

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

January 4/5, 2020

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to the House of the Lord

We find ourselves in the afterglow of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship. The babe was brought to the temple in Jerusalem. There He was met by Anna and Simeon. The newborn King received gifts from afar. Then there was the fleeing to Egypt. And finally after Herod's death, Mary and Joseph found their way back to Nazareth. The annual trek to Jerusalem for the Passover led to this morning's Gospel reading. Jesus, all of 12 years old, remained behind in His Father's house. Eighteen years would pass before He would teach all of Israel about His Father. Come! Let us worship the newborn King!



Opening Hymn

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Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Confession and Absolution

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Psalmody — Psalm 119:97–104

Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

for it is ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,

for your testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged,

for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way,

in order to keep your word.

I do not turn aside from your just decrees,

for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

**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 387 *Joy to the World*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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 — 1 Kings 3:4–15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David

walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day’s journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed **page 158 or inside back cover of hymnal**

Hymn **370** **What child Is This?**

Sermon **“All Who Heard Him”**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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 Cor. 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 a pastor before communing.

Distribution Hymns **361** **376** **383**

Post-Communion Canticle

Benediction

Closing Hymn **390** *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists Saturday – Ms. Rhoda Lehrke
Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Acolytes Maycee Reisner Gage Anderson Aiden Hillsberg

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . Gabe Delzer, Judy Dobratz, Kathy Ebert, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Carl Kosbab, Maribeth Peterman, Kevin Schneidewend, Donna Seefeldt, Brittany Slack, Sandy Wegner, and Wallace Zernicke.



We Pray For . . . the family of JoAnn Schabell, who was called to her eternal home on Thursday, January 2, and will be given Christian burial on Wednesday, January 8.

Announcements

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . What is the purpose of God’s creation? Our “guest” presenter, Stuart Burgess, PhD, Mechanical Engineer, will share some intriguing thoughts with us today to help us answer that question. Please join us in the eight-grade classroom after the first service.

Lutherans for Life . . . Signatures will be collected this weekend in the narthex for a signature ad in the Market Messenger. The suggested donation is \$3 per name.

Attended/Communed – December 24, 25, 28 & 29, 2019

Tuesday	12/24	2:30pm	464
Tuesday	12/24	4:30pm	474
Tuesday	12/24	7:30pm	138
Wednesday	12/25	9:00am	184/144
Saturday	12/28	7:00pm	73
Sunday	12/29	8:00am	142
Sunday	12/29	10:15am	155
Total			1,630/144

Young Adult Ministry . . . There will be a meeting **today**, Sunday, 1/5, at 9:20am in the meeting room for anyone interested in young adult ministry.

Sunday School . . . Please join us at Sunday School this week. Preschool – 3rd grade students will be jumping for joy as they learn about Mary’s visit to Elizabeth. The 4th – 6th grade students will be discussing the unmerciful servant and learning how to forgive as you have been forgiven.

Thank you . . . to the Ladies Aid for donating the couches in the narthex.

SPYRT’s Papa Murphy’s Pizza Day . . . will be **this coming Wednesday, January 8.** 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. If ordering online, enter the code SUPPORT at checkout. Proceeds will help defray costs for the National Youth Gathering which will be held in July of 2022. Thank you to all for supporting our youth group.



Volunteer Needed . . . to deliver church bulletins and tapes once every ten weeks to nursing homes and individuals and visiting with them. Call the school at 715-758-8532 for more information.

Soup Sunday . . . Please join us for WRLHS’s “Soup Sunday!” on Sunday, January 19, 10:30am – 1:30pm. The meal will consist of the following soups—chili, minestrone, and chicken dumpling. Also included are dessert and a beverage. Cost will be \$6 for anyone 10 and older, \$3 for children 5–9, and children age 4 and under will be free. Quarts of soup will also be sold for \$6. The high school is located at W7467 River Bend Road in Shawano. Hope you can attend and support the important mission of the high school.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "People Are Treasure" (Genesis 39)
Words create a picture of life, life as it really is, life as it could be. And so, if you want God to be your Treasure, you need a vision of life with God. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. 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).

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

- Sunday 1/5** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Parish Fellowship #2)
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study
9:20 Young Adult Planning Meeting
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
- Monday 1/6** 7:30am Strong Bones
6:00pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship
- Tuesday 1/7** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
5:30pm Board of Evangelism
- Wednesday 1/8** 8:10am School Chapel Service
4:00pm–6:00pm Food Pantry
5:00pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class
6:30pm Youth and Youth Board Meeting
7:00pm Board of Elders
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 1/9** 2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
5:30pm Board of Parish Education
- Friday 1/10** 7:30am Strong Bones
- Saturday 1/11** 7:00pm Worship
- Sunday 1/12** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild)
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

January 11 Ella Thornborrow
January 12 Garrett Anderson Kaylen Folkman

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

January 11 Sheila Bahr
January 12 Louise Reisler Amy Schmidt

Energy Assistance Program . . . There is still time to apply for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). The program offers a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1 – May 15) to Wisconsin residents to make their energy bills more affordable. To apply call 715-526-4740 or go to co.shawano.wi.us and click on the logo. 



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