

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin

November 15, 18, 19, 2017

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Lord, "teach us to number our days" (Psalm 90:12). He who began human time at the creation of the world will end time as we know it when He returns to the world to judge and to set up His Kingdom eternal. So He who created your eternal soul has numbered your days. He likewise will return and bring you before His throne of judgment. For all those who are in Christ, clothed in Christ's righteousness, under His forgiveness, heaven is their home. For all those outside of Christ, God's wrath and judgment are for sure. The place of judgment, hell, will be their home. Lord, "teach us to number our days." Blessings on your worship of Him who freely, out of His grace in Christ, gives you life with Him which is eternal!



Opening Hymn

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Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Confession and Absolution

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Psalmody — Psalm 90:1–12

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and establish the work of our hands upon us.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place

in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust

and say, "Return, O children of man!"

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away as with a flood;

they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are brought to an end by your anger;

by your wrath we are dismayed.

You have set our iniquities before you,

our secret sins in the light of your presence.

For all our days pass away under your wrath;

we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger,

and your wrath according to the fear of you?

So teach us to number our days

that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis page 186

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Zephaniah 1:7–16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon

The Length of Life *Psalm 90:12*

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

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament **page 194**

Note for those desiring to commune... Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Corinthians 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

Distribution Hymns **620** **761** **537** **628**

Nunc Dimittis **page 199**

Closing Hymn **733** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy Rev. Timothy J. Shoup **Sermon** Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Organists Saturday – Mrs. Louise Reisler

 Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Acolytes Kendall Wilcox Lila Pleshek Owen Ullmer

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . Carol Bartels, Carl Busch, Michelle Hermann, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Jim Luepke, Carole Newman, Brittany Slack, Grant Staszak, Todd Wegner, and Gary Wolf.



Prayer Requests . . . for *Wally Mueller* on the occasion of his **88th** birthday on November 15, and for *Marge Peterson* on the occasion of her **94th** birthday which will be on November 21.

Thank you, Lord . . . for the safe travel in *Theresa Kendl's* return home from her service duty with the United States Air Force in South Korea.

Announcements

The 55+ Group . . . will meet on Tuesday, November 28, beginning with a potluck dinner at noon in the fellowship hall. The program will be given by Stacey Cicero who will talk about Safe Haven, the shelter for abused people. There will also be time for questions and comments. Everyone is welcome.

Attendance – November 11/12, 2017

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| Saturday | 11/11 | 7:00pm | 108 |
| Sunday | 11/12 | 8:00am | 247 |
| Sunday | 11/12 | 10:15am | <u>163</u> |
| | | Total | 518 |

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . Lord willing, on December 3 we will begin a six-week session around the movie *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*. (Please note we will not meet December 24 and December 31.) Each session consists of watching approximately fifteen minutes of the movie and then reviewing what we saw, making Scriptural connections, and discussing how what we viewed applies to our lives today. Please consider joining us in the fellowship hall after the first service for refreshments and fellowship with the Bible Class beginning about 15 minutes after the first service.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Show Me" (*Matthew 25:31–46*) In Lerner and Loewe's musical, *My Fair Lady*, Eliza Doolittle is being wooed with words by a weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above. If you're in love, show me. Tell me not dreams, filled with desire. If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM. The weekly broadcast may also be heard anytime online at [.org](#).

Christmas Joy Women's Event . . . will take place at Faith United Lutheran Church in Gillett at 11465 Old U, December 1, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. There will be a dessert reception starting at 6:00pm followed by the event. More information may be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Alleluia It's Christmas! . . . event will take place Wednesday, December 13, 5:30pm – 8:30pm, at Alleluia Lutheran Church, 6725 Elmro Rd, Greenleaf WI. Activities include live nativity walk, live music, free hot dogs, apple cider, cookies, hot cocoa, face painting, ornament making, and photo station.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

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| Nov. 22 | Race Anvelink | |
| Nov. 23 | Cashten Davis | |
| Nov. 25 | Kendall Wilcox | |
| Nov. 26 | Alex Ard | Salvador Oviedo |

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

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| Nov. 25 | Sandy Staszak | |
| Nov. 26 | Maureen Zernicke | Pam Schmidt |

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sun. 11/19** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
SCRIP collected
- Mon. 11/20** 7:30am Strong Bones
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Tues. 11/21** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilters
- Wed. 11/22** 1:30pm Meadowview
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th & 6th grade Confirmation
7:00pm *Thanksgiving Worship*
- Thurs. 11/23** 9:00am *Thanksgiving Worship*
- Fri. 11/24** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- Sat. 11/25** 7:00pm Worship
SCRIP collected
- Sun. 11/26** 8:00am Worship
10:15am Worship
SCRIP collected



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor
Rev. Mark R. Palmer, Associate Pastor
Mr. Gerald R. Schmidt, Principal
Mrs. Lorraine Doell, Music Director
Mrs. Robin Reep, Youth Director
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