

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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

Bonduel, Wisconsin

January 27/28, 2018

## *The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Moses. This day wets our appetite for the upcoming series on Moses. Our Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy 18 provides a promise from God that He will raise up for God's people a prophet like Moses. God then gives His people the sound direction that they should "listen" to the prophet. Moses received the Word of the Lord from God and brought it to them both on two stone tablets and in the writing of the Torah, the Law, also know as Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. We listen to God through Moses in these first five books of the Old Testament. We listen to God through His prophets of old in the rest of the Old Testament. And we listen to God, in His Son, the One who came as Prophet, Priest and King. We hear anew our gracious God speaking from the cloud with regard to His Son, Jesus. He says, "Listen to Him." We gather for worship. We open our ears and raise our voices saying, "Speak Lord, Your servant listens!"



**Opening Hymn**

**904**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

### **Confession and Absolution**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Bible Verse for Memory**

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,” (Genesis 1:1).

## **Psalmody — Psalm 111**

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
**in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD,  
**studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
**and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
**the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;  
**he remembers his covenant forever.**

He has shown his people the power of his works,  
**in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
**all his precepts are trustworthy;**

they are established forever and ever,  
**to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.  
**Holy and awesome is his name!**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**His praise endures forever!**

**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.**

**Kyrie; Gloria in Excelsis**      page 204

## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 — Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<b>Music</b>	7:00pm	<i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i>
	8:00am	<i>Praise Canon</i>

## **Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 8:1–13**

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

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## Hymn

704

*Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

## Sermon

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

## Prayers

## The Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

## Closing Hymn

**Saturday**

**880**

*Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow*

**Sunday**

**876**

*O Blessed, Holy Trinity*



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

### Liturgy

Rev. Timothy J. Shoup

### Sermon

Rev. Mark R. Palmer

### Organists

Mrs. Lorraine Doell

### Music

7:00pm

Bell Choir

8:00am

Grades 5 – 8 Girls

### Acolytes

Race Anvelink

Ruth Titler

Madison Ullmer

## *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Carol Bartels, Anita Bartelt, Daniel Czarapata, Shirley Kieckhafer, Lee Kohn, Gregory Kopitske Jr., Pearl Kyle, Jim Luepke, Brittany Slack, Katie Titler, and Todd Wegner.*

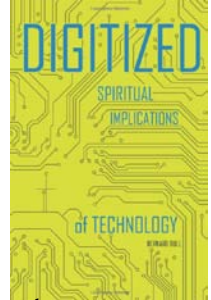
**Altar Flowers . . .** given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of *Daniel Heuer and Rachel Falck* on Friday, January 26.



## Announcements

**Annual Voters' Meeting . . .** will take place **today**, Sunday, January 28, at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. All confirmed members 18 years of age and older are invited and encouraged to attend. St. Paul Lutheran Church welcomes your participation in its operations. Questions may be directed to Mark Welch at 715-758-8791 or 715-701-0005 or email [@tds.net](mailto:mark@tds.net).

**Sunday Morning Bible Class . . .** We plan to begin a new Bible class series February 4 titled *Digitized: Spiritual Implications of Technology*. We will use the Book of Ephesians and a book recently written by my friend and colleague, Dr. Bernard Bull, to help guide us through this journey. He writes: "The digital world is about so much more than technology. Yet, many of us live in this digital world in largely unexamined ways. We rarely stop to consider why we are using technology and how it influences our own beliefs and values and those of our communities, families, churches, and workplaces." We meet in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade room and we start about 15 minutes after the first service. Please come and join us!



### ***Attended/Communed – January 17/20/21, 2018***

Wednesday	1/17	11:00am	18/ 17
Saturday	1/20	7:00pm	83/ 70
Sunday	1/21	8:00am	305/208
Sunday	1/21	10:15am	<u>275/156</u>
		<b>Total</b>	681/451

**It's that time of year again . . .** Thrivent has completed their 4th quarter of 2017. Now is the time to call 800-847-4836 or go online at [thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice) and direct your choice dollars for St. Paul Church or School. Last year Thrivent forwarded over \$32,000 to our church and school from your designations. Please call Phyllis Uelmen at 715-758-8559 or 715-745-6596 if you have any questions.

**55+ Group . . .** will meet on Tuesday, January 30, at noon in the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner. The program this month will be given by Randy Genke about his recent trip to Italy. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

**February 2018 calendars . . .** may be picked up in the narthex.

**We are on our final push . . .** for the last submission of the year for Box Tops. Please look through your cupboards and collect your Box Tops and put them in the box in the parish library by mid-February. Any help you can give our school would be greatly appreciated to meet our \$1,000 goal. You may also give them to a student or a teacher.

**The Ladies Aid Annual Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner . . .** will be served on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 7:00pm. The menu will include chili, toasted cheese sandwiches, bars, and beverages. Prices: Adult – \$8.00; Children ages 6 through 10 – \$4.00; and children 5 or under are free. Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10:00am, 11:30am, and 7:00pm. Proceeds will help support Christian education at Wolf River Lutheran High School.



**Job Openings . . .** A **third grade teacher** is needed beginning the 2018–19 school year. A teaching license and a love for working with God's Children are expected. Please send resume to the attention of Gerry Schmidt, school principal. A **part-time school custodian** is needed for 20 hours per week. Questions may be directed to Mr. Schmidt, school principal, or Susan Styczynski, head custodian.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?"** (Isaiah 40:21-31) There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or online at [.org](#).

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Families Helping Families Benefit . . .** will be held on Saturday, February 17, and will be helping out Michele and Troy Czarapata along with other families in need throughout the year. Michele will be undergoing triple bypass surgery on February 6. We are looking for volunteers and donations. Please contact Amy Zernicke at 715–853–5004 if you wish to help in any way.

**2017 Contribution Statements . . .** may be picked up in the fellowship hall along with some 2018 envelope boxes. Please notify the church office at 715–758–8559 of any errors.

**Lutheran Witness . . .** Please renew your subscription after services this weekend. Price is still \$12.00. New subscriptions are welcome.

## Sunday School Attendance – Week of January 21

Students: 18      Volunteers: 6

Last week our 3-5 year-olds talked about the shepherds spreading the good news. God gives the best gifts – Praise be to God! Next week they will be learning about the wisemen sharing their gifts and how we should give God our best, too.

Our K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders talked about Jesus our Healer and how He healed the paralytic man. Next week is all about Jesus being the Word of God that helps us grow. The Bible story will be about the parable of the seed and the sower.

We are still looking for a teacher for the K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade group. If interested, please contact Bridgett Dingeldein at 715-853-7991.

**Ladies! Please Give This a Look! . . .** Deb Burma is the author of *Stepping Out to a Life on the Edge*, a book for women with chapter titles such as,

Stepping Our of My Fear to a Life of Courage      Stepping Out of My Past...  
Stepping Out of My Worries to a Life of Trust

Julie Panske is organizing one or more small groups for women who would like to meet weekly or by-monthly, using this book as the subject matter. Might you be interested? Please call Julie at 920-639-2867, or the church office at 715-758-8559. We hope to begin meeting in February, dates and times to be arranged.

### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

**Feb. 3**      Kendall Wilcox  
**Feb. 4**      Ryker Wendt      Ryan Ullmer

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

**Feb. 3**      Patti Herrmann  
**Feb. 4**      Maureen Zernicke      Amy Schmidt



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## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>1/28</b>	8:00am Worship 9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid) 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship <b>1:00pm Annual Voters' Meeting</b> SCRIP collected
<b>MON.</b>	<b>1/29</b>	7:30am Strong Bones
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>1/30</b>	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 12:00pm 55+ Group
<b>WED.</b>	<b>1/31</b>	5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:00pm 5/6 Grade Confirmation Class 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Bible Bowl Practice 7:05pm Choir
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>2/1</b>	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Men's Club
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>2/2</b>	7:30am Strong Bones SCRIP due by noon
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>2/3</b>	7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion SCRIP collected
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>2/4</b>	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #1) 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Class (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room) 9:15am Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion SCRIP collected