

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
November 26, 2023

## *The Last Sunday of the Church Year*



**Opening Hymn**                      **812**                      *Come, Let Us Join Our Joyful Songs*

**Confession and Absolution**                      **page 184**

### **Introit**

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**the home of righteousness.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
**let me know how fleeting I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
**and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
**My hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!  
**For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom

prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

### **Old Testament Reading — Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24**

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . . <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:20–28**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things

are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**    page 192

**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:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

**Apostles’ Creed**

*inside back cover of hymnal*

**Hymn**            711            *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**Sermon**            “**Good Reasons To Keep Watch**”            *Matthew 25:31*

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**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**    486            *If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death*



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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 . . .** *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.*



**This weekend's bulletin . . .** is sponsored to the glory of God by Arlene Ebert in memory of *Arnold Ebert*.

**A prayer of thanksgiving . . .** for a healthy baby boy, *Kyler Wayne Radloff*, born to Jamie and Tressa Radloff on November 15. Grandparents are Kevin and Tammy Zuleger.

## *Announcements*

**Christmas Poinsettias . . .** Orders are now being taken for poinsettias. Please write your information on the envelope provided, and enclose the correct cash or a check written out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Place the envelope in the wooden box in the narthex. The cost is \$20 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 17. Questions may be directed to Jean Hedtke at 715-758-2728.

From Pastor Shoup... Clara says that she is overwhelmed and more than thankful for the fundraiser and for all the love and care our congregation has given to her and Katie. The end of December will mark one year since she lost Kevin, her husband (and his income). Thank you, again, to the 160<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Picnic team and to all who participated in showing love and care to Clara and Katie. The pie auction and free-will offering for the pig-roast raised more than enough to cover the cost of a new furnace. Our SPYRT group gladly made an offering, too, and one month's school chapel offering was added to the amount as well, adding up to several thousand dollars. Clara is grateful. See her note printed below.

I want to thank everyone for your generosity, your support, your prayers and your kindness to Katie and me over this past year. I am continually moved by the outpouring of love and feel so blessed to have you all as a church family.

You have all gone out of your way to support us in this challenging time in our lives. From the generosity with money and time to help us get a new furnace to the continual caring words and thoughtful things you do; I feel like I don't have the words to express the appreciation I have but it all means so much. Thank you again and God Bless you all. *Clara Shilts*

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Before They Call" Isaiah 64:4**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have mercy!" Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to [lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org).

***Attendance — November 15, 16/19, 2023***

Wednesday	11/15	11:00am	66/61
Thursday	11/16	7:00pm	122/96
Sunday	11/19	8:00am	105/86
		10:15am	<u>97/78</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>390/321</b>
		<b>Livestream Views</b>	128

**New Books in the Church Library . . .** St. Paul Mission Circle has donated books to the church library in the memory of members who have gone to their eternal rest:

*Be Still and Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge* — in memory of Doris Buchholz, *When Faith Is Forbidden: 40 Days on the Frontlines with Persecuted Christians* — in memory of Shirley Kopitske, and *Take Courage: Encouraging Words for Discouraging Times* by Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison in memory of Dorothy Krull. Check out the library for numerous great reads all year round.

**A Word from Your Wolf River Principal . . .** The students and staff are busy preparing for Christmas by giving back to our communities. We have accepted a bin for the Toys for Tots program. We would love for you to help us fill the bin by December 4. Please consider helping us accomplish this! We are also going to the Evergreen Health Center to share our voices in Christmas carols on December 8, and doing a service project for the Wee Backpack program in Shawano, which is our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter chapel offering designation. Take time to give to others through your time, talent, and gifts! Blessings, *Mrs. Kosmerchöck*

**Christmas Extravaganza . . .** Get your Christmas shopping completed at the Wolf River Lutheran High School's vendor and craft fair on Saturday, December 9, 9:00am – 2:00pm. There will be over 50 booths to visit!

**Free Christmas Community Event at WRLHS . . .** On Sunday, December 10 starting at 1:30pm there will be kids' activities, crafts, cocoa and cookies, and meet Santa. The Christmas concert will be featuring Jennie Williamson begins at 4:00pm. Wolf River Choir will also be singing during the concert. Everyone is welcome!

**Uncle Mike's Kringles . . .** Wolf River Lutheran High students will be selling Uncle Mike's Kringles again this year from November 16 – 30. Call the office at 715-745-2400 if you would like to place an order.

**WRLHS Open House . . .** will be held on Tuesday, November 28 from 6:00–7:30pm.

## *Events and Opportunities This Week*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/26</b>	8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study Sunday School 10:15am Worship
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/27</b>	7:30am Strong Bodies 6:30pm Snacks and Y.A.C.K.S
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/28</b>	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 7:00pm Men's Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/29</b>	8:15am Chapel 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm SPYRT Youth and Youth Board meeting 7:05pm Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/30</b>	7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/1</b>	7:30am Strong Bodies
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/2</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/3</b>	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:15am Fellowship (Choir) Sunday School 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion ( <b>Grades 1 &amp; 2 sing</b> )

### **SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK**

<b>Nov. 30</b>	Patti Herrmann	
<b>Dec. 3</b>	Karla Moede	Barb Wickman

## **Pastoral Call Process Updates**

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 online questionnaire by Sunday, December 10.

## **Director of Church Ministry – DCM**

At the October 24 quarterly voters' meeting, our congregation elected to expand our ministry by calling a part-time DCM to begin in early 2024. The DCM's purpose will be to support and help expand the gospel ministry at St. Paul by assisting our pastors with coordinating events, visiting shut-ins and members in need as assigned, teaching Bible class, helping lead evangelism, and facilitating communication with our members and the community. Candidates for this position will have a corresponding earned degree from a Concordia University. If you would like more information, or know of a possible candidate for this called position, please contact Al Kohn or one of our pastors by this year's end.



*All Things St. Paul*



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