

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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

Bonduel, Wisconsin

December 16/17, 2017

## *The Third Sunday in Advent*

### **Welcome to the House of the Lord**

The season of Advent. The season of coming. The angels come to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph come to Bethlehem. The Christ Child comes in the manger. The shepherds come to see this great thing. We celebrate His coming. We celebrate His coming to bring us salvation, life and peace with God. This is the same God who comes today giving us His Spirit. Isaiah the prophet foretells, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me." John the Baptizer says, "I baptizes with water, but after me comes One who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The One who comes in the manger of Bethlehem, who came to go to the cross and arise from the dead is the same One who gives us His Spirit. Our epistle reading from 1 Thessalonians 5 encourages us, "Do not quench the Spirit." And so we pray, "Oh gracious God, send Your Spirit in full measure that we may be led in worship, in repentance and in faith to Your honor and Your glory. Amen." Blessings on your worship!



### **Opening Hymn**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*(357 – 1, 5)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## Advent Litany

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**to comfort all who mourn;**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

**I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.**

## Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(357 – 6)

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## Psalmody — Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

**like streams in the Negeb!**

Those who sow in tears

**shall reap with shouts of joy!**

He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

**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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations . . . <sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24**

Rejoice always,<sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing,<sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies,<sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Music**

7:00pm

*Away in a Manger*

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light . . . <sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” <sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**page 191 or inside back cover of hymnal**

**Hymn**

**346**

*When All the World Was Cursed*

**Sermon**

**Quench not the Spirit**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:19)*

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

## Prayers

## The 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**      **350**      **515**      **628**

**Closing Hymn**      *Savior of the Nations, Come*      (332 – 5-6)

God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Liturgy**      Rev. Timothy J. Shoup      **Sermon**      Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organists**      7:00pm and 8:00am – Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
                         10:15am – Ms. Rhoda Lehrke  
**Music**      7:00pm Grades 1 & 2  
**Acolytes**      Addison Diemel      Heidi Dreyer      Hailee Thompson



Prayer  
Requests

## Prayers

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

**A Poinsettia Plant . . .** is placed to the glory of God by Phil and Marlene Wozniak in memory of *Jacob Thorne*.

## Announcements

**2018 Offering Envelopes . . .** may be picked up in the narthex.

### *Attendance – December 9/10, 2017*

Saturday	12/9	7:00pm	128
Sunday	12/10	8:00am	179
Saturday	12/10	10:15am	<u>503</u>
		Total	810

**Thrivent Choice Dollars . . .** received for November 2017 was \$1,104.

**Doors will be open at 6:00pm . . .** for the Christmas programs for grades 5–8 on Tuesday and grades 1–4 on Thursday.



**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 **today**, Sunday, December 17. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Questions may be directed to Jean Hedtke at 715–758–2728.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Greatest Story Ever Told"** (*Luke 1:30–32a*) What is your favorite story? This Christmas Eve Day, The Lutheran Hour speaks about God's greatest story. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour guest speaker 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](#).

## Coming to St. Paul Bonduel in 2018

### Moses!

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

**The Christmas Meeting for Mission Circle . . .** is Thursday, December 21, at 1:00pm. There will be a \$3 – \$5 gift exchange and a special offering. Please return your surveys.

**Light Carpentry Worker Needed . . .** Wolf River Lutheran High School is looking for someone to do light carpentry work for the school. If you can help call 715–745–2400 or email [.carlton@wrlhs.org](mailto:carlton@wrlhs.org). After Christmas would be best.

**Energy Assistance for 2017/2018 Heating Season . . .** Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) helps with heating and electrical costs. The amount of the energy assistance varies depending on multiple factors. Shawano County residents may contact Energy Assistance, Shawano County Department of Human Services – Fellman Center, 607 E. Elizabeth St., Shawano WI 54166 or call 715–526–4740. Additional information may be found at [.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov).

### Children's Christmas Services

#### Grades 5 ~ 8

December 19 — 7:00pm

#### Grades 1 ~ 4

December 21 — 7:00pm

### Candlelight Services

#### Christmas Eve — December 24

2:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm

#### Christmas Day Service — December 25

9:00am — With Holy Communion



### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

**Dec. 23** Kylie Hoeffs

**Dec. 24** Jake Dreyer (9:00am)

Noah Weier (2:30pm) Ayden Kohn (4:30pm) Charlie Tauchen (7:30pm)

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

**Dec. 23** Sandy Staszak

**Dec. 24** Amy Schmidt (9:00am)

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sun. 12/17** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion  
9:00am Fellowship (Adult Choir)  
9:15am Bible Study (Martin Luther)  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
- Mon. 12/18** 7:30am Strong Bones  
6:00pm Board of Christian Education  
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Tues. 12/19** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilters  
**7:00pm Grades 5 – 8 Christmas Service**
- Wed. 12/20** 11:00am Worship – Holy Communion  
5:00pm Public School Confirmation  
6:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation  
7:05pm Choir
- Thurs. 12/21** 1:00pm Mission Circle  
**7:00pm Grades 1 – 4 Christmas Service**
- Fri. 12/22** 7:30am Strong Bones  
SCRIP due by noon
- Sat. 12/23** 7:00pm Worship
- Sun. 12/24** 9:00am Advent Worship  
**NO Bible Study**  
2:30pm Christmas Eve Worship  
4:30pm Christmas Eve Worship  
7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship



**Christmas Eve**



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