

SALT &
MATTHEW 5:13-16
LIGHT

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

February 8/9, 2020

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Good things are happening at St. Paul.

- ❖ February 23rd is Transfiguration Sunday, a spectacular faith-building event
- ❖ This Thursday, grow in faith and marriage at the Valentine Couple's Event
- ❖ Coming in March is a five-week Bible class on Psalm 23

Today we gather with Jesus' disciples on the hillside and listen to another portion of the Master's sermon recorded by St. Matthew. Jesus calls us "salt" and "light". Most things are made for a purpose. We know what a garden shovel is, but it requires the gardener to pick it up and use it. Some things are not like that. Some things *do* what they are, automatically, continuously. Salt salts, and light lights. Salt's nature and function are inseparable. Likewise, light illumines because it is light. What "light" and "salt" are is what they do. And so it is for you and me, Jesus' disciples. When Jesus calls us His disciples, it is like calling us "salt" or "light". What does this mean? Discipleship and activity are inseparable. We will explore that from the pulpit today.

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



Preservice Song 10:15am *Here I Am to Worship*

Opening Hymn 589
10:15am – 602 (1-3)

Baptism 10:15am *Ebony Ellen Bohm*

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Psalmody — *O Come, Let Us Sing* **page 220**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 58:3–9

(Heartless fasting, fasting without meditation to grow in Christ is worthless, like heartless worship is useless, too. The Lord forgives and feeds us, and He calls us to love and serve people.)

‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music 8:00am *Let’s Go, Go, Go*
 10:15am *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Epistle Reading —1 Corinthians 2:1–16

(This week's epistle reading continues the theme of the wisdom of the world verses the wisdom of God. A key verse is fourteen, highlighted below. It is a gift of the Spirit that we believe the things of God.)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴***The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*** ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according St. Matthew the fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it

gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed **back cover of hymnal**

Hymn **782** *Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings*

Sermon **Salt Salts and Light Lights** *(Matthew 5:13–16)*

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

Music – 10:15am *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

Installation of 2020 Elected Officers, Board/Committee Members

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **941** *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God* **(1, 3)**



Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell	
Music	8:00am–Grades 3 & 4	10:15am–Wolf River Lutheran High School Choir
Acolytes	Autumn Kohn	Gracyn Wudtke Kallie Wilcox

Prayers

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



Baptism . . . *Ebony Ellen Bohm*, daughter of Joshua and Vaughn Bohm, will be baptized at the 10:15am service this weekend. She was born on December 9, 2019. Her sponsors are Trebor Rueckert, Allison Rueckert, Barret Bohm, and Danielle Haws.

Baptism . . . *Hunter Westin Jaymes Missall*, son of Bradley Strzelecki and Alisha Missall, will be baptized after the 10:15am service this weekend. He was born on May 9, 2019. His sponsors are Tyler Plamann, Amber Plamann, Audre Tachick, and Jarrod Lehndorf.

Announcements

Young Adult Outing . . . The first outing with the Young Adult Ministry group is **today, Sunday, February 9 at 1:00pm**, at Lakeshore Lanes, 210 Airport Road, Shawano. Contact Kayla Tarlton at 920–228–0587 with questions.

SPYRT's Papa Murphy's Pizza Day . . . will be Wednesday, February 12. If you don't feel like cooking, support our youth! Buy any pizza of your choice, and SPYRT will receive **25%** 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.



A Valentine's Event for Couples

Let Love Be Genuine!

This Thursday, February 13

6:00pm – 8:00pm

- Church Fellowship Hall - Bring an appetizer – Look forward to a nice evening
- Bring a pen or pencil
- Sign up by **Monday the 10th** ... call the school office – 715-758-8532 or email anderson@stpaulbonduel.com or shoup@stpaulbonduel.com

Attended/Communed – February 2/3, 2020

Saturday	2/1	7:00pm	112/ 86
Sunday	2/2	8:00am	201/161
Sunday	2/2	10:15am	<u>280/170</u>
		Total	593/417

Sunday School . . . We had another great Sunday. We even had a couple new faces! This Sunday is all about that wee little man, Zacchaeus, for our three-year-old through 3rd grade class. It's going to be fun! The 4th–6th grade class will be learning how to invite people into our friendship circles and how to cope with cliques.

Voucher Applications . . . Parents may start to apply for a voucher for the 2020–21 school year by using the following link. Contact the school if you are not able to get your questions answered with this link. [://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications](https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications). If your child attended St. Paul during the 2019–20 school year with a voucher, you will have to apply again for a voucher in the 2020–21 school year. Previous voucher holders will get precedence over new applicants. The number of available vouchers to be distributed is based on 5% of the school enrollment in the school district in which you live. For the Bonduel School District that means 40 vouchers will be available. If you think you might qualify, please check the information provided using the above link, and if you still are not sure, ask in the office, or just apply and it will be determined later. The window to apply is February 3 – April 16, 2020.

2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale . . . will be held at Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Rd., Shawano, **next Sunday**, February 16. Serving time will be 10:30am–1:00pm. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. Cost is: Adults \$6.00; Children 5–9 \$4.00; 4 and under free. There will also be a bake sale taking place. Come out and join us for a delicious lunch! Thanks in advance for your support.

Teacher openings for the 2020–21

St. Paul regrets that Ms. Caitlin Ferch (Preschool/4K) and Ms. Candis Zills (3rd grade teacher) will be leaving St. Paul at the end of the 2019–20 school year. We wish them both well as they move on to the next chapter in their lives. It has been a pleasure having them on our faculty.

This means that St. Paul is looking to fill two teaching positions for the 2020–21 school year. The Concordia University system has been contacted for names of synodically trained teachers. However, you may know people who would be interested. If so, please forward their name and contact information to Mr. Gerry Schmidt at .schmidt@stpaulbonduel.com or call 715–758–8532.

Qualifications would include:

- Be a committed follower of Jesus Christ.
- Embrace the mission and core values of St. Paul Lutheran School.
- Be able to integrate a Biblical Christian view in all subjects and aspects of the curriculum
- Possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate practices.
- Possess strong written and communication skills
- Possess experience in Early Child Education.
- Be a strong, collaborative leader with a solid work ethic, possessing a passion for teaching children.
- Other requirements may include a teaching certificate, and/or CPR certification

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Happy Families Are All Alike" (Genesis 50:15-26)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy. God is at work to bring about His good purpose, even in unhappy families. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to .lutheranhour.org.

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. Please contact Phyllis Uelmen at 715-745-6596 if you have any questions.

Online Giving . . . Online giving is available for St. Paul Lutheran Church and School on the website at .com. 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 Ladies Aid Annual Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner . . . will be served on Wednesday, February 26th from 11:00am – 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. The menu will include chili, toasted cheese sandwiches, bars, and beverages. Prices: Adult – \$8.00; Children ages 6 through 10 – \$4.00; and children 5 or under are free. Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10:00am, 11:30am, and 7:00pm. Proceeds will help support Christian education at Wolf River Lutheran High School.



Psalm 23

A five-week Bible Class in March
based on
The Lord's My Shepherd (LSB 710)

**Bring your copy of *Praise & Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions*.
Select which day of the week works best for you.**

- **Sunday mornings 9:15 - 10:00am (between services)**
- **Monday evenings 6:15 - 7:00pm**
- **Tuesday evenings 6:15 - 7:00pm**
- **Thursday afternoons 2:15 - 3:00pm**

Please sign up in the church entry, or call the school office - 715-758-8532

Considering Becoming a Pastor or Deaconess? . . . Rev. Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, would like to meet with you at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1731 St. Agnes Dr., Green Bay, on Tuesday, February 25, 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Rev. Wrede is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages — elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Wrede at 314-505-7221 or at bill.wrede@csle.edu.



Camp Luther News



KinderCamp at Camp Luther

Are you looking for a special place to bond with your youngster? KinderCamp is a program designed to allow parents (or aunts, uncles, godparents, or other significant adults) to experience an incredible weekend at camp together with your child (Pre-K to Kindergarten). Our trained staff will lead a variety of fun, engaging activities, allowing you to relax and enjoy creating those unforgettable memories.

Visit [.com/weekend-camps](http://www.camp-luther.com/weekend-camps) to learn more!

4th of July Family Camp at Camp Luther

Bring the whole family to celebrate the 4th of July Northwoods style! Enjoy an incredible weekend at camp, with awesome activities like kayaking, swimming, cooking out over a fire, and campfire devotions. In addition, enjoy a fun-filled 4th of July parade in the nearby town of Three Lakes and a truly spectacular display of fireworks on Saturday night. Register at [.com/family/#july](http://www.camp-luther.com/family/#july)

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

February 15	Jack Zernicke	
February 16	Elena Schultz	Beckett Hartlaben

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

February 15	Sandy Staszak	
February 16	Maureen Zernicke	Barb Wickman

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	2/9	8:00am Worship (Grades 3 & 4 sing) 9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle) 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship (Wolf River Lutheran Choir sings)
Monday	2/10	7:30am Strong Bones
Tuesday	2/11	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 6:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	2/12	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 Feed the Flock Bible Study 7:05pm Choir
Thursday	2/13	2:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm Board of Parish Education
Friday	2/14	7:30am Strong Bones
Saturday	2/15	7:00pm Worship–Holy Communion
Sunday	2/16	8:00am Worship–Holy Communion (Choir sings) 9:00am Fellowship (Men’s Club) 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship–Holy Communion (Grades 5 & 6 sing)



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