

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
November 30/December 3, 2023

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### **Advent. Coming.**

He is coming. This season of Advent grabs us from two pinnacles of history. God promises an earth-shaking Advent, both at the coming of His Son, born Christmas day, and at His reappearing at the end of the age to Judge the world. Our Advent worship this year focuses on this Good News of God's twofold promise to COME.

December 3, 2023

***Good News***

*Earth and Heaven will be no more*

December 10, 2023

***Good News***

*The New Heaven and New Earth*

December 17, 2023

***Good News***

*A Messenger of Good News*

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Come Lord Jesus!**

**Confession and Absolution**

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**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 64:1–9**

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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.

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **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, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And 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.

<sup>28</sup>“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. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It 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. <sup>35</sup>Therefore 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—<sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

**Nicene Creed**      *inside back cover of hymnal*

**Good News For Kids**      *(children through sixth grade invited up)*

**Hymn**            **331**            *The Advent of Our King*

**Sermon**            **“Good News: Earth and Heaven Will Be No More”**

## Offertory      page 192

**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 Service of the Sacrament      page 194

*For our guests desiring the Lord's Supper...*

Holy Communion is the eating and drinking of Christ's crucified and risen body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, for strength for this life, and for the assurance of everlasting life with Him. It is a miraculous gift full of grace.

The Bible also teaches that anyone who receives the Lord's Supper who does not believe or has not been taught our Lord's teaching, or who is unrepentant, receives Christ's body and blood to his or her harm. Out of love for you, we kindly ask you to speak to one of our pastors before communing if you are not a member of an LCMS congregation.

**Distribution Hymns**                      **333**                      **554**                      **621**                      **632**

**Nunc Dimittis**                      **page 199**

## Benediction

**Closing Hymn**                      **348**      *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*



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# *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup            Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organists** Thursday — Mrs. Louise Reisler  
Sunday — Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Music** 10:15am    1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

## *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Jon Baker, Bonnie Buss, Bruce Heling, 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.*



## *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.

**As 2023 draws to a close . . .** we want to thank everyone who has supported the Bonduel Food Pantry throughout the year. Quite often there are donations in the pantry and we do not know where they came from. So for those of you who have anonymously donated, THANK YOU! We appreciate your support. Blessings on your Christmas holidays.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "A-T Walker" *Isaiah 40:3***

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost. 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).

**The Booster Club . . .** is introducing a new way to support St. Paul's athletic department. You can now become a Comet Backer. A Comet Backer is a membership that involves a monetary donation towards the Booster Club. There are different levels of memberships, all including mentions in every home game program and other package bonuses, depending on the level you choose. The Booster Club raises funds to improve the quality of our athletic programs in various ways and enhance the values that come from participating in athletics. If you would like more information, there are forms available in the office or they can be emailed to you. As always, we appreciate your support!

<b><i>Attendance — November 22, 23, 26, 2023</i></b>			
Wednesday	11/22	7:00pm	127
Thursday	11/23	9:00am	119
Sunday	11/26	8:00am	150
		10:15am	<u>123</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>519</b>
		<b>Livestream Views</b>	<b>141</b>

**Labor of Love Million Dollar Campaign . . .** *What is it?* The North Wisconsin District is committed to raising ONE MILLION DOLLARS in the next two years to reduce the educational debt of NWD professional church workers. *Why do we need it?* We are called to make disciples, to baptize and teach. There is a shortage of called church workers, and the educational debt of young people who do enter the ministry can range from \$40,000 to as high as \$122,000. This level of debt can impede the effectiveness of a professional church worker in the course of their ministry. The Million Dollar Campaign endeavors to “equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). *How can we help?* We will be sharing more information in January. In the meantime, you can go to the district website, [nwdlcms.org](http://nwdlcms.org), and select “Campaign.” There you will find information and a short video to help you learn more.

## **Earn exceptional interest while supporting the mission of the LCMS!**

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is launching a 2.5-year term note at a fixed rate of 6.25%. It's available to both LCMS individuals and congregations, is fast and easy to open and is also available as an IRA. Why should you consider this investment?

First, whether you have \$500 (minimum to open an account – new money only) or much more to invest, this is an ideal way to preserve funds you've set aside, either as an individual or an organization, and earn a very solid rate of return on top of it. (For example, \$6,000 invested now will mature at \$7,006 after 2.5 years.)

Next, this investment works twice as hard for you. Investing with LCEF means you earn competitive interest rates while making funds available for Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod ministries and individuals. For example, investments make low-interest LCEF home loans available to our rostered church workers, enable building loans that give new life to aging ministry facilities, and finance school expansions across the North Wisconsin District. If you take a CD out through a bank, it helps build another bank. If you take one out through LCEF, it helps build Lutheran churches and schools.

Through this limited time offer, LCEF is looking to raise over \$100 million in new money because loan demand is very high; that demand means schools are being strengthened, churches sustained, and more people reached with the love of Christ. So, God be praised! Once LCEF nears that \$100 million threshold, it will close this opportunity.

Please share this message with friends and family. Let people know anyone in the LCMS can open an account—individuals, churches, schools or organizations. It's fast and easy, so don't miss out!

You can start an account today at <http://www.lcef.org>. Should you have any questions, please call LCEF's toll-free helpline at 800-843-5233.



## Heartfelt Thanksgiving

Our congregation wired to Pastor Vanko in Romania the offering we gathered for him and his wife, Vlasta and their children earlier this fall. This week, Pastor Shoup received a personal note of thanksgiving copied below:

Dear Tim,

I received a message from the bank today. Your offering is in my account. I thank You from all my heart, to all donors, for your willingness and love! It is very precious for us, a big encouragement and help!

Please say „Thank You!“ from our family to all who contributed to this offering! May the Lord himself repay you from his gifts.

I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns. (1 Thess 5,23)

Thank You!

Blessings,

Dusan

## **Another Heartfelt Thanksgiving**

St. Paul recently wired to Viola Fronkova in Slovakia the mission offering we gathered for her on Mission Sunday. Pastor Shoup received the following message of gratitude from Viola:

Dear brother Timothy,

I was able to visit the Tatra Bank yesterday - what a great gift from Bonduel. I see it as a special Lord's care for His little sheep - through your goodness and love in the Lord Jesus. Dear Lord, please pour out your blessings on the St. Paul Bonduel Church! Thank you so much! God bless you. I am looking forward to visiting the Bonduel Church services today. For us here it is the last Sunday of the Church year, with a special programme with children and young people.

Our brother Dusan Vanko in Romania - they had 220 years anniversary of Slovaks coming to Nadlac, so they organized the conference with the Democratic Union of Czechs and Slovaks in Nadlac - with our General Bishop Ivan Elko preaching on Sunday. May the Lord bless the faithful service of Dusan there - and yours in Bonduel.

*"Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth." (Rev 3:10)*

Viola

## *Events and Opportunities This Week*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/3</b>	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Choirs) 9:15am Bible Study/Sunday School 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/4</b>	7:30am Strong Bodies
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/5</b>	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 7:00pm Board of Elders
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/6</b>	8:15am Chapel 5:30pm Public School Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:15pm Board of Christian Education 6:30pm SPYRT Feed the Flock Bible Study 7:05pm Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/7</b>	7:00pm Worship
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/8</b>	7:30am Strong Bodies
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/9</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/10</b>	8:00am Worship 9:15am Bible Study/Sunday School 9:15am Fellowship (Men's Club) <b>10:15am Preschool, 4K, Kindergarten Christmas Program</b>

### **SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK**

<b>Dec. 7</b>	Sandy Staszak	
<b>Dec. 10</b>	Maureen Zernicke	Amy Schmidt

# Children's Christmas Services



Sunday, December 10      10:15am – Preschool and Kindergarten  
Monday, December 18      7:00pm – 1-4<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Wednesday, December 20      7:00pm – 5-8<sup>th</sup> Grades



*All Things St. Paul*



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