

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

*Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving*

Bonduel, Wisconsin

December 9/10, 2017

## *The Second Sunday in Advent*

**Welcome!**

**Today's Theme:** Prepare to Meet the One Worth Meeting

The Lord of heaven and earth is coming! Prepare! He is worth meeting. Worship begins with three stanzas of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, followed by a litany based on Isaiah's prophecy.



**Opening Hymn**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(357)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

## A Litany of Repentance and Forgiveness

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

**Stir up in our hearts true repentance, O LORD!**

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God

**Our lives are crooked; our hearts are bent out of shape.**

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

**Our lives are full of depressed lows and worldly highs, as if You are a long way off.**

**Stir up in our hearts true repentance, O LORD!**

The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**My ways are not level, gracious, patient and charitable.**

Inside my heart, things are rough.

**My trust diminishes as if You are a long ways off. At other times, my ego swells as if I control my worldly glory.**

**Stir up in our hearts true repentance, O LORD!**

This is the truth: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

**The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it;**

Surely the people are grass.

**The grass withers, the flower fades,**

but the word of our God will stand forever.

A voice says, “Cry!”

**And I said, “What shall I cry?”**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice says, “Cry!”

**And I said, “What shall I cry?”**

Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord! As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

## Psalmody — Psalm 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
**you covered all their sin.**

You withdrew all your wrath;  
**you turned from your hot anger.**

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
**and put away your indignation toward us!**

Will you be angry with us forever?

**Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

Will you not revive us again,  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness will go before him  
**and make his footsteps a way.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

**343**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

### **Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 40:1–11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading — 2 Peter 3:8–14**

Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies

will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Music**

7:00pm

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

## **The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed**

**inside back cover of hymnal**

**Hymn**

**344**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

**Sermon**

**Prepare to Meet the One Worth Meeting!**

*(Mark 1:2-3)*

**Offering**

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

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## Benediction

### Closing Hymn

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

(332, 3–4)

Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastor** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup  
**Organists** Saturday – Ms. Rhoda Lehrke  
Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Music** 7:00pm Schmidt Quartet  
10:15am Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten Christmas Service  
**Acolytes** Cashten Davis Reid Schwerin Ella Hischke

## *Prayers*

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



*Prayer  
Requests*

## Announcements

**Sunday School . . .** The next session of Sunday School begins **today**, December 10, at 9:15am. No registration is required.

**Church Council Meeting . . .** will be held on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30pm.

### *Attended/Communed – December 2/3, 2017*

|          |      |         |                |
|----------|------|---------|----------------|
| Saturday | 12/2 | 7:00pm  | 107/ 81        |
| Sunday   | 12/3 | 8:00am  | 191/160        |
| Sunday   | 12/3 | 10:15am | <u>151/106</u> |
|          |      | Total   | 449/347        |

### **So They Set Their Hope in Him**

**3-year special offering**

**As of October 31, 2017**

|                 | <b>Mortgage</b> | <b>School Repair</b> | <b>Missions</b> | <b>WRLHS</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Pledged</b>  | \$547,935       | \$388,595            | \$40,442        | \$107,314    | \$1,084,286  |
| <b>Received</b> | \$216,409       | \$148,684            | \$13,721        | \$40,206     | \$419,019    |



**Christmas Poinsettia Orders . . .** are now being taken. Write your information on an envelope provided in the narthex, and enclose a check or correct cash. Place the envelope in the box in the narthex. Cost is \$17 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 17. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Questions may be directed to Jean Hedtke at 715-758-2728.

### **Attention College Students and Parents**

If your mailing address will be changing next semester or if you haven't shared it with us yet, please let us know. Also, anyone willing to contribute ideas or monetary donations for postage may do that. Please contact Bridgett Dingeldein at 715-853-7991 or [@yahoo.com](mailto:).

## Coming to St. Paul Bonduel in 2018

### Moses!

A series of sermons on the greatest of the Old Testament prophets is being prepared!

**Women's Bible Study . . .** Please join us at the women's Bible study the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We are studying devotions written by Martin Luther and portions of Luther's Large Catechism. Pastor Palmer leads our study.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Life Narrows Down"** (John 1:6–8, 19–28) John the Baptist had a passion for the Lamb of God. What's your passion in life? How far into the future will it take you? Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour guest speaker Dr. Dale A. Meyer 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](#).



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive . . .** Your Blood is needed more than you think. The need is constant and the blood supply must be regularly replenished. That is why it is so important that generous donors like you give regularly. A blood drive will be held in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, December 12, from noon – 5:00 pm. **ALL TYPES ARE NEEDED.** To make an appointment, sign up in the narthex or register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter **sponsor code: stpaulbonduel.** **All donors with valid email address will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate.** Volunteers are needed for registration, workers in the donor area, and cookies for the canteen. If questions, contact Audrey Wussow at 715–758–8856. The December donor treat is hot chocolate.

### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

|                |                |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Dec. 16</b> | Addison Diemel |                 |
| <b>Dec. 17</b> | Heidi Dreyer   | Hailee Thompson |

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

|                |                    |              |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Dec. 16</b> | Patti Herrmann     |              |
| <b>Dec. 17</b> | Barb Swiecichowski | Barb Wickman |



*We recently received this letter from Pastor Vanko, our missionary in Romania, translated by Viola Fronkova. Pastor Vanko wrote it upon hearing that we would again be supporting him and his family with a special offering.*

***Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”***

(Romans 1,7b)

Dear altar brother! Beloved Church of St Paul! Our precious brothers and sisters in Bonduel!

Best wishes and greetings to you with these words from the apostle Paul from Butin, in the name of members of our Lutheran Church, of my family, and of course personally from myself!

Four years have passed already since we had the privilege, to enjoy for 10 days your wonderful hospitality – I feel like it was just a month ago! Time is running quickly and we are doing our best to fulfil our duties both in the Church, at school, and within the family.

Last July we had a trip with a group of children from Butin, to Orava region, Slovakia. It was a summer camp for children, organized by the Office for Slovaks who live abroad. It was a very nice and a useful experience for all of us. What a joy it was to meet at the same time with our sister Violka – she came to visit with us and we spent a blessed nice time together.

In Butin we have renovated the interior of the parish office, since walls had been damaged, in a poor shape. We do have a project, to buy the shelves for a library, so we wanted to have the place clean and ready, before the new library shall be filled with books.

We have got a promise from the Gustav-Adolf Werk, to support our project: to extend the kitchen and social facilities of the parish house – this we hope to realize this autumn.

Of course, the most important project is our Church building. After several disappointments without any successful results, to get the help through the European Union funds, we have decided to do the repair of the Church buildings with smaller repairs, step by step. We already have got a small support, ear marked for the fixing (strengthening) the fundament of the Church building, this we should do this autumn. We had prepared the first complex project some years ago (by now some of those architects and building engineers died already), so we have to do it again, respecting new situation, so it needs some time to have a complete renewed project again.

There are things to be finished on the parsonage (this part where the accommodation for the pastor and the office are located): an outer plaster to be finished. Of course, the Church building is our priority, the parsonage plaster can wait until the spring. A very serious problem has become to have carpenters, professional workers – this takes too much effort and time! Three weeks ago here was a very strong wind, taking down some cover parts from the parsonage roof. Praise the Lord, not any bigger damage did happen,

At last our family. We have got two pupils (Timothy in the fourth grade and Theophil in the first class), Emmanuella in the middle group in the kindergarten. I continue to teach at the school in Nadlac; for the second year I am a supervisor teacher for the class, I simply have had to accept this extra task. Vlasticka is ever so eager to serve to all of us; it would be great when she could in a near future to come back to her profession of the dentist.

With our wholehearted greetings we write this news to you, from the deepness of our hearts we thank you for your care of ourselves! May the Lord God richly bless you and reward you from His generous gifts!

With brotherly greetings

Dusan Vanko

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sun. 12/10**      8:00am Worship  
9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle)  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Bible Study (Martin Luther)  
10:15am Worship –*Preschool, 4K, and K Christmas Service*  
SCRIP collected
- Mon. 12/11**      7:30am Strong Bones  
7:00pm Budget Meeting
- Tues. 12/12**      7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilters  
6:30pm Church Council  
**12:00pm – 5:00pm Blood Drive**
- Wed. 12/13**      4:00pm–6:00pm Food Pantry  
5:00pm Public School Confirmation  
6:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation  
6:30pm Youth Feed the Flock (fellowship hall)  
7:05pm Choir
- Thurs. 12/14**      2:00pm Women’s Bible Study  
6:00pm Board of Parish Education
- Fri. 12/15**      7:30am Strong Bones  
SCRIP due by noon
- Sat. 12/16**      7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion  
SCRIP collected
- Sun. 12/17**      8:00am Worship – Holy Communion  
9:00am Fellowship (Adult Choir)  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Bible Study (Martin Luther)  
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion  
SCRIP collected



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