

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
January 18/19, 2020

## *The Second Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Epiphany. The Season of Epiphany that runs until the Season of Lent is meant to shine the light of who Jesus is. His words and His miraculous actions reveal that He is none other than the Son of the living God. He is Immanuel. He is God with us. He brings us God's Word and His promises. He is the One who is the Resurrection and the Life. By His Passion and victorious Resurrection, He gives life with God that will never end. This earthly life will one day end, but life with God, in Christ Jesus, will never end. During this Season of Epiphany, we also proclaim that we believe that life begins already in the womb (*Isaiah 49:1*). God's Word is clear. He is the Creator of life in the body. He calls us to support and protect that life. When our world has gone after its selfish ways and does not protect human life, God's people must stand up and seek ways to speak the truth in love. Oh gracious Lord, so help us shine Your light!



**Opening Hymn**      **395**      *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (1-2, 5-6)*

**Confession and Absolution**      **page 151**

### **Psalmody — Psalm 40:1-11**

I waited patiently for the LORD;

**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

**who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.

**Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

Then I said, “Behold, I have come;

**in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

I desire to do your will, O my God;

**your law is within my heart.”**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

**behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

**your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

**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.**

## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through 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 — Isaiah 49:1–7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength

for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Music**      **8:00am**      *Glory Be to God on High*

### **Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1–9**

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according St. John, the first chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And

John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to You, O Christ*

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

**Hymn**        **561**                      *The Tree of Life*

**Sermon**        **The Lord Called Me From the Womb**        *Isaiah 49:1*

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

**A Litany for Life** (see insert)

**Prayer of the Church**

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

**Holy Communion** . . . 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 members of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

**Distribution Hymns**                      **412**                      **810**                      **620**

**Closing Hymn** 409 *Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

<b>Pastors</b>	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	
<b>Organist</b>	Mrs. Lorraine Doell	<b>Music</b> 8:00am — Grades 5 & 6	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ajay Heller	Caroline Richter	Paige Niquette

## *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Jon Baker, Bob Buettner, Gabe Delzer, Judy Dobratz, Kathy Ebert, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Carl Kosbab, Donna Seefeldt, Bill Schulz, Brittany Slack, and Wallace Zernicke.*



## *Announcements*

**Annual Voters' Meeting . . .** will be held next Sunday, January 26, 1:00pm. The agenda includes: 1. Finances; 2. Elections; 3. Young Adult Ministry; 4. Hope in Him Update; 5. WRLHS Annual Dues; 6. IT Update; 7. Church Directory; 8. School Repairs Update. Open positions that still need to be filled for the upcoming elections: Board of Stewardship, Board of Fellowship, and church secretary

**March for Life . . .** Wisconsin Right-to-Life is sponsoring a March for Life on Sunday afternoon, January 19, beginning at 1:00pm at the community hall, 115 E. Division St., in downtown Shawano. Those able and willing will march to the courthouse and back after which refreshments will be served, and then a short program will follow.

**Annual Financial Statements . . .** are available and may be picked up in the fellowship hall.

***Attendance – January 11/12, 2020***

Saturday	1/11	7:00pm	92
Sunday	1/12	8:00am	207
Sunday	1/12	10:15am	<u>187</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>

**Thrivent Choice Dollars . . .** It's that time again to call 800–847–4836 or go to [.thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice) to designate your choice dollars. Last year, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School received over \$29,000 from Thrivent. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Uelmen at 715–745–6596.

**Soup Sunday . . .** Please join us for WRLHS's "Soup Sunday!" **today**, Sunday, January 19, 10:30am – 1:30pm. The meal will consist of the following soups—chili, minestrone, and chicken dumpling; includes 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 . . . "Call it a Comeback"** (*Genesis 41*) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler ... New Series - "In Christ, God is writing a comeback story for you. But we don't call it a comeback if it's the same old you that's been here for years. You call it a comeback because life in Jesus means the death of the old you, and through faith in Jesus the real you can truly live." 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).

**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.



**Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal . . .** If you have been receiving the Lutheran Witness, would like to sign up for the monthly magazine, or if you would like to know more about it, please stop by the table in the church entry. The Lutheran Witness provides lay people with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and helps interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. The cost for the annual subscription is \$12.

Special thank you to the pastors and all the people who prayed for me and sent cards during my illness. I am doing much better. Thanks to God for all He has done for me and continues to be with me every day. Much appreciated, *Sandy Wegner*

**Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale . . .** The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2020 is having its annual Super Bowl sub sandwich sale in its continued efforts to raise money for the May 2020 trip to Washington D.C. Order forms are in today's bulletin and will run the next couple weeks. All orders are due no later than Sunday, January 26, and pick-up for your orders will be on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2 between and after services by the fellowship hall kitchen. Please put orders in the box in the narthex (near the fellowship hall.) More order forms will also be available by the drop off box. Thank you for your continued support! *Class of 2020*



**Sunday School . . .** Attendance last week was 18, and we learned that Jesus was born for us. Today, we are telling the Good News to EVERYONE! Please join us at 9:15am in the Preschool room. The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be discussing including others just as Jesus includes you. New Year...New Friends!

**55+ Group . . .** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 28 with a potluck lunch at noon in the fellowship hall. Peggy Heise will bring the story of her trips to China. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Italian Dinner . . .** will be held Saturday, January 25, at St. James in Shawano. Seating begins at 6:30pm, first come first serve, cost is free. Free will offering is appreciated but not necessary. See the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information.

### **Acolyte Schedule Next Week**

**January 25** Maycee Reisner      **January 26** Hailey Eggert      Joah Dworniczak

### **SCRIP Schedule Next Week**

**January 25** Sandy Staszak      **January 26** Pam Schmidt      Barb Wickman



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## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 1/19** 8:00am Worship—Holy Communion  
9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid)  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Bible Study  
9:15am Bible Bowl Practice  
10:15am Worship—Holy Communion  
1:00pm March for Life in Shawano
- Monday 1/20** 7:30am Strong Bones  
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:30pm Board of Christian Education
- Tuesday 1/21** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting
- Wednesday 1/22** 8:10am School Chapel Service  
1:30pm Meadowview  
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 SPYRT STORM Activity  
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 1/23** 2:00pm Bible Study
- Friday 1/24** 7:30am Strong Bones
- Saturday 1/25** 7:00pm Worship (Students and staff sing)
- Sunday 1/26** **New Member Sunday**  
8:00am Worship (Students and staff sing)  
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Christian Education)  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Bible Study  
9:15am Bible Bowl Practice  
10:15am Worship (Students and staff sing)  
**1:00pm Annual Voters' Meeting**