authentic. It's life-changing. Get more information at .campluther.com under the "Summer Camps" tab.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

3/29	Charlie Tauchen	Kylie Hoeffs
4/1	Andrew Schauder	
4/2	Abby Stoltenow	Kendall Wilcox

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

4/1	Sheila Bahr	
4/2	Louise Reisler	Patti Herrmann

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 3/26** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Stewardship)
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship
11:30am Sr. High Youth meet w/pastors
- MON. 3/27** 7:30am Strong Bones
7:00pm Adult Instruction Class
- TUES. 3/28** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
12:00pm 55+ potluck luncheon
6:00pm Handbells Choir
- WED. 3/29** 10:00am Lenten Worship
5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class
5:45pm Adult Choir
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class
7:00pm Lenten Worship
- THURS. 3/30**
- FRI. 3/31** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 4/1** 9:00am Bible Bowl – Wausau
7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- SUN. 4/2** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Parish Fellowship)
9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion



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