

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
November 9/12, 2023

The Third Last Sunday of the Church Year

Opening Hymn **663** *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

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Introit — Psalm 84:1, 9–12

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts,

blessed is the one who trusts in you!

**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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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 — Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music	8:00am	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>
	10:15am	<i>The B-I-B-L-E</i> <i>Love One Another</i>

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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Hymn

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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Sermon

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

Offering *(Please fill in the friendship register found at the end of each pew.
Offering plates are in the narthex.)*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **702** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*



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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
Music 8:00am Bell Choir
 10:15am Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Bonnie Buss, Bruce Heling,
Linda Herrmann, Ron Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Tom Kriehn,
Joyce Moeller, Sue Nohr, Theresa Runge, Marlene Schmidt,
Dalton Schmidt, Aurelia Steinbach, Tracy Sundstrom, Marilyn Tessmann,
Mark Welch, and Jacob Worthington.*



Baptism Prayer . . . A prayer is requested for the baptism of *Lyla Grace Moede*, daughter of *Jake and Caroline Moede*, born on November 3, 2023, and who was baptized on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at Salem Lutheran Church in Affton, Missouri. Lyla is the granddaughter of Tim and Karla Moede and the great-granddaughter of Carol Moede and Gus and Carol Mundt.

Announcements

Young-At-Heart Seniors Gathering . . . will take place on Wednesday, November 15 in the fellowship hall. Join fellow retired St. Paul members for worship at 11:00am with a Thanksgiving dinner to follow. To get an accurate count for the caterer, registrations need to be made by November 10. Please call the church office 715-758-8559 to register.

Wreath Sales . . . Wreaths and other greens will be delivered on **Friday, November 17th**. **Please note the new date.** Your order may be picked up between 3:00pm-6:00pm at the shed across the street from the school.

Pastoral Call Process Updates

Our congregation plans to extend a *call* for an associate pastor in 2024. Our prayer is to have another associate pastor here by the time Pastor Palmer retires in June of 2025. The *call* belongs to the congregation. A pastor is called by God through the congregation. The *call* is not controlled by the Call Committee (our Board of Elders). The Call Committee gathers information about pastoral candidates to present to the congregation. The congregation extends a *call* by vote at a voters' meeting.

As a member of St. Paul, you are welcome and encouraged to participate in the initial work of the call process by completing the Pastoral Expectations Questionnaire. The questionnaire asks you to rank nine pastoral skills or traits according to what you think is most important for our congregation in our next associate pastor. The questionnaire will provide information for the Call Committee to formulate a description of what we pray the Lord will provide in our next associate pastor.

Please fill out a hard copy of the questionnaire which may be found in the narthex or church office, or use the QR code on the back page of the bulletin, or go to the St. Paul website and complete the survey on line. On the website, go to the *Resources* tab, then to the *All Things St. Paul* tab, then click the *Associate Pastor Expectations Questionnaire*. Please turn in your hard copy or submit your on-line questionnaire by Sunday December 10.

Attended/Communed — November 2/5, 2023

Thursday	11/2	7:00pm	113/ 70
Sunday	11/5	8:00am	224/175
		10:15am	<u>118/ 88</u>
		Total	455/333
		Livestream Views	133

Cemetery Gift . . . St. Paul recently received a very generous gift from the Wilmar and Barbara Pautz Trust to be used for improvements and upkeep to the cemetery. With this gift we have purchased approximately twelve acres of land for future expansion, extended and repaired the cemetery sidewalk, repaired and will extend the water line, built a new utility building, and purchased a small tractor. We were also able to invest a large sum to provide for the future. How blessed we are to have received this generous gift!

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Until that Day" 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook on WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to lutheranhour.org.

WRLHS Christmas Extravaganza . . . There is still room for vendors and crafters on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00am–2:00pm. Please consider having a booth at Wolf River. More information may be found on wrlhs.org under Christmas extravaganza.

WRLHS Free Christmas Community Event – Mark Your Calendar! . . . On Sunday, December 10, beginning at 1:30pm, there will be kids' activities, crafts, cocoa and cookies, and a visit from Santa. A Christmas concert featuring Jennie Williamson will begin at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Event . . . Faith United Lutheran Church, 11465 Old U, Gillett, will have a women's event on Thursday, November 30, at 6:00pm, called *Reflections of Mary*. More information may be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Contact Connie at 715–853–9097 with questions.

Events and Opportunities This Week

- Sunday 11/12** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Elders)
9:15am Bible Study
Sunday School
10:15am Worship
- Monday 11/13** 7:30am Strong Bodies
6:30pm Board of Christian Education – parents are invited
- Tuesday 11/14** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
Amico’s Pizza Fundraiser SPYRT – Mention St. Paul
- Wednesday 11/15** 8:15am Chapel
11:00am Worship — Holy Communion, Young at Heart
4:30pm Board of Stewardship
5:30pm Public School Confirmation
6:30pm Church Council
6:30pm SPYRT Storm
- Thursday 11/16** 1:00pm Mission Circle
7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion, Deer Hunter’s service
- Friday 11/17** 7:30am Strong Bodies
3:00pm–6:00pm Wreath Order Pickup
- Saturday 11/18**
- Sunday 11/19** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (P.T.L.)
9:15am Bible Study
Sunday School
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion

SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

November 16
November 19

Patti Herrmann

Patti Rosin

Amy Schmidt

A Word From Your Wolf River Principal . . . As long as I remember my family has observed Veterans Day. My grandfather served in World War I. I remember sitting at his knees as he shared stories of the great war. Grandpa had lied about his age so that he could serve our great country even though he was from Germany and would be fighting against his own family. For me, that is the true symbol of patriotism. My dad then served in the Navy, and now my son Jordan is a Marine. Since 1919 we have been honoring veterans of the armed forces and those killed in our country's war. As we celebrate Veterans Day, let's take a moment and thank our veterans who serve today, and those who are no longer with us, thanking them for their service that has allowed us to live in a free land. Have a wonderful week! *Mrs. Kosmerchock*



All Things St. Paul



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