

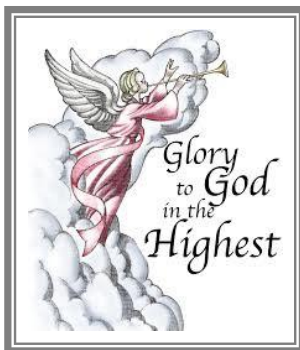
Christ the Savior
is born!

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

December 25, 2023

The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day



Opening Hymn 379 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Baptism *Alina Corinne Oliveros-Rank*

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A Psalm 2 Commentary

Psalmody – Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,

“Let us burst their bonds apart

and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Choir *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion,

“Your God reigns.”

⁸The voice of your watchmen – they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Hebrews 1:1-6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir *Just When We Truly Needed Peace*

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

inside back cover of hymnal

“From heav’n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

“To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

“This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

Glory to God in highest heav’n,
Who unto us His Son has giv’n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

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Sermon “In These Last Days”

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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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.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 387 *Joy to the World*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Music Adult Choir, Schmidt Family Band

Trumpeter Mr. Philip Schmidt

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, Leon Stuewer, Tracy Sundstrom, Orpha Swift, Marilyn Tessmann, Dick Wegner, Mark Welch, Jacob Worthington and Deb Zernicke.*



Baptism . . . *Alina Corinne Oliveros-Rank*, daughter of Javier Oliveros-Torres and Peri Oliveros-Rank, will be baptized today, December 25, 2023. She was born October 9, 2023, and her sponsors are Silvia Oliveros, Dominic Winkelman, and Lucas Rank.

Bulletin Sponsor . . . Our Christmas Day bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God in loving memory of *Alvin and June Wesenberg* by their family. Mom went to be with her Lord on December 25, 2004, and Dad joined her on June 20, 2013.



POINSETTIAS 2023



Placed with thanksgiving to the glory of God for His Son by:

Ron & Amy Schmidt and Family Jeff Simon
Darren & Maureen Zernicke Paul & Renee Schmidt and Family

PLACED IN MEMORY OF..... PLACED BY

<i>Mark Adkins</i>	Dianne Adkins and Family
<i>Sheryl Bahr</i>	Bahr Family
<i>Jeff, Shelby and Dennis Bahr</i>	Sally Bahr and Family
<i>Loved ones now departed</i>	Jon and Karen Baker
<i>Robert Beilfuss</i>	Brian and Carrie Beilfuss and Family
<i>Our Parents</i>	Dewey and Marcia Bellile
<i>Warren and Margaret Born</i>	Sheldon and Barbara Born
<i>Sally Luepke</i>	Dan and Dixie Brunner
<i>John and Shirley Brunner</i>	Dan and Dixie Brunner
<i>Gerald Dehn</i>	Betty Dehn and Family
<i>Mom and Dad</i>	Mari Dehn
<i>John Dobratz</i>	Family of John Dobratz
<i>Our Parents</i>	Doug and Geraldine Druckrey
<i>Adolph "Spitz" and Rose Marie Druckrey</i>	Family Members
<i>Germaine, Dennis, and Brian Frank</i>	John Frank
<i>Lyle and Patty Ann Gehm</i>	Carol Gehm and Family
<i>Rolly and Bob Genke</i>	Diane Genke
<i>Mary Genke</i>	Randy Genke, Amy and Steve
<i>Eugene Graziano</i>	Anita Graziano
<i>George and Emma Gehm</i>	James J. and Ione Grunewald
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<i>Lorenz and June Froelich, Don Mueller</i>	Gary and Connie Holewinski and Family Mary Mueller
<i>Justin Jeske</i>	The Family of Justin Jeske
<i>Henry and Eleanor Klosterman</i>	The Klosterman Family
<i>Edwin Knueppel and Florence Knueppel Buelow</i> ..	Their Family
<i>Ray and Mary Braun</i>	Ken, Cheryl, Kevin Kohn and Family
<i>Vernon and Victoria Kohn</i>	Ken, Cheryl, Kevin Kohn and Family

<i>Loved Ones</i>	Steve and Lisa Lemhouse
<i>“Sally” Luepke</i>	Larry and Jane Luepke
David McClone	Tom and Lois McClone and Family
<i>Al Marohl</i>	The Family of Al Marohl
<i>Lauren Marohl</i>	Josh and Tricia (Wegner)Marohl Families
<i>All Deceased Loved Ones</i>	Carol Moede and Family
<i>Audrey Moede</i>	Charles Moede and Family
<i>Roger Peterman, Marsha Boerst, Maynard and</i>	Maribeth Peterman
<i>Marcella Boerst, Bob and Marlene Buettner</i>	
<i>Donnie, Buck and Sally Pleshek</i>	Matt Pleshek
<i>George and Elda Sager, James Sager</i>	D.J. and Lana Reinke
<i>Charles and Doris Mueller</i>	Johnny and Kris Reinke
<i>John and Geraldine Reinke</i>	
<i>All Grandparents Now Departed</i>	Steve and Michelle Reisner Family
<i>Our Parents and Brothers</i>	Ellen and Dennis Rudzinski
<i>Tamra Czarapata</i>	Sandy Staszak
<i>Rob Swanson</i>	Martha Swanson, Phil and Mary Jo Olson
<i>Ernie and Mutzy Tischler</i>	By their Children and Grandchildren
<i>George and Diane VandenBrook</i>	Tim and Wendi VandenBrook and Family
<i>Roger Wood</i>	Tim and Wendi VandenBrook and Family
<i>Rev. Mark and Gladys Wegner, and</i>	Richard and Carol Wegner
<i>Luther and Naomi Leininger</i>	
<i>David Wegner</i>	His Family
<i>Jenny Wickman-Hacker</i>	Randy and Barb Wickman
<i>Bob Woldt</i>	The Family
<i>All Departed Loved Ones</i>	Rob and Glenda Woldt
<i>Roger Wood</i>	Audrey Wood and Family
<i>Rachel and Dale Wussow</i>	Wussow Family

*Poinsettias may be taken home following the
Christmas Day service on December 25th.*



Announcements

Family Devotions Online . . . Use our All Things St. Paul QR code (back of the bulletin) for a short pastor-led video that will bring encouragement from God's Word for all families. These videos may also be found at the St. Paul Bonduel YouTube website under playlists.

More about All Things St. Paul QR Code . . . Members: Please use the QR code today, found on the back of the bulletin, to update your email address, phone number, and mailing address. Also please provide an online review of our church or school. **Visitors:** Are you interested in St. Paul Church or School? Use the QR code found on the back of the bulletin and request information about membership or enrollment at our school.

Attended/Communed — December 14/17, 2023

Thursday	12/14	7:00pm	103/ 82
Sunday	12/17	8:00am	228/199
		10:15am	<u>120/ 90</u>
		Total	451/371
		Livestream Views	171

Contribution Envelopes . . . for 2024 are available in the narthex.

Amico's SPYRT Fundraiser . . . Every second Tuesday of the month, Amico's in Bonduel will donate 25% of the day's sales to our SPYRT youth group. Support our youth and support a local business, beginning January 9, 2024.

Special Voters' Meeting . . . A Special Voters' Meeting will be held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, January 14 after the 10:15am service. Information concerning the Ukraine Refugee Sponsorship Program will be shared.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Exit from Regret" *Luke 2:27–28*

When life becomes an endless roundabout of regret, Christ is your entrance to forgiveness and a new start. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Pastoral Call Process and Questionnaire Update

We received approximately 60 completed questionnaires ranking nine pastoral skills or traits according to what you think is most important for our congregation in our next associate pastor. Thank you for participating! Preaching and Pro-Lutheran School were among the higher ranked qualities. We will post the results after Christmas. We pray for God's will and guidance. Also, after Christmas, look for a "candidate submission form" for any member to submit the name of a pastor you would like to be added to our list of candidates.

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.

Thrivent Action Teams . . . Want to be able to give one more Christmas gift yet this year? If you are a Thrivent product holder you probably can request one or two Thrivent Action Team gift cards for up to \$250 each. Google "Thrivent Action Teams" to read the rules and find the application process. The money may be used for a variety of stewardship events such as purchasing supplies for Sunday School classes, buying food for the fellowship meals between services, purchasing supplies or prizes for a fundraiser, etc. Apply before December 31 to make use of this year's funds.

Thank You . . . to everyone who baked goods for the bake sale last Saturday, volunteered in the concession stand, helped set up, baked cookies, and led the activities at the WRLHS Christmas event on Sunday.

2024 WRLHS Annual Campaign . . . The yearly campaign has started. The theme this year is "I Can Only Imagine". Please help us meet our goal of paying off the debt on our beautiful school by pledging or making a donation to Wolf River marked "Annual Campaign". Information regarding the 2024 Annual Campaign is located in the back of each of our association churches or on our website wrlhs.org. Thank you for helping!

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	12/24	2:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
Monday	12/25	9:00am Christmas Day Worship—Holy Communion
Tuesday	12/26	7:00pm Men's Club
Wednesday	12/27	1:30pm Meadowview 4:00pm – 5:00pm Food Pantry
Thursday	12/28	7:00pm Worship
Friday	12/29	
Saturday	12/30	
Sunday	12/31	8:00am Worship 10:15am Worship



All Things St. Paul



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