

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

December 29, 2024

The First Sunday after Christmas



Opening Hymns Medley

379 *O Come, All Ye Faithful, stanza 1*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

374 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, stanza 1*

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;

There He lay, the Undeiled, to the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.

386 *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice, stanza 1*

Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heav'n our voice;

He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies;

Not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies.

Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

387 *Joy to the World, stanza 1*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Introit — Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**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.**

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Hymn 368 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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 — Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Colossians 3:12–17

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Alleluia and Verse **page 156**

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. 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

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Hymn

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

Sermon “Depart in Peace” *Luke 2:29*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn **380** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy Rev. Ryan J. Fehrmann **Sermon** Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Organist Mrs. Louise Reisler

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Dianne Adkins, Marge Bleick, Tom Bohn, Darlene Dehn, Allie Gardner, Briana (Buss) Ghbein, Jim Grunewald, Brice Huntington, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Todd Krull, Sue Nohr, Theresa Runge, Connie Rusch, Julie Schneider, Andrew Schoepke, Linda (Ken) Spreeman, Mark Welch, and Jacob Worthington.*



Altar Flowers . . . are given to the glory of God in memory of *Jenny (Wickman) Hacker*, given by the family.

Baptisms . . . Addison Leigh Mathew and Ainsley Ann Mathew, twin daughters of Brett and Erin Mathew, were baptized on Saturday, December 28, 2024. They were born August 9, 2024. Ainsley's sponsors are Danielle Welcing, Taylor Welcing, and Desirae Owen. Addison's sponsors are Ryan Mathew, Nicole Mathew, and Desirae Owen. Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.*" Matthew 19:14

Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . 1 Kings 3:4–15; Ephesians 1:3–14; Luke 2:40–52.
Order of service: Divine Service Setting One

Lutherans for Life Signature Ad . . . Lutherans for Life is planning a Signature Ad in the Market Messenger. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to sign up. A donation of \$3 is suggested and appreciated. Wisconsin Right to Life March usually has a walk for Life in January. Check your local paper for information. We must do all we can to keep this organization that speaks for LIFE going. Contact Sue Ebert with questions.

Hymn Festival

Plan to come! We expect people from Green Bay, the Fox Valley, and Wausau to join us Saturday, February 15 at 4:00pm for a Hymn Festival. Rev. Dr. Jon D. Vieker from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will join us. Look forward to choral and instrumental music to accompany our singing of a select number of hymns built on the theme: *Christ Is Our Redeemer!*

STEWARDSHIP? . . . When you do something for someone else or your church you make a bigger impact than you know. The little bit you have – time, talent, offerings – is more than enough in the hands of God.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "In the Beginning Was Dialogue" *John 1:1*

Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. Tune in next Sunday at 10:00am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

SAVE THE DATE . . . A Transfer the Blessings presentation will take place at Wolf River Lutheran High School on January 26 from 2:00pm–3:00pm. What are the blessings God has entrusted to you? How will you transfer those blessings to your family and the ministries you care about when the Lord calls you home? Join us at Wolf River Lutheran High School for a special presentation by Gary Vought, who is the Planned Giving Counselor for the LCMS Foundation in the North Wisconsin District.

Philippians Conference

The workshop is based on Paul's words in Philippians Chapter 1. In that chapter, and throughout the whole book of Philippians, we see how all the leadership of the congregation is working together in the realm of whole life stewardship: Paul, Timothy, deacons, overseers and lay "partners in the Gospel" are all mentioned within the first three verses. The Philippians Conference gathers pastors, lay leaders and congregational members to look closely at what God's Word teaches us about stewardship, that is, about how we use the life and resources our loving God has given us to gladly honor Him and serve others.

We'll explore the need to assess, strengthen, and even change our congregation's stewardship culture. Mark your calendars for January 11, 2025, and look forward to joining us and our guests for this event!



**PHILIPPIANS
CONFERENCE**

 Saturday, January 11, 2025

 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

 St. Paul Lutheran Church - fellowship hall

Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, SWD mission executive and LCMS National Mission stewardship specialist.

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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	12/29	8:00am Worship 10:15am Worship
Monday	12/30	7:30am Strong Bodies 7:00pm Men's Club
Tuesday	12/31	
Wednesday	1/1	
Thursday	1/2	7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
Friday	1/3	7:30am Strong Bodies
Saturday	1/4	
Sunday	1/5	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #1) 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

Dec. 26	Sandy Staszak	
Dec. 29	Patti Rosin	Peggy Buchholz



All Things St. Paul



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