

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
December 29/30, 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas

Opening Hymn 379 *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful*

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

O merciful and faithful God, You sent the long-expected Deliverer to Bethlehem, born to be my Savior from sin and death.

I do confess before You my unworthiness.

I am, according to Your Word, by my nature a lost and condemned creature.

For Jesus' sake, take away my sin and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

Keep me in Your gracious presence now and forever, I pray.

As Simeon beheld the Christ-child and uttered, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel," I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Introit

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

Hymn

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Angels We Have Heard on High **(1, 3)**

Prayer of the Day

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us, and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

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A Great and Mighty Wonder **(1, 2, 4)**

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15*

The Lord said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. ¹¹“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of

Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And

his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed *(printed inside back cover of hymnal)*

Hymn **380** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Sermon

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

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **367** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **(1, 4, 5)**



SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

Liturgy	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Sermon	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Acolytes	Jeffrey Jagodzinski	Cameron Schroeder	Ethan Schauder

PRAYERS

In Need of Healing . . . *Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Tillie Kallies, Alicia Kroening, Robert Luepke, Audrey Moede, Jerry Schoepke, Brittany Slack, and Roger Wood.*



Altar flowers . . . placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Lyle Gehm* and *Patty Gehm* by Carol Gehm and family.

Floral Arrangement . . . placed in loving memory of *Jennifer Wickman-Hacker* whose birthday is January 1 by her family.

We Pray For . . . the family of Arlene Grunewald, mother of Jim and Ione Grunewald, who was called to her eternal rest on Thursday, December 27.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank You” from the pastors and their families for the various kindnesses extended from the groups and by families of the congregation for this Christmas season.

Contribution Envelopes . . . for 2019 may be picked up in the fellowship hall. Contact the church office at 715-758-8559 with questions. Please do not use 2018 envelopes for next year. Unused offering envelopes are recycled and used for chapel offerings. Please drop off your unused 2018 envelopes in the box provided in the narthex or the church office.

Attended/Communed – December 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 / 2018

Tuesday	12/18	7:00pm	358
Wednesday	12/19	11:00am	16/ 15
Thursday	12/20	7:00am	546
Saturday	12/22	7:00pm	85
Sunday	12/23	8:00am	155
Sunday	12/23	10:15am	<u>146</u>
		Total	1306/ 15

The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Word Turned Toward" (John 1:1-18)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler shares this message... People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same—He turns His Word toward us. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or at lutheranhour.org.

Invitation . . . The St. Paul Men’s Club invites potential new members to join us on Thursday evening, January 3, at 7:00pm. The Men’s Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the church fellowship hall. Our usual meetings start with a Bible study led by one of the pastors, followed by a brief business meeting. A light lunch is provided and served by a rotation of three members each month. Please consider joining us for Christian inspiration and good old fashioned fellowship.

Effective 1/15/2019 . . . we will no longer be using Pushpay for our financial system for our online church donations. St. Paul church will move to a system called “VANCO” which works alongside our church financial system making it more efficient and cost effective for our church. You can begin using VANCO immediately by downloading the mobile app “GivePlus+” or through our church website. Step-by-step directions on how to use the system will be shared at a future date.

LCMS North Wisconsin District . . . a New Lay Leader Training session to be held at Trinity–Wausau in January. Register at .org. The NWD LCEF Vice-President-Business Manager position will remain open through December. Those interested should also visit .org.

2019 Men's Retreat . . . The LCMS North WI District has shared information about a men's retreat that takes place March 1 – 3, 2019 in Manitowoc. Brochures may be found on the table in the narthex.



BRING IT HOME — *Family Time with Great Bible Stories*

The page numbers refer to the children's Bible titled "The Story Bible", or use your own Bible.

Week 9 – December 30 – January 5, 2019

Moses and the Exodus, continued

1. Moses and the Plagues,
Page 104–106 — Exodus 5–10

2. The Passover,
Page 107–109 — Exodus 11–13

3. Crossing the Red Sea,
Page 110–112 — Exodus 14–15

Israel in the Wilderness, introduction, page 113

4. God Provides Quail and Manna,
Page 115–116 — Exodus 16

5. The Ten Commandments,
Page 117–120 — Exodus 19–20



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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUN.	12/30	8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Worship SCRIP	
MON.	12/31	7:30am Strong Bones	
TUES.	1/1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO 7:00am Bible Study	
WED.	1/2	5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:00pm 5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation Class 7:00pm Board of Elders NO Bell Choir or Adult Choir Practices	
THURS.	1/3	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Men's Club	
FRI.	1/4	7:30am Strong Bones SCRIP due by noon	
SAT.	1/5	7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion	
SUN.	1/6	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship–Parish Fellowship #1 9:15am SPYRT–Bible Bowl Practice in Youth Room 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion	

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

Jan. 5	Ella Thornborrow	
Jan. 6	Alex Ard	Ayden Kohn

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

Jan. 5	Patti Herrmann	
Jan. 6	Patti Rosin	Barb Wickman