

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

November 29, 2020

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Welcome to the House of the Lord

In Advent we concentrate on the future. “Await God’s Future” is this year’s Advent theme. God’s future is our hope, not our dreams, politician’s wishes, or future peace and pleasure dependent on man’s technology, engineering, or science.

This year during Advent we will hear future-tense announcements given by the ancient prophet Isaiah. Each week we will hear the prophet preaching to his original listeners and then understand how his words continue to speak to us through Christ now 2,700 years later in North America. God’s Word is ancient, but it remains alive, active, present, and powerful. His Word will instill in our hearts and minds repentance, living faith, and sure hope in the coming of Yahweh.

This week we learn of the King of Assyria’s threat to God’s people of Zion. The pseudo king taunted God’s people. “Your God can’t save you! Follow me!” Two millennia later the temptation to stop trusting God’s Word remains the same. But Zion is God’s city; He would save it, His people, and He will return to save us.





1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,
2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,
What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's
Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your
steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!
Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalmody—Psalm 80:1–7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 36:13–22; 37:15–20

Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah: “Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! ¹⁴Thus says the king: ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. ¹⁵Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD by saying, “The LORD will surely deliver us. This city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” ¹⁶Do not listen to Hezekiah. For thus says the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me. Then each one of you will eat of his own vine, and each one of his own fig tree, and each one of you will drink the water of his own cistern, ¹⁷until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸Beware lest Hezekiah mislead you by saying, “The LORD will deliver us.” Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ²⁰Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their lands out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?’”

²¹But they were silent and answered him not a word, for the king’s command was, “Do not answer him.” ²²Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.

¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: ¹⁶“O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. ¹⁷Incline your ear, O LORD, and hear; open your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God. ¹⁸Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, ¹⁹and have cast their gods into the fire. For they were no gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. Therefore they were destroyed. ²⁰So now, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

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Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, all their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

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Sermon

“Zion Is His City, and He Will Save It” *(Isaiah 36–37)*

Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering *Online or in the narthex*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup

Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Prayers



In Need of Healing . . . *Mike Babino, Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Ron Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Sue Krull, Patrick Luepke, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Gerry Schmidt, Deb Schneider, Donna Seefeldt, Jerry Steif, and Tom Sunnicht.*

Altar Flowers . . . are place to the glory of God in honor of *Carl Kosbab's 76th* birthday on November 22 and for *Carl and Betty Kosbab's 48th* wedding anniversary on December 2.

Announcements



Christmas Poinsettias . . . Due to Covid-19, we ask that you place orders for poinsettias as soon as possible. You may do this in two ways. Write your information on an envelope provided in the narthex, enclose a check or the correct cash, and place the envelope in the box. The second option is to call Jean Hedtke at 715-758-2728 to place your order, then write a check and mail it to Jean Hedtke at P.O. Box 372, Bonduel, WI 54107. Cost is \$17 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 16. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Call Jean with any questions.

Pastor Shoup's Livestream Bible Study . . . will continue on Monday, December 7. There will not be one on Monday, November 30.

Attended/Communed — November 18/19/22, 2020

Wednesday	11/18	11:00am	15/14
Thursday	11/19	7:00pm	111
Sunday	11/22	8:00am	73
Sunday	11/22	10:15am	<u>33</u>
		Total	232/14
Sunday	11/22	Livestream Views	228

Thank You

The faculty and staff of our church and school, St. Paul Lutheran, received heartfelt words of appreciation and a generous gift on behalf of the congregation. "Thank you" does not adequately describe how grateful we feel. We are privileged to bring the great love of our Savior Jesus to our students each and every day, and we are thankful and humbled to serve this congregation through our school. May our Lord bless you all!

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Seek My Face" (*Daniel*)

We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Blood Drive . . . The American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive in the fellowship hall on Monday, December 14, from 12:15pm – 5:15pm. ALL TYPES ARE NEEDED. To make an appointment, register online at redcrossblood.org and **enter sponsor code: stpaulbonduel** or please sign up in the narthex. Donors are required to wear masks and temp will be taken at the entrance. Questions contact Audrey Wussow 715-758-8856.

WRLHS has kicked off its 2nd year of their fundraising campaign . . . This year is titled "Do Something Too". If you were part of the campaign last year you should have received this year's information in the mail. Anyone interested in being a part of this mission, please contact one of your reps or call/text Joan at 715-851-2741 and they will get all the information you need. Can you do a monthly or a one-time gift to WRLHS? Now more than ever we need to provide our community with Christian leaders for our future. Let's all "Do Something Too". Donation cards may be found in the narthex.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

December 3	Jordan Schneider	
December 6	Chloe Zernicke	Autumn Kohn

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

December 3	Sheila Bahr
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Church Service Changes for December

One of the duties of the Board of Elders is to work with our pastors to schedule worship services. Because of COVID19, understandably, many of us are not comfortable coming to church. We are watching livestream. ***But with livestream we cannot come to Holy Communion.***

Therefore, on our Communion Sundays in December – December 6 and 20 – we are adding an 11:30am service. The 11:30am service is in addition to the 8:00am and 10:15am services. We will have ***three services*** on those mornings.

Here are two important points about the 11:30 services in December:

Number one: The 11:30am service is a ***mask service***. ***At the 11:30 service everyone will wear masks for the entire service.*** The 11:30am service is especially for those of us who are *uncomfortable* coming to church *unless* masks are worn. We encourage everyone to wear masks at all services. At the 11:30am Communion services we are ***mandating or requiring*** attendees to wear masks.

Number two: We may continue the 11:30am service in the new year, ***OR***, we may adjust the worship schedule differently in order to accommodate as many people as possible to attend worship and to receive the Lord's Supper.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear a mask the entire time for every church service until further notice.

Christmas Eve:

We are adding a fourth Christmas Eve service. ***It also will be a mask-service. The mask-mandate Christmas Eve service is at 1:30pm.*** We will have ***four*** Christmas Eve services. The times are 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm. Again, we encourage everyone to practice physical distancing and to wear masks throughout every service. At the 1:30pm Christmas Eve service we are ***mandating or requiring*** attendees to wear masks.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 11/29** 8:00am Worship (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship
- Monday 11/30**
- Tuesday 12/1** 7:00am Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
5:30pm Board of Evangelism
- Wednesday 12/2** 8:15am 4K–4 Chapel (*livestreamed*)
9:00am Gr. 5–8 Chapel (*livestreamed*)
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
6:30pm SPYRT Board and Youth Meeting
7:00pm Board of Elders
- Thursday 12/3** 1:30pm Ladies Aid
6:00pm Men’s Club
7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- Friday 12/4**
- Saturday 12/5**
- Sunday 12/6** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
11:30am Worship – Holy Communion (**Mandatory masks**)



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