

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
January 25/28, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Opening Hymn 533 *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal*

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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 .

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.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Deuteronomy 18:15–20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you are to listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song **10:15am** *Jesus, Our Star*

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed *inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn **526** *You Are the Way; through You Alone*

Sermon **“You Are to Listen to Him”** *Deuteronomy 18:15*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **917** *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

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

Organists Thursday — Mrs. Debbie Welch
Sunday — Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Music Grades K – 2

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Amber Brunner, Bruce Heling, 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, Jill Wentworth (sister of Joel Delzer), and Jacob Worthington.*



Altar Flowers . . . are placed in thanksgiving in celebration for the **62nd** wedding anniversary of *James and Ione Grunewald*.

This weekend's bulletin . . . is sponsored to the glory of God in honor of *Julius Wnuk*, who will celebrate his **94th** birthday on January 31, and in memory of *James Hollins*, son-in-law of Julius and Elaine Wnuk.

Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . Isaiah 40:21–1; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:19–27; Mark 1:29–39

Annual Voters' Meeting . . . will be held at 11:30am **today**, 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 . . . "**Nature Abhors a Vacuum**" *Ephesians 4:32*
What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, on WTCH/960 AM, or WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Attended/Communed— January 18/21, 2024

Thursday	1/18	7:00pm	65/ 55
Sunday	1/21	8:00am	200/151
		10:15am	<u>240/170</u>
		Total	505/376
		Livestream Views	175

Thrivent Choice . . . Thrivent members contributed \$9,377 to St. Paul Lutheran Church and \$6,263 to St. Paul Lutheran School in 2023. This is truly a gift we appreciate. If you are eligible, please go online to www.thrivent.com/choice to designate your dollars. If you wish, call Thrivent at 800–847–4836. They are open Monday through Friday, 7:00am – 6:00pm. March 31, 2024 is the deadline to designate 2023 funds.

Pastoral Call Process and Questionnaire Update

The Board of Elders has completed and returned to President Lueck a Congregation Self-Evaluation form. The tool assists the District President in developing a list of candidates thought to be well-suited to serve our congregation as associate pastor. Our goal is to have a list of candidates established by February 28. Any member of St. Paul may submit the name of a pastor you would like our congregation to consider for the position. If you would like to offer the name of a pastor, please use a Nomination Form located in the narthex. Also, as we pray the Lord continues to provide pastors for St. Paul Lutheran, keep in mind the survey results. Survey results (taken in November and December) regarding pastoral traits and qualities that our congregation members deemed most important are:

- 1. Preaching**
- 2. Personal Character**
- 3. Pro Lutheran School - Pastoral Care - Teaching** (these three all had the same value ranking)
- 6. Youth / Family Ministry**
- 7. Evangelism - Administration** (these two received similar value ranking).

Director of Church Ministry – DCM

At the January 28, 11:30am Annual Meeting, we will vote 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

Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal Last Call . . . 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. Place cash or a check made out to St. Paul in an envelope marked with your name and *Mission Circle*. Contact Willa Rusch with questions.

Housing for Ukrainian Family . . . On Sunday, January 14, the congregation voted unanimously to support in bringing a refugee family here from the war-torn country of Ukraine. There are 6 adults – a dad and mom, grandfather and grandmother, sister of the mom, and aunt of the mom, plus a 4-year-old little girl, Elina. We are asking for your help in looking for housing for this family. Right now, they are all living in a three-room apartment in Kiev. Ideally, we would like to find a three-bedroom house in Bonduel, that they could rent. However, they have said a two- or three-bedroom apartment would be wonderful. If anyone has any information regarding rental properties or know of someone who might be willing to rent a place to them, (Bonduel would be preferred) please let the office or one of the committee members know.

We are grateful for gifts to St. Paul in memory of:

Roger I. Peterman (1937–2023), St. Paul Member to:
Mortgage Fund and School General Fund

Anthony J. Stuewer (1963–2023), St. Paul Member to:
School General Fund

Shirley A. (Wiesenthal) Shoup (1936–2023), mother of Pastor Shoup to:
School and Church General Fund, and to Choir Fund

Tamra (Moesch) Czarapata (1950–2023), St. Paul Member to:
Hope in Him Mortgage, School Repair, Mission and General Fund

James W. Luepke (1942–2023), St. Paul Member to:
Hope in Him Mortgage, School Repair, Missions, Tuition Assistance

Gottlieb and Augusta Manthei for altar paraments given by their
great-granddaughter

WRLHS Registration Fair . . . Wolf River Lutheran High School will host a registration fair on Tuesday, February 13 from 3:30pm–6:00pm. There will be fair food and games to create a fun environment while current and new students register for next year. Online registration will also be available for students and families.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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
Monday	1/29	7:30am Strong Bodies
Tuesday	1/30	7:00am No Bible Class 8:00am Quilting
Wednesday	1/31	8:15am Chapel 1:30pm Meadowview 4:00pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Public School Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:05pm Choir
Thursday	2/1	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
Friday	2/2	7:30am Strong Bodies
Saturday	2/3	
Sunday	2/4	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Board of Stewardship) 9:00am Bible Bowl Practice Bible Study Fellowship (Board of Stewardship) 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion (Gr. 5–8 sing) 11:30am Transfer the Blessings Presentation



All Things St. Paul



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