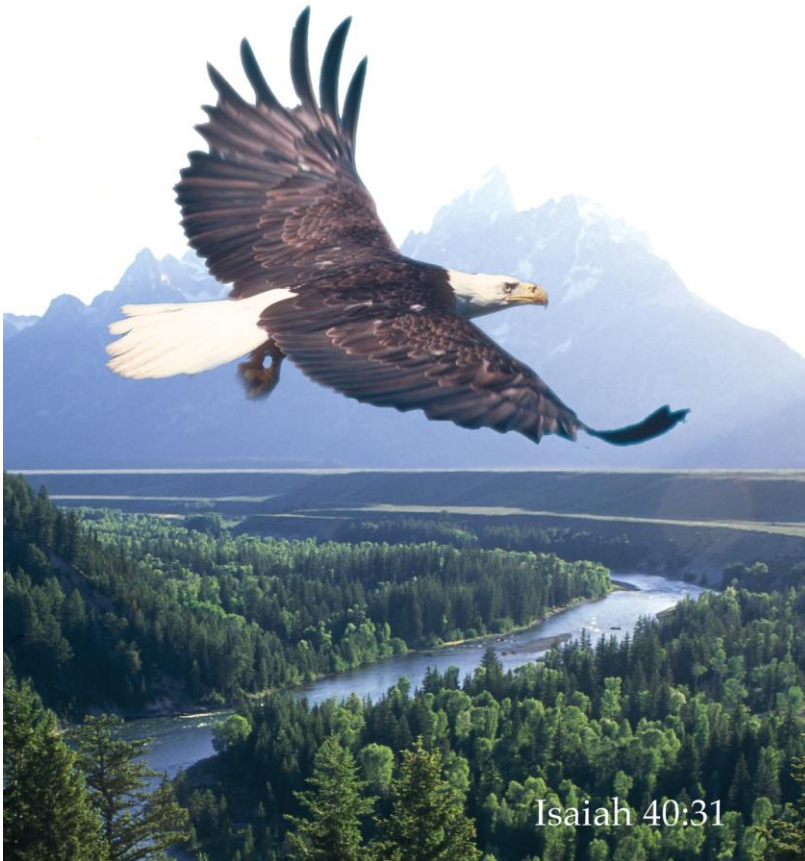


... but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.



Isaiah 40:31

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

February 1/4, 2024

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Opening Hymn **797** *Praise the Almighty* **1-3**

Baptism 10:15am *Blaire Willow Wrobleski*

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Psalmody — Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**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.**

Hymn 797

Praise the Almighty 4–5

Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 — Isaiah 40:21–31

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a

curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?” ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music **8:00am** *The Lord Is My Salvation*

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run

aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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.

Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn 551 *When to Our World the Savior Came*

Sermon **"Did You See All the Trophies?"**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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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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Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn 919 *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Music 8:00am — Grades 5-8

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Amber Brunner, Bruce Heling, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Tom Kriehn, Mary Luepke, Sue Nohr, Dana Rudzinski, Theresa Runge, Marlene Schmidt, Leon Stuewer, Tracy Sundstrom, Marilyn Tessmann, Dick Wegner, Mark Welch, Jill Wentworth (sister of Joel Delzer), and Jacob Worthington.*



Baptism . . . *Blair Willow Wroblewski*, daughter of Adam and Katy Wroblewski, will be baptized during the 10:15am service this weekend. She was born October 13, 2023. Her sponsors are Madie Dekeyser and Ethan King.

This weekend's bulletin . . . is sponsored to the glory of God in thanksgiving for *Pastor Harley Kopitske's 92nd* birthday on February 7.

We Pray For . . . the family of *Jerry Marohl*, who was called to his eternal rest on Monday, January 29, and will be given Christian burial at St. Paul on Monday, February 5, 2024.

Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . 2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6; 2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6; Mark 9:2–9

God's Word For Parents . . . concerning the Ten Commandments and loving Him with our whole heart. Deuteronomy 6:7,9:

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ...You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Every Christian parent is encouraged to put these words of the LORD to memory. Idea: cut and paste these words onto your refrigerator, into your Bible and with your prayer list.

Attendance— January 25/28, 2024

Thursday	1/25	7:00pm	86
Sunday	1/28	8:00am	159
		10:15am	<u>256</u>
		Total	501

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Ladies Aid Annual Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner . . . will take place on Wednesday, February 14, 11:00am–4:00pm. The menu will be: chili, toasted cheese sandwiches, bars, and beverages. Prices: Adults-\$10; Children (6–10)-\$5; children ages 5 and younger-free. Advanced orders for take-out will be taken until February 19, and the cost will be \$8/quart. Please contact Donna Stuewer at 715–758–8619 to place a take-out order or if you have any questions.

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. The deadline to designate 2023 funds is March 31.

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.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "What Is Evangelism?" (*Mark 9:7-8*)

How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about. 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.

Pastoral Call Process and Questionnaire Update

North Wisconsin District President Rev. Lueck will be submitting to us a list of candidates for the associate pastor position. Members of our congregation may also submit the name of a pastor. We expect to have the completed list by the end of February. 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, our congregation voted to extend a call to Mr. James Meyer to serve as part-time Director of Christian Ministries at St. Paul. We pray he accepts the call, expect he will, and look forward to having him help serve and lead our congregation in our effort to “save the lost and strengthen the saved” using His Word and sacraments. A portion of Jim’s responsibilities include focusing on missions projects, coordinating events, and assisting with the communication of our ministry activities.

Transfer the Blessings . . . Are you ready for the day the Lord calls you home? Most of us don’t have a plan in place. Transfer the Blessings is a ministry that helps you transfer the blessings God has entrusted to you, to your family, and the ministries that you care most about. Sign up for a Lifetime Plan for Giving presentation in the narthex or contact Gary Vought, Gift Planning Counselor at gary.vought@lfnd.org. The first presentation is **today**, Sunday, at 11:30am, walk-ins are welcome.

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. Chromebooks will be available to apply for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, so bring a utility bill when you come. After the fair you are invited to attend the boys’ basketball game. Online registration will also be available for students and families.

A Word from your Wolf River Principal . . . What an incredibly special week we've experienced as we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week here at WR, uniting in Christ and embracing the spirit of togetherness. Throughout these past days, our school community has been a beacon of faith, love, and learning, emphasizing the significance of our shared journey in Christ. The profound sense of connection and togetherness has enriched our hearts and deepened our bonds, fostering an environment where we grow together in faith and understanding. Through prayer, worship, and meaningful activities, we have celebrated the unique blessings that Lutheran education brings, instilling in our hearts the values of compassion, service, and a steadfast commitment to Christ. Let us carry this special spirit forward, remembering that our connection in Christ is a source of strength and unity that will continue to guide us in the weeks and months ahead.

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

February 8	Sandy Staszak	
February 11	Barb Swiecichowski	Amy Schmidt

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday** **2/4** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion
 9:00am Fellowship (Board of Stewardship)
 Bible Study
 Bible Bowl Practice
 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
 11:30am Transfer the Blessings Presentation
- Monday** **2/5** 6:00pm Fellowship Committee
 6:15pm Board of Christian Education
- Tuesday** **2/6** 7:00am Bible Class
 8:00am Quilting
 7:00pm Board of Elders
- Wednesday** **2/7** 8:15am Chapel
 5:30pm Public School Confirmation
 6:00pm Bell Choir
 6:30pm Youth and Youth Board Meeting
 7:05pm Choir
- Thursday** **2/8** 7:00pm Worship
- Friday** **2/9**
- Saturday** **2/10**
- Sunday** **2/11** 8:00am Worship
 9:00am Fellowship (Board of Parish Fellowship #1)
 Bible Study
 Bible Bowl Practice
 10:15am Worship



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