

...THAT TOGETHER YOU MAY
WITH ONE VOICE GLORIFY
THE GOD AND FATHER OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



ROMANS 15:6, NRSV

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

December 7/8, 2019

The Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome to the House of the Lord

One difficulty in preparing for Christmas is creating space in our minds to focus on Christ – on His coming to earth, on the seriousness of our need for Him due to our sin and pending death, on the love of Christ to travel for us from the manger in Bethlehem to the cross outside Jerusalem, out of the tomb, back to His Father, and to us once more upon the Day of His return. God sent John the Baptist with the assignment to prepare His people to meet the Lord, to tell them about the present, reigning power of God, and to call them to repentance. John the Baptist is the primary figure in Advent. In today's sermon, the primary focus is upon the *joy* that awaits us *when* the Lord returns as prophesied by Isaiah.

Good things are happening at St. Paul. Our children are preparing their Christmas programs. We are sending special offerings to Pastor Vanko, Pastor Naumann, and to Viola. Youth are beginning to study for the Bible Bowl competition. Confirmands are starting on their projects. We are returning our *Hope in Him* pledge cards *today* and throughout December. Bible classes and a Bible Book of the Month reading opportunity are beginning in January, and each week, the Lord meets us *right here in this place* with His Word, Supper, and Holy Baptism.

Welcome to all who gather in the name of the Lord.



Opening Hymn 333 *Once He Came in Blessing*

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Psalmody — Psalm 72:1–7

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the
 needy,
and crush the oppressor!
 May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

(334)



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 11:1–10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music

8:00am

Someone Special

Epistle Reading — Romans 15:4–13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has

welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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What hope! An Eden prophesied
Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side,
Led by a little child!

A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,
A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
The fruit of God's design.

As banner of God's love unfurled,
Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world
Would rally to the cross.

Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,
Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword
Come, open heaven's door.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the

Lord; make his paths straight.”⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Hymn **344** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*

Sermon

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The Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Hymn **339** *Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors*



Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup and Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Music Grades 3 and 4
Acolytes Griffin Uelmen Paige Rank Madysun Marohl

Prayers



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

We Pray For . . . the family of *June Bethke*, who was called to her eternal home on Sunday, December 1 and given Christian burial at St. Paul on Friday, December 6.

Bulletin Sponsor . . . This weekend's bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God by the Doell family in memory of Lorraine's parents, *Clarence and Verna Forslund.*

Announcements



We are retuning our Hope in Him pledge-cards today and throughout December!

Interested in Young Adult Ministry? . . . Please meet in the meeting room this morning, Sunday, at 9:30am. Contact Pastor Palmer, 715-853-5225, with questions.

Attention all Boards/Groups/Committees . . . There will be a meeting on Thursday, December 12, 7:00pm, in the meeting room with the desire to have a representative from each board, group, and committee learn about an online system designed to help organize and recruit helpers for all activities in our congregation and school. Contact Pastor Palmer, 715-853-5225, with questions.

Clean, Empty Frosting Tubs Needed . . . The teachers of Grades 1 – 4 need frosting tubs for a spring arts and crafts project. Your help in saving these would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off in the office at your convenience. Thank you!

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.

SPYRT's Papa Murphy's Pizza Day . . . is Wednesday, December 11. If you don't feel like cooking, support our youth! Buy any pizza of your choice, and SPYRT will receive 15% back from your purchase! **Be sure to state that your order is for ST. PAUL SPYRT.** Proceeds will help defray costs for the National Youth Gathering this summer. Thank you to all for supporting our youth group.



2020 Contribution Envelopes . . . are ready to be picked up in the narthex/fellowship hall. Please notify the church office at 715-758-8559 if you have any questions. If you do online giving and would like envelopes for special occasions, notify the church office and they will be issued. Please do not use 2019 envelopes next year. Unused offering envelopes are recycled and used for chapel offerings. Please drop off your unused 2019 envelopes in the box provided in the narthex or the church office.

<i>Attended/Communed – November 27/28, 30/December 1, 2019</i>				
Wednesday	11/27	7:00pm	135	
Thursday	11/28	9:00am	122	
Saturday	11/30	7:00pm	95	
Sunday	12/1	8:00am	46	
Sunday	12/1	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>58</u>	
		Total	456	

Online Giving. . . Online giving is available for St. Paul Lutheran Church and School on the website at [.com](http://www.stpaul.lutheran.org). Click the Online Giving icon on the home page.



Mobile users may download the app by going to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download for free. If questions, call the office at 715-758-8532.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Love Is Enough" (Matthew 22:35-40)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. *Loved and Sent Series* – God shows us a different kind of love. 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).

5th Grade Art Nativity Scenes . . . may be found in the display cabinets in the narthex.



Jobs need to be filled . . . St. Paul is still seeking a **full-time or part-time school custodian**, 20 – 40 hours/week. Contact 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–8th. Please contact the school office to apply at 715–758–8532.

Sunday Morning Bible Study . . . The Sunday Morning Bible Class is planning on beginning a new series on December 8 titled “Is Genesis History?” Dr. Del Tackett and other Christian scientists will be our lead guides as we consider this and other questions regarding the importance of having a correct understanding of the issues surrounding Genesis. Please come join us in the eighth grade classroom after the first service for a cup of coffee, a snack, and a look at a portion of God’s Word.

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

Christmas Caroling . . . Help spread Christmas cheer! Join us for Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 15 at 3:30pm. We will go to homes of our shut-ins as well as Bonduel and Shawano care facilities to sing Christmas carols, followed by a chili and potluck supper in our fellowship hall. Those attending supper are asked to bring sandwiches or a dessert to pass. Please email Lorraine Doell at

[.doell@stpaulbonduel](mailto:doell@stpaulbonduel) or call/text her at 715–853–7033 if you have any questions. To give us a count for how much chili to prepare, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex, or call, email, or text Mrs. Doell. All ages are welcome to participate!! (Can’t sing? Come along anyway! No auditions required!)





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 12:00 – 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.

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. Your assistance will be deeply appreciated.

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.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

December 14 Allison Zernicke
December 15 Cameron Schroeder Tucker Hischke

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

December 14 Sheila Bahr
December 15 Pam Schmidt Barb Wickman

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 12/8** 8:00am Worship (Grades 3 & 4 with Bell Choir)
9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle)
9:15am Bible Class
9:15am Sunday School
9:30am Young Adult Ministry in meeting room
10:15am Worship — Preschool, 4K, and K Christmas Service
- Monday 12/9** 7:30am Strong Bones
- Tuesday 12/10** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
6:30pm Church Council
- Wednesday 12/11** *SPYRT Day at Papa Murphy's in Shawano*
4:00pm – 6:00pm Food Pantry
5:00pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class
6:30pm Feed the Flock Bible Study
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 12/12** 2:00pm Bible Study
5:30pm Board of Parish Education
7:00pm Online Activity Organization
- Friday 12/13** 7:30am Strong Bones
- Saturday 12/14** 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
- Sunday 12/15** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Men's Club)
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Sunday School
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion



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