

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
November 30/December 1, 2019

## *The First Sunday in Advent*

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

Welcome to the First Sunday of the church year. It is Advent. He is coming. A season to prepare. Just as Easter's joyous victory over sin and death is preceded by Lenten repentance, a similar sequence occurs with Advent and Christmas. *Advent hymns have a sense of hope and anticipation.* But Advent hymns are not Christmas hymns. For centuries, people waited and waited, and God sustained their faith when it appeared the promised Christ would not come. Finally, with Mary and Joseph huddled near a manger, the angels announced to the shepherds the birth of God's Son. So Advent is our time of waiting, of anticipation with great expectation for what is to be when the Lord does indeed come again. Advent anticipates the joy of Christmas, and ultimately, the unending joy to be ushered in when the Lord returns on the last day.

Already in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, Christians designated the Sundays prior to Christmas as a time to prepare for His birth. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, Advent was recognized as the beginning of the church year. Today, we divide the church year into three parts:

*The Time of Christmas:* the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

*The Time of Easter:* the season of Lent, Holy Week, and the season of Easter.

*The Time of the Church:* the Sundays after Pentecost focusing on God's people.

Blessings on your worship. We remember:

- ❖ *Royal Blue*, the color of the hope we have in Jesus' forgiving and protecting presence among us, even as we long for His return on the last day.
- ❖ We refrain from singing the *Gloria*, the song of the angels, until Christmas Eve.
- ❖ The lighting of one more Advent candle each Sunday leading to the birth of Christ.



## Opening Hymn

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*Savior of the Nations, Come*

*(Today begins a new church year. The church year highlights the key events in the life of Jesus, particularly, His birth, perfect life of service, suffering, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and return. This Advent hymn, attributed to Ambrose of Milan in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, captures the very essence of the life of Christ.)*

## Baptism

10:15am

*Grace Jenelle Wagner*

## Confession and Absolution

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## Hymn of Response

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us

his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — Romans 13:11–14**

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

***Glory to You, O Lord.***

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to You, O Christ.***

**Nicene Creed**                      **inside back cover of hymnal**

**Good News For Kids**

**Hymn**                      **349**                      *Hark the Glad Sound*

**Sermon**                      **“Put On The Lord”**                      *(Romans 13:14)*

**Offering**

**Presentation of LCMS Certificate for Short Term Missions**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Service of the Sacrament**                      **page 160**

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 one of our pastors before communing.

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**Closing Hymn**                      **343**                      *Prepare The Royal Highway*



# *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup and Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organists** Saturday – Mrs. Debbie Welch      Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Acolytes** Jack Zernicke      Juliana Jacobs      Kallie Wilcox

## *Prayers*



**In Need of Healing . . .** *June Bethke, Bob Buettner, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Carl Kosbab, Maribeth Peterman, Kevin Schneidewend, Brittany Slack, and Sandy Wegner.*

**Baptism . . .** *Grace Jenelle Wagner*, daughter of Kyle and Jenny Wagner, will be baptized on Sunday, December 1. She was born on April 29, 2019. Her sponsors are Brent and Megan Wagner.

## *Announcements*

**Mission Trip Presentation . . .** will be given on Sunday, December 1, between services. Isaac Palmer will give the same presentation that was given to 55+ Group. All are welcome! Also, a Certificate of Appreciation from the LCMS Short Term Missionary Services will be presented Sunday morning to Isaac.

**Christmas Poinsettias . . .** Orders are now being taken for poinsettias. Write your information on an envelope provided in the narthex and enclose a check or the correct cash. The envelope should be placed in the box in the narthex. Cost is \$17 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 15. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Questions may be directed to Jean Hedtke, 715-758-2728.



**Jobs need to be filled . . .** St. Paul is still seeking a **Full-Time or Part-Time School Custodian**, 20 – 40 hours/week. Pick up an application in the office, send a resume, or call the school office at 715-758-8532. We also need **Part-Time Teachers' Aides**; one to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays with 3-year-olds and a second position to work with 4K-8<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for experienced individuals with a degree or certification in Special Education or working towards this certification. Please contact the school office to apply at 715-758-8532.

***Attended/Communed – November 20, 23, 24, 2019***

Wednesday	11/20	11:00am	70/ 62
Wednesday	11/20	7:00pm	206
Saturday	11/23	7:00pm	72
Sunday	11/24	8:00am	119
Sunday	11/24	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>100</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>567/ 62</b>

**St. Paul Lutheran School Christmas Services**

**Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten:  
Sunday, December 8, 10:15am**

**Grades 5 – 8: Monday, December 16, 7:00pm**

**Grades 1 – 4: Thursday, December 19, 7:00pm**

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "God's Yes"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Loved and Sent Series – "If we say that God's purpose is simply to take our souls to heaven when we die, we might miss God's bigger 'yes' ... God's 'yes' to putting bodies and souls back together again in the resurrection; God's 'yes' to creation as He intended it to be." (*Romans 8:18–39*) Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org).



**American Red Cross Blood Drive . . .** Blood donations often decline this time of year when donors get busy with festivities of the season and travel. Severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses, such as the flu, can also have a serious impact on blood donations, but the need for blood remains steady. Eligible donors with ALL TYPES ARE NEEDED, especially those with O negative, A negative, and B negative. A blood drive will be held in the fellowship hall on **Monday, December 16, from noon – 5:00pm**. To make an appointment, sign up in the narthex. Online registration is also available for your convenience:

**redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code stpaulbonduel** Individuals who are 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Your commitment is appreciated for this worthwhile cause.

**Pastor Naumann's most recent newsletter . . .** may be found in the narthex.

**Help Needed . . .** Wolf River Lutheran High School would like to seek grants as an alternative fund source to support the high school's mission of offering quality Christian education to the youth in our area. The school needs to locate grant writers to help it reach that goal. If you have ever written a grant or know someone who has had experience in that area, please contact Pastor Mark Palmer at 715-853-5225 or [.palmer@stpaulbonduel.com](mailto:.palmer@stpaulbonduel.com). Your assistance will be deeply appreciated.

**A Christmas Cookie Extravaganza . . .** will be held at Wolf River Lutheran High School in the commons area on Saturday, December 7, 9:00am – 2:00pm (or until everything's gone). Cookies, fudge, candy, brownies, bars, and other holiday favorites will be sold for \$6 a pound. You may also bring along a camera to take pictures with Santa. The high school appreciates your support.

**A Choral Christmas Service at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church . . .** is entitled *A Musical Gift to the Christ Child*. You are invited to hear choral music and handchimes, and participate in a hymn sing to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior on Wednesday, December 11, 6:30pm. There will be fellowship with refreshments after the service. Advent services will be held at 10:30am and 6:30pm: December 4, 11 (musical service at 6:30) and 18. Everyone is welcome.

**Christmas Joy Women's Event . . .** Faith United will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Christmas Joy" women's event on Friday, December 6, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Further details may be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**Christmas Cantata The Thrill of Hope . . .** Immanuel Lutheran-White Clay Lake, Cecil will be celebrating the Christmas season with its annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 8, at 10:00am. Food and fellowship will follow.



#### **Acolyte Schedule Next Week**

<b>December 7</b>	Paige Rank	
<b>December 8</b>	Griffin Uelmen	Madysun Marohl

#### **SCRIP Schedule Next Week**

<b>December 7</b>	Sandy Staszak	
<b>December 8</b>	Patti Rosin	Amy Schmidt

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 12/1** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion  
9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #2)  
9:15am Isaac Palmer Mission Trip Presentation  
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion  
6:00pm Christian Couples at Ron and Amy Schmidt's
- Monday 12/2** 7:30am Strong Bones  
6:00pm Board of Trustees  
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship
- Tuesday 12/3** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting  
5:30pm Board of Evangelism
- Wednesday 12/4** 5:00pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation class  
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
6:30pm Youth and Youth Board Meeting  
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 12/5** 1:30pm Ladies Aid  
7:00pm Men's Club
- Friday 12/6** 7:30am Strong Bones
- Saturday 12/7** 7:00pm Worship
- Sunday 12/8** 8:00am Worship (Grades 3 & 4 with Bell Choir)  
9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle)  
9:15am Bible Class  
10:15am Worship — Preschool, 4K, and K Christmas Service



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

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