

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
December 21/22, 2019

## *The Fourth Sunday in Advent*

**Opening Hymn**            332            *Savior of the Nations, Come*  
(Ambrose of Milan wrote this hymn in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. It describes the journey of Christ from heaven to earth and back to full glory.)

**Baptism**                    10:15am            *Kiersten Emma Norton*

**Confession and Absolution**            page 184

### **Psalmody — Psalm 24**

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
**the world and those who dwell therein.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

**And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD

**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Such is the generation of those who seek him,

**who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

**that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

**that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 7:10–17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 1:1–7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

*Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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## **Hymn of the Day**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*ALL*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*SOLO*

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord' rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.*  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*VIOLIN*

*O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*ALL*

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*SOLO*

*O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*SOLO*

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*ALL*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

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*O Little Town of Bethlehem*



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup and Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organists** Saturday – Mrs. Debbie Welch      Sunday – Mrs. Louise Reisler  
**Pianist** Willa Rusch  
**Violinist** Sunday – Ayden Dunst  
**Vocalists** Ayden Dunst, Morgan Dunst, Pastor Shoup  
**Acolytes** Kaiden Thornborrow      Charlotte Luepke      Quinn Wesenberg

## *Prayers*

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



**Baptism . . .** *Kiersten Emma Norton*, daughter of Jeremy and Megan Norton, will be baptized on Sunday, December 22. She was born on December 18, 2018. Her sponsors are Mercedes Bayless and Dylan Norton.

**Wedding Prayer . . .** for *Scott Dehn and Terri Siolka* who will be married at St. Paul on Friday, December 27.

# Announcements



## Candlelight Services Christmas Eve — December 24

2:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm

## Christmas Day Service — December 25

9:00am — With Holy Communion



**Please join us for Sunday School . . .** at 9:15am. We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday with cake and a movie.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class . . .** We will not meet on December 22 or 29. Study of the first eleven chapters of Genesis resumes on January 5.

**The College Ministry Board . . .** is looking for new or updated addresses for college students and military personnel. Please forward addresses to Pastor Palmer or to Bridgett Dingeldein (715-853-7991).

### *Attended/Communed – December 14/15, 2019*

Saturday	12/14	7:00pm	105/ 83
Sunday	12/15	8:00am	218/182
Sunday	12/15	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>141/103</u>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>464/368</b>

**Greeters' Schedules . . .** may be picked up in the narthex.

**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.

**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. Drop them off in the office at your convenience. Thank you in advance!

**Red Cross Blood Drive . . .** Thanks to donors for 44 units of blood, giving the gift of life, the volunteers who worked a shift or more, and the delightful cookies and hot chocolate enjoyed by all.

## Hope in Him



Praise God – Pledge cards are coming in!

Giving a special offering ...

- ❖ Is a sign of our thanksgiving to God
- ❖ Shows our love for God to our children and grandchildren
- ❖ Gives us things to talk about –
  - We thank God for our church and school and missionaries
  - We praise God for His Word proclaimed here at St. Paul
  - We desire for people young and old to hear God's Good News in Christ

Our extended three-year Hope in Him offerings will be applied to our building mortgage, school improvements, missionaries, and WRLHS.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "VDMA"** Guest Speaker: Pastor John Nunes

From the days of the prophet Jeremiah to our own, some things haven't changed all that much. There's still corruption, violence, injustice, tragedy, and suffering. That's the bad news. However, "the Word of the Lord endures forever." So does God's love for us in Jesus Christ. (*Jeremiah 23:24*). 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).

**Lay Leadership Training . . .** for those serving on boards will be held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1731 St Agnes Dr, Green Bay, on January 7, 2020, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Register online at [.org](http://.org).

**Rummage Sale . . .** Faith United Lutheran Church, 11465 Old U Rd., Gillett will have a rummage sale January 17, 18 and 19. The hours are Thursday and Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm, Saturday 8:00am – noon. We will have a half price sale on Saturday.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/22</b>	8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/23</b>	7:30am Strong Bones
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	2:30pm Christmas Eve Worship 4:30pm Christmas Eve Worship 7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	9:00am Christmas Day Worship — Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/26</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/27</b>	7:30am Strong Bones
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	7:00pm Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/29</b>	8:00am Worship 10:15am Worship

### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

<b>December 24</b>	Olivia Deneys	James Pleshek	Carson Kolaske
<b>December 25</b>	Paige Rank		
<b>December 28</b>	Elizabeth Delzer		
<b>December 29</b>	Vincent Peebles	Braylon Krull	

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

<b>December 28</b>	Sandy Staszak	
<b>December 29</b>	Karla Moede	Amy Schmidt



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor  
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Mr. Gerald R. Schmidt, Principal  
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