

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
January 18/21, 2024

The Third Sunday after Epiphany



Opening Hymn **790** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Confession and Absolution **page 203**

Psalmody — Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
 from him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
 I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,
 like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
 They take pleasure in falsehood.

They bless with their mouths,
 but inwardly they curse.

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
 for my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
 I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory;
 my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
 God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath;
 those of high estate are a delusion;

in the balances they go up;

they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;

if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

Once God has spoken;

twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God,

and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

For you will render to a man

according to his work.

**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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Song **Sunday** *Jesus Is God's Living Vine*
God Is So Good

Old Testament Reading — Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 7:29–35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as if they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as if they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as if they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as if they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as if they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Hymn **685** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Sermon **“As If”** *1 Corinthians 7:29–31*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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 **602 (1, 2, 5, 6)** **740** **631 (1–5)** **524**

Nunc Dimittis **page 211**

Benediction

Closing Hymn **924** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*



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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, Ron Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Tom Kriehn, Mary Luepke, Sue Nohr, Theresa Runge, Marlene Schmidt, Leon Stuewer, Tracy Sundstrom, Orpha Swift, Marilyn Tessmann, Dick Wegner, Mark Welch, and Jacob Worthington.*



We Pray For . . . the family of *James Hollins*, who was called to his eternal rest on Tuesday, January 16. He was the husband of Cindy and son-in-law of Julius and Elaine Wnuk.

Announcements

Annual Voters' Meeting . . . will be held at 11:30am next Sunday, January 28 in the fellowship hall.

Year-end Giving Statements . . . for 2023 are located on the table in the fellowship hall. Please pick yours up today.

The Lutheran Hour . . . Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away" *Psalm 103:11–12*
Forgiveness is a gift Christ won for us on a cross, thousands of miles away, two thousand years ago. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, on WTCH/960 AM, or WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Attendance— January 11/14, 2024

Thursday	1/11	7:00pm	97
Sunday	1/14	8:00am	148
		10:15am	<u>177</u>
		Total	422

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Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal . . . If you have been receiving the Lutheran Witness, would like to sign up for the monthly magazine, or if you would like to know more about it, please stop by the table in the narthex. The Lutheran Witness provides lay people with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. The cost for the annual subscription is \$19.25 to receive by bulk mailing to St. Paul. You may pay for your subscription in the church/school office. Simply place cash or a check made out to St. Paul in an envelope marked with your name and *Mission Circle*. Please contact Willa Rusch if you have any questions.

Do you remember . . . your glory years as a student athlete here at St. Paul? Is there a basketball or volleyball team that you remember playing on? Did you win the softball tournament on Track & Field Day? There are trophies lined up in the fellowship hall by year. Take a walk down memory lane and see if any of any of the trophies bring back memories! Take one home with you for a \$5 donation to the Booster Club! Or maybe you have a way to repurpose one or more of them. Trophies will be on display through Monday, January 22. Any trophies that remain will be recycled.

Pastoral Call Process and Questionnaire Update

1. Our prayer is to call an associate pastor in 2024. Pastor Palmer intends, Lord willing, to retire in June of 2025. Our next step is to describe our congregation to the district president and identify preferred skills in a new pastor. Results from the survey (taken in November and December) regarding pastoral traits that our congregation members shared as most important to them are as follows:
1. Preaching; 2. Personal Character; 3. Pro Lutheran School - Pastoral Care - Teaching (these three all had about the same value ranking); **6. Youth / Family Ministry;** and **7. Evangelism - Administration** (these two had about the same value ranking).
2. Our next step is to establish a list of candidates for associate pastor. We are submitting to the district president a congregational self-evaluation providing information he will use while considering names of pastors to place on our list.

Every member of St. Paul is welcome to submit the name of a pastor whom you think would be a worthy candidate. To do so, please use a **NOMINATION FORM** (located in church entry) to submit a pastor's name to be added the list.

Director of Church Ministry – DCM

At the October 24 quarterly voters' meeting, our congregation elected to call a part-time DCM who will help expand the gospel ministry at St. Paul. Our DCM will:

- Direct and facilitate mission projects, working with respective boards
- Coordinate events as identified
- Participate in visitation of shut-ins, hospitalized, and special needs as assigned
- Support the Board of Evangelism
- Facilitate communication of ministry activity within and without the congregation

Lord willing, we will vote to call a part-time Director of Church Ministry at the annual meeting on January 28th at 11:30 am.

Labor of Love Million Dollar Campaign

Who will share God's Word and Sacraments? Lead the choir? Teach our students? Mentor our youth? At the very time our Church and our society needs church workers the most, many who are considering full-time church service are discouraged from this vital ministry because of the burden of educational debt. Students at Concordia University Wisconsin pay as much as \$25,000 a year, after grants and scholarships. With four to seven years of study required, this debt can reach over \$100,000. Additionally, the annual compensation of our church workers once they graduate is considerably lower than what they could earn in the public sector.

What is being done? The North Wisconsin District created an endowment called Labor of Love to help ease the debt of NWD workers who are already in the ministry and beginning repayment of their college debt. Through the Million Dollar Campaign, the District is committed to raising one million dollars over the next two years to grow the endowment and give more assistance to more of our NWD workers.

What can we do? First of all, we can pray. We can pray for generous givers and bold congregational gifts. Also, we can prayerfully consider our own individual willingness to contribute toward the support of our district workers. By doing so, we will be helping to ensure the future of our Church and its proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

How can we give? There will be a door offering this weekend, January 18/21. Also, pledge cards and pamphlets are available in the Narthex, or you may donate online by visiting nwdlcms.org and selecting "Campaign." All gifts for approved applicants are paid directly to the lending institutions.

Labor of Love. Our district has 180 pastors and over 300 commissioned church workers. Among these are 200 teachers, as well as those serving as Directors of Parish Music, Christian Education, Family Life Ministry, and the like. For all these church workers, their ministry is indeed a labor of love ... love for their Savior and love for the people they endeavor to reach with the Good News of His salvation. May the Lord of the Harvest bless the NWD Million Dollar Campaign and our participation! May the youth be mentored, the students taught, the choir led, and the Word and Sacraments shared!

Transfer the Blessings

What are the blessings God has entrusted to you in this life? How will you transfer those blessings to your family and the ministries you care about when you go to heaven? Gary Vought is serving as our Planned Giving Counselor at St. Paul. He is available to assist you in creating a plan to leave assets (such as home, business, real estate, investments, etc.) with your family and direct portions as gifts you will leave to your favorite ministries. His work is made possible through a partnership between St. Paul Lutheran, the North Wisconsin District, and the [LCMS Foundation](#) called *Transfer the Blessings*.

What is a Gift Plan? A Christ-centered gift plan is your plan to transfer the blessings God has provided to you in this life to your family when you are in heaven. It's also your plan to give back to the Lord by leaving gifts to ministries like St. Paul Lutheran Church and School and others that may have blessed your life. A gift plan also includes important documents such as:

Will or Living Trust - Power of Attorney for health care and finances - Health Care Directives - Trustee or Personal Representative - Minor's Trust (if applicable) - Guardians (if applicable) - Beneficiary Designations

You will be able to learn more about the gift planning process through a series of presentations offered at St. Paul. These dates will be made known in the coming weeks. At the conclusion of each presentation, you will be given the opportunity to set up a meeting with Gary to assist you in developing your gift plan. There is no cost for his services. If you have any questions, email him at gary.vought@lfnd.org or call 715-891-1447.

Save the Date . . . St. Paul Booster Club's Annual Night Golf Outing will be held on June 1, 2024. Please mark your calendars and plan to either golf or just attend for dinner, drinks and raffles. This incredibly fun event does not require great golfing skills. It's a fundraiser that helps support our Booster Club and athletic department here at St. Paul. We chose an earlier date this year with the hopes of getting more St. Paul participation. Money raised at this event helps provide our student athletes with quality equipment, facilities and uniforms. This year we hope to put some of the proceeds towards updating the paint and graphics in the gym and possibly an additional scoreboard. Watch the bulletin and the Friday Note for more details to come. Please consider participating or donating to this great event!

Thrivent Choice . . . Thrivent members have allocated \$9,031 to St Paul Lutheran Church in 2022. Since the inception of the program in July of 2010, Thrivent members have directed more than \$210,442! March 31, 2024 is the deadline for Thrivent members to designate their 2023 Thrivent Choice funds. Visit www.thrivent.com/choice to designate your dollars. You may also call Thrivent's home office at 800-847-4836.

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

January 25	Patti Herrmann	
January 28	Patti Rosin	Peggy Buchholz

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 1/21** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid)
Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
- Monday 1/22** 7:30am Strong Bodies
6:30pm Snacks and Y.A.C.K.S.
- Tuesday 1/23** 7:00am Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
7:00pm Men's Club
- Wednesday 1/24** 8:15am Chapel
1:30pm Meadowview
4:00pm Food Pantry
5:30pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm SPYRT Storm — Missionary
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 1/25** 7:00pm Worship
- Friday 1/26** 7:30am Strong Bodies
- Saturday 1/27**
- Sunday 1/28** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Bible Bowl Practice
Bible Study
10:15am Worship
11:30am Fellowship (Board of Christian Education)
Annual Voters' Meeting



All Things St. Paul



THE
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