

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
December 28/31, 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Opening Hymn **387** *Joy to the World*

Baptisms 8:00am *Parker James Luepke and Silas Terry Artis*

Confession and Absolution **page 203**

Psalmody — Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**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.**

Kyrie page 204

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis page 204

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse page 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed *inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn **367** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Sermon **“The Lord’s Christ”**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn 389 *Let All Together Praise Our God*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastor Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Guest Preacher — **Thursday** Seminarian Jacob Moede

Organist Mrs. Debbie Welch

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Bonnie Buss, Bruce Heling, Ron Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Tom Kriehn, Sue Nohr, Theresa Runge, Marlene Schmidt, Dalton Schmidt, Aurelia Steinbach, Leon Stuewer, Tracy Sundstrom, Orpha Swift, Marilyn Tessmann, Dick Wegner, Mark Welch, and Jacob Worthington.*



Altar Flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God by the grandparents of *Parker James Luepke* and *Silas Terry Artis*, who will be baptized at St. Paul this weekend.

Baptisms . . .

Aiden Alexander Barnhart, son of Duane “Alex” and Jennifer Barnhart, was baptized on Thursday, December 28, 2023. He was born October 3, 2023, and his sponsors are Kristen Douglass, Rhiannon Anderson, and Joe Anderson.

Parker James Luepke, son of Andrew and Hayley Luepke, will be baptized during the 8:00am service on Sunday, December 31, 2023. He was born June 29, 2023, and his sponsors are Blake Artis, Megan Allen, and Amanda Peppers.

Silas Terry Artis, son of Blake and Allison Artis, will be baptized during the 8:00am service on Sunday, December 31, 2023. He was born September 19, 2023, and his sponsors are Sam Day, Logan Artis, and Jacob Korth.

Announcements

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 on the back of the bulletin and request information about membership or enrollment at our school.

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.

Contribution Envelopes . . . for 2024 are available in the narthex. If you no longer use the envelopes, please call the church office at 715-758-8559.

Attention Youth in Grades 5-12 . . . The annual statewide Bible Bowl will be held on April 6 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Wausau. This year's book to study will be *Acts*. **New this year: students in Grade 5 are welcome to participate.** What does this involve? Read the book of Acts, attend the practices between services on Sundays, beginning January 7, enjoy fun and fellowship while learning more about a particular Bible book, and compete in the Bible Bowl! Please contact Dave Doell at 715-853-4473 for more information or if you have any questions.

Attended/Communed — December 18-25, 2023

Monday 12/18 7:00pm **389** (Gr. 1-4 Program)

Wednesday 12/20 7:00pm **418** (Gr. 5-8 Program)

Sunday 12/24 2:00pm 463

4:00pm 385

7:00pm 180

Total for 12/24 1,028

Monday 12/25 9:00am **206/141**

Livestream Views

12/18 **120** 12/20 **131**

12/24 **161** 12/25 **82**

The Lutheran Hour . . . "As We Forgive" *Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4*

Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to WTCH/960 AM, or WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Helping a Ukrainian Family Escape the Danger

Our congregation is hoping to assist a Ukrainian family relocate to the US, to our town or the Shawano area. Here is a portion of a note from Tanya from Ukraine corresponding with Matt Pleshek from our congregation's Sponsorship Committee:

Hi, Matthew. It's very nice to get response from you so quickly. There will be five of us - it's my mother, my older sister and my aunt. My husband wouldn't be able to leave country because of war, as well as my father, who is retired military officer and can be called back to service. So only female part of the family, unfortunately. I understand, that our life will never be the same. Our home city is mostly ruined, though we still hope for the best. My only concern, though, right now is my daughter's future... She is four years old.

The young mother's name is Tanya. In a previous note she describes the bombing of her home town with damage to their house. She looks forward to working, and explained that her sister works remotely for a company in Boston, MA. Imagine being Tanya, 31 years old, looking to leave your husband behind in hopes of providing security for your daughter, sister, aunt and mother.

We are exploring options to secure housing, while working through agencies and the LCMS to help this happen. Eligible Ukrainian families go through a vetting process. Participating congregations then dialog with prospective families with the goal of making a match, given a family's needs and the congregation's willingness and ability to help meet them.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	12/31	8:00am Worship 10:15am Worship
Monday	1/1	
Tuesday	1/2	7:00pm Board of Elders
Wednesday	1/3	5:30pm Public School Confirmation
Thursday	1/4	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
Friday	1/5	7:30am Strong Bodies
Saturday	1/6	
Sunday	1/7	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #2) Bible Bowl Practice (Gr. 5–12) Bible Study Sunday School 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion



All Things St. Paul



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