

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin

February 3/4, 2018

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Isaiah paints a picture of God as Creator in today's Old Testament reading. Paul testifies of his sense of urgency to preach the Gospel to save people, even as Jesus says in today's Gospel reading, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came..." At the conclusion of Paul's words in today's Epistle he emphasizes further his relentless zeal to follow Christ, comparing himself to a runner in an Olympic-like race. That's where we turn for today's sermon asking, is it only Paul who so strives to reach the goal? Are we not also in the race?

Looking ahead... Our sermon series on Moses is fast approaching. We will begin on ASH WEDNESDAY. You may wish to prepare. The first chapters of Exodus, the second book of the Bible, are interesting and easy to read. Enjoy. Begin. Here are the respective texts for the first three services in the series.

Exodus 1:1-22 – New King, No Fear

February 14 — Ash Wednesday

Exodus 2:1-10 – God's Way: Little Things for Big Stuff

February 17/18

Exodus 3:1-14 – I Am Weak but He Is Strong

February 24/25

Pick up a Lenten Devotional Booklet... In keeping with our worship series on Moses and Exodus, please take home a copy of *I Have Heard the Cries of My People*, daily devotions to be read at home beginning Ash Wednesday, written by Dr. Reed Lessing.



Opening Hymn

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Praise the Almighty

(1, 3)

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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first confess our sins before Almighty God.

Almighty God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I confess, daily I sin much by what I think, say, and do. I cannot free myself from my sinful condition. Have mercy upon me and forgive me. Lead me to your altar with a repentant heart. By your grace, give unto me 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

(The Word of God is for us to read, mark, learn, and memorize by heart. Each week we recite together the verse of the month including the reference.)

January

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

February

“This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life,” *(1 John 5:11–12)*.

Psalmody — Psalm 147:1–11

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food,

and to the young ravens that cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**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

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 40:21–3

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that

I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music 7:00pm *Despair Not, My Soul*
 8:00am *Just As I Am*

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. ²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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 immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed **page 206 or inside back cover of hymnal**

Hymn **664** *Fight the Good Fight*

Sermon **Run!** *1 Corinthians 9:24–27*

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

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament **page 208**

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 609 (1–4) 547 624 632

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* **page 211**

Closing Hymn *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organists	Saturday – Ms. Rhoda Lehrke Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	7:00pm Schmidt Quintet 8:00am Adult Choir		
Acolytes	Kendall Wilcox Ryker Wendt Ryan Ullmer		

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Carol Bartels, Anita Bartelt, Bill Buss, Michele Czarapata, Bryce Goodreau, Shirley Kieckhafer, Lee Kohn, Gregory Kopitske Jr., Pearl Kyle, Jim Luepke, Brittany Slack, Katie Titrer, Todd Wegner, and Larry Wilke.*



Altar Flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God by the family of *Dustin Zernicke*, whose 50th birthday would have been on February 6th.

Wedding Prayer . . . *David Luepke and Michelle Bleick* will be married on Saturday, February 10, here at St. Paul.

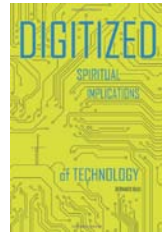
Announcements

Reminder to Pick up Your Subs . . . today, Sunday, between services.

The Ladies Aid Annual Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner . . . will be served on Wednesday, February 14th 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.



Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . We plan to begin a new Bible class series this Sunday 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 8th grade room and we start about 15 minutes after the first service. Please come and join us!



Attended/Communed – January 27/28, 2018

Saturday	1/27	7:00pm	123
Sunday	1/28	8:00am	237
Sunday	1/28	10:15am	<u>157</u>
		Total	517

It's that time of year again . . . To direct your Thrivent choice dollars for St. Paul Church or School, call 800–847–4836 or go online at thrivent.com/choice. 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.

College Ministry Committee will . . . be mailing out something special to college students and military personnel a few more times this school year. If you could make a donation for postage for this ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bridgett Dingeldein 715–853–7991, Cara Richter 715–851–5435, or Sheila Bahr.

St. Paul Church Annual Meeting, January 28, 2017, 1:00pm

Motions

M/S/C Motion made by Randy Genke, seconded by Ron Klosterman to approve the secretary's minutes with the change of "site" under number 2 to "perpetual care".

M/S/C Motion made by Dave Hedtke, seconded by Eric Peebles and carried to approve the list of nominations.

M/S/C Motion was made by Marvin Klosterman, seconded by Elroy Block and carried to nominate Pastor Kleinschmidt from St. Jakobi as LCMS North Wisconsin District Circuit Visitor.

M/S/C Motion made by Amy Schmidt, seconded by Peggy Buchholz and carried to continue our membership of the WRLHS Association and pay the \$4 membership dues per baptized member to be paid quarterly.

M/S/C Motion made by Ted Kupsy, seconded by Tim Rank and carried to approve the five representatives for WRLHS. They are Sharon Schlender, Karen Baker, Carla Parsons, Renee Schmidt, and Sandy Staszak. Alternates are Carl Kosbab, John Brodhagen and Marvin Klosterman.

M/S/C Motion made by Dave Hedtke, seconded by Mike Hille and carried to give \$2,250 from the Endowment Fund for the Church Work Scholarship Fund and \$500 to Jeff Wegner for the Tech 21 Workshop he's currently taking.

ELECTIONS

Elders: Jeff Wegner, Allen Kohn

Christian Education: Jason Wesenberg, Dede Schwerin

Parish Education: Allison Bacaik, Tricia Bahr

Parish Fellowship: Bev Pleshek

Stewardship: Mike Hille, Joyce Shest

Youth Ministry: Dave Doell, Karla Moede, Cara Richter, Amy Schmidt, Julie Panske

Endowment: Paul Ebert

Cemetery: Linda Spreeman, Mary Rusch

These members are elected for a three year term ending January 2021. There were no names for Evangelism (1), and Trustees (2). We need to put these positions in the bulletin to try to recruit help for these boards. On February 10th and 11th all officers, board and committee members will be installed at the church service.

Sunday School

This weekend is the last week of this session. Our next session starts March 4.

We are in need of a teacher for the K–3rd grade class for our next session. If interested, please contact Bridgett Dingeldein at 715-853-7991 or Pastor Palmer.

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.

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 4th 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 to take money at admissions, sell bucket raffle tickets, work the concession stand, set up and clean up, and donations of:

cakes for the cake walk	2 cases Diet Pepsi cans
bucket raffle items	4 cases Sierra Mist/Sprite cans
silent auction items	4 cases root beer/orange cans
5 lbs shredded lettuce	1 box of Snickers candy bars
chopped onions	1 box of Kit Kats
8–10 squeezable bags of sour cream	1 box of variety pack M&M’s
6–8 big cans of nacho cheese from Sam’s Club	1 box Skittles
2–4 boxes of nacho chips from Sam’s Club	1 box of Starburst
2–4 boxes of 50 ct Doritos	1 box of Sour Straws
2–4 boxes of 50 ct Fritos	2–4 large bottles of ketchup
3lb. boats for nachos and nacho supreme	1 bottle of mustard
4 cases of Pepsi cans	

Please contact Amy Zernicke at 715–853–5004 if you wish to help in any way.

St. Paul Officer, Board, and Committee Members . . . are asked to attend one of the three services next weekend, February 10/11, to be recognized and installed.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Was Blind, But Now I See" (2 Corinthians 4:3) Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing? 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, or online at [.org](#).

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 Out of My Fear to a Life of Courage

Stepping Out of My Past

Stepping Out of My Worries to a Life of Trust

Stepping Out of My Insecurity to a Life of Confidence in Christ

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.

A Parish Nurse Conference . . . will be held May 23-24, 2018, at Concordia University in Mequon. Contact the church office at 715-758-8559 for more information.

Camp Luther News . . . Got a bit of the winter "blahs" going at your house? Plan a visit to Camp Luther this winter. We have comfortable cottages and lots to do in the great outdoors (skiing, snowshoe, broomball, tubing and more). You can book by the day or by the week. Check out the "Retreats and Cottages" tab at [.campluther.com](http://campluther.com) for rates and more information.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

Feb. 10 Austin Prochaska

Feb. 11 Lila Pleshek Owen Ullmer

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

Feb. 10 Sheila Bahr

Feb. 11 Louise Reisler Peggy Buchholz

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sun. 2/4 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #1)
9:15am Bible Study (8th Grade Room)
9:15am Sunday School
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
SCRIP collected

Mon. 2/5 7:30am Strong Bones
6:00pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship

Tues. 2/6 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
7:00pm Board of Evangelism
7:00pm Church Council

Wed. 2/7 5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Youth and Youth Board Meeting
7:00pm Board of Elders
7:05pm Choir

Thurs. 2/8 2:00pm Women’s Bible Study

Fri. 2/9 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon

Sat. 2/10 2:00pm Bleick-Luepke wedding
7:00pm Worship
SCRIP collected

Sun. 2/11 8:00am Worship (Bell Choir rings)
9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle)
9:15am Bible Study (8th Grade Room)
10:15am Worship (Grades 1 & 2 sing)
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

Mrs. Donna Niles, Preschool/4K Director

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