

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 7/10, 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Opening Hymn **814** *O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

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Psalmody — Psalm 107:1–9

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;

hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 — Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music **7:00pm** *We Are in God's House Today
For God so Loved the World*

Distribution of Story Bibles

Epistle Reading — Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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Good News For Kids

Hymn 571 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

Sermon “The Dark Prince and the Bronze Serpent”

Offertory

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church and The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn 703 *How Can I Thank You, Lord* 1, 3, 5



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Serving the Lord in Worship

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

Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Music 7:00pm — Preschool — Grade 2

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Bruce Heling, Mark Klosterman, Tom Kriehn, Mary Luepke, Sue Nohr, Johnathan Parr (infant), Dana Rudzinski, Theresa Runge, Marlene Schmidt, Leon Stuewer, Tracy Sundstrom, Orpha Swift, Marilyn Tessmann, Dick Wegner, Mark Welch, Todd and Troy Westphal, and Jacob Worthington.*



Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 119:9–16; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

Children Story Book Bibles . . . are gifted from our congregation to all our 3-year-old children. These gifts are being handed out during this week's worship services.

Virtual Sunday School . . . Another resource for families may be found on the stpaulbonduel.com website under the Online section and on our Facebook page. The Sunday School videos are produced by the 7th and 8th graders of St. Paul Lutheran School.

Attended/Communed — February 28, 29, March 3, 2024

Wed.,	2/28	10:00am	235	Thurs.	2/29	7:00pm	145/108
		7:00pm	<u>49</u>	Sun.	3/3	8:00am	183/147
		Total	284			10:15am	<u>123/ 95</u>
						Total	451/350

Livestream Views 2/28 – **64** 3/3 – **127**



Cross Points, Our Midweek Lenten Series . . . continues. Services are held at 10:00am and 7:00pm. On Wednesday, March 13, Pastor Palmer will preach *Who Struck the Shepherd?* (Mark 14:27), on March 20, Vicar Kaiser from St. James will preach *The Worst Substitution* (Mark 15:15), and the series will conclude with *Simon's Point* (Mark 15:21) on Maundy Thursday and *Exclamation Points* (Mark 15:33–41) on Good Friday.

Sub Sandwich Sale . . . Pre-order forms are due Monday, March 11. The forms with more information may be found in the narthex by the Lord's Prayer wall hanging.

Palm Sunday Breakfast . . . will be served by our SPYRT group on Sunday, March 24 from 7:00am–10:00am. In order to defray costs, cash or donations of 18–12 oz. frozen cans of orange juice and 12 loaves of bread. Thank you to all those who have donated!

Easter Lilies and Plants . . . It is time to beautify the chancel and sanctuary in celebration of our Resurrected Lord! Lilies may be purchased for \$20, and mums, begonias, and kalanchoes for \$25. Fill out the sign-up sheet in the narthex, and submit it with your payment in the box provided. Orders will be taken until Palm Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Baker at 715–853–9137.

Guatemala Mission Trip

Amy Rottier and Ann Wasmund would like to thank you for your support and prayers while serving the people of Guatemala. The people we served were truly happy to see us and many connections and care were given to the people there. We were truly blessed and rewarded by this experience! We will be giving a presentation of our trip next Sunday, March 17, between services and again at the LWML meeting on March 21 at 1:00pm

Transfer the Blessings . . . A gift planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don't have to go through the process alone. You may not have experience in talking with professional advisors such as attorneys and tax advisors. You might not know the language they use or the right questions to ask. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Gary Vought at 715-891-1447 for more information.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Strangest Request" *Genesis 22:1-14*

God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way. Tune in next Sunday to hear the guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM or go to www.lutheranhour.org.



American
Red Cross

Blood
Services

Blood Drive . . . Every two seconds someone needs blood in the U.S. There is a great need for donors at this time. The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at St. Paul on Monday, March 18 from 12:00pm-5:00pm in the fellowship hall. Register in the narthex or online at redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code: `stpaulbonduel`.

Cancer . . . We all know someone who has been touched by it. The American Cancer Society would like your help in the fight against cancer. Team Faith will be walking in the annual Relay for Life at Shawano Community High School from 9:00am - 3:00pm on Saturday, April 6. Please come and join us! You may drop off a donation to the American Cancer Society at our church/school office, or contact Peggy Buchholz at 715-758-8715 for more information. Thank you for your support!

Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . There is just three weeks left to call in to Thrivent and designate your Choice Dollars. Both our church and our school would be delighted to have your dollars. If you are eligible and have not yet done so, please call Thrivent at 800-847-4836, Monday - Friday 7:00am-6:00pm, or go online to www.thrivent.com/choice.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	3/10	8:00am Worship 9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild) Bible Bowl Practice Transfer the Blessings Presentation 10:15am Worship 1:00pm WRLHS Rep Meeting
Monday	3/11	7:00pm Board of Elders
Tuesday	3/12	<i>Amico's Fundraiser for SPYRT (mention St. Paul)</i> 7:00am Bible Class 8:00am Quilting 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	3/13	10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship 4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Board of Evangelism 5:30pm Public School Confirmation 5:45pm Choir 6:00pm SPYRT Feed the Flock Bible Study 7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday	3/14	7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
Friday	3/15	
Saturday	3/16	
Sunday	3/17	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #2) Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

March 14	Sheila Bahr	
March 17	Karla Moede	Barb Wickman

Job Opportunity . . . St. Paul Lutheran Church and School is looking to hire a groundskeeper. This person will be responsible for the cutting of all church/school and cemetery lawns, and trimming around cemetery stones, and church/school buildings on a weekly basis from approximately April through October. Other tasks may be assigned as needed to maintain the property. During the winter months this person will be the “backup” for cleaning sidewalks and walkways after snowfall events. There will be a competitive hourly rate for approximately 20 hours per week. You must be at least 18 years of age to apply. For more information, or to apply, contact Principal Aaron Landgrave at the school office 715–758–8532 or at a.landgrave@stpaulbonduel.com.

A Word from your Wolf River Principal . . . As a cherished member of the Wolf River community, I invite and urge families to actively participate in recruiting students for the upcoming year. Your enthusiasm and advocacy are crucial in shaping the future of our school and ensuring its continued success. Let's extend a warm invitation to prospective families, showcasing the supportive environment, excellent education, and vibrant community spirit that define Wolf River. Your efforts in spreading the word about our school will help cultivate a diverse and thriving student body, fostering a dynamic learning environment for all. Together, we can prepare Christian leaders for this ever-changing world! Blessings, *Mrs. Kosmerchock*

Fish Fry . . . WRLHS will host a fish fry on Friday, March 15 and Friday, March 29 from 4:00pm–7:00pm. Call 715–745–2400 for more information.

WRLHS Trivia Event . . . will be Sunday March 17. See the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information.



All Things St. Paul



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