

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

December 3/6, 2020

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Welcome to the House of the Lord

“Await God’s Future” is this year’s Advent theme. God’s future is our hope. Our true future hope is not dependent upon your life’s savings or accomplishments, or upon technology or politician’s wishes.

Yahweh spoke to Israel through His prophet Isaiah over 2700 years ago. What He said to them remains His speech to us 2700 years later.

Today we want to hear what God says, and trust Him. Last week we heard how God kept His promise to Hezekiah to extend his life and to save Jerusalem from the Assyrian army. God followed through. In one night He sent the Angel of the Lord to destroy 185,000 Assyrian soldiers! God’s action teaches us to trust His promises. He promises to return on the last Day to deliver us from our enemies – sin, death, and hell.

This week, **Advent 2**, the message intensifies. The focus is not only that the Lord will come, but that He will come with raw power and fierce wrath to remove unrepentant arrogant sinners from His holy sight. It will be frightful for the unfaithful, the unrepentant, and those who turned away. How sad.

Yahweh’s clear warning does not overshadow His mercy and love for you and me, Baptized into His family and joined to Christ. We rejoice in His promise to spare us, even as we heed the warning to turn away from selfishness, and trust His promise of mercy through Christ.



Prelude *Sunday* *Savior of the Nations, Come* (Jacob B. Weber)

Listen to a six-movement piece (called a partita) designed to “color” or enhance the tune of our opening hymn SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME.

The text of the hymn was written by Ambrose of Milan. Ambrose defended the faith in the 4th century against those who denied that Jesus Christ is God. He wrote the hymn text in Latin. Luther translated it into German and associated it with Advent, with the Lord’s promise to come soon. Scholarly and steadfast, Ambrose was ordained and consecrated Bishop of Milan only a few days after his Baptism. He was born in 339 or 340 and died in the Lord Easter Eve, April 4, 397 in Milan.

Opening Hymn 332 *Savior of the Nations, Come* (1–4)

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

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 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

*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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 13:9–13, 19; 14:1

⁹Behold, the day of the LORD comes,
cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,
to make the land a desolation
and to destroy its sinners from it.

¹⁰For the stars of the heavens and their constellations
will not give their light;

the sun will be dark at its rising,
and the moon will not shed its light.
¹¹I will punish the world for its evil,
and the wicked for their iniquity;
I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant,
and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.
¹²I will make people more rare than fine gold,
and mankind than the gold of Ophir.
¹³Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,
and the earth will be shaken out of its place,
at the wrath of the LORD of hosts
in the day of his fierce anger.
¹⁹And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
the splendor and pomp of the Chaldeans,
will be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them.

¹For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and will again choose Israel, and will set them in their own land, and sojourners will join them and will attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 2 Peter 3:8–14

Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn 344

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

△ All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Sermon The Day of Yahweh

Offertory

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 Service of the Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Amen.

Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn 332

Savior of the Nations, Come

(7–8)

From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

Δ Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists Thursday – Mrs. Debbie Welch
Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Prayers



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

Prayer request . . . for *Brianna Mott* for safety during her travel and time away for the National Guard. Brianna leaves for her basic training for the Air National Guard on December 15th. She will be gone for a possible 9-month tour.

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.

8th grade artwork . . . Please check out the new art in the narthex display cabinet. Our 8th grade class hand sketched nativity scenes and used mixed media to create the silhouette effect for the Advent/Christmas season.

Attendance — November 25 & 29, 2020

Wednesday	11/25	7:00pm	96
Thursday	11/26	9:00am	69
Sunday	11/29	8:00am	142
Sunday	11/29	10:15am	<u>80</u>
		Total	387
Sunday	11/29	Livestream Views	329

Pastor Shoup's Livestream Bible Study . . . will continue on Monday, December 7.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Prophet's Paradox " (*Daniel: 10, 11 and 12*)

The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends. 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**.



American Red Cross



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.



ST PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL Book Fair

Online & In-Person!

240 E GREEN BAY ST , BONDUEL , WI 54107

DEC. 7 - DEC. 13

Scholastic Book Fair . . . St. Paul Lutheran School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair as a school library book fundraiser. Online shopping began December 2 — A link is on the stpaulbonduel.com website. A socially-distanced fair will be open to parents (masks required per Scholastic protocol) and to the congregation after worship services on December 10/13 in the fellowship hall.

Online shopping 12/2 through Monday, 12/15! Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click “Shop Now” to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulutheranschool23>

Link for parents to set up an eWallet so students don't need to bring cash to school:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html?fairID=4616205>



Acolyte Schedule Next Week

December 10

Jack Zernicke

December 13

Audrey Jacobs

Brooks Hartlaben

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

December 10

Patti Herrmann

December 13

Patti Rosin

Barb Wickman

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 12/06** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
11:30am Worship – Holy Communion (**Mandatory masks**)
- Monday 12/07** 6:00pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:15am Bible Study (*livestreamed*)
- Tuesday 12/08** 7:00am Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
6:30pm Church Council
- Wednesday 12/09** 8:15am 4K–4 Chapel (*livestreamed*)
9:00am Gr. 5–8 Chapel (*livestreamed*)
4:00-5:00pm St. Paul Food Pantry
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
6:30pm SPYRT Feed the Flock
- Thursday 12/10** 5:30pm Board of Parish Education
7:00pm Worship
- Friday 12/11**
- Saturday 12/12**
- Sunday 12/13** 8:00am Worship
10:15am Worship
1:00pm WRLHS Congregation Representatives Meeting



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