

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

January 2/5, 2025

The Second Sunday after Christmas



Opening Hymn 362 *O Sing of Christ*

Baptism 8:00am *Rowan Jane Zeitler*

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Introit — Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

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

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

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

**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 have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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 — 1 Kings 3:4–15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers,

listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn **410** *Within the Father’s House*

Sermon

Offering

Adult Confirmation **10:15am** *Steven John Schneider, Jesse James Turpin*

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.

Birth . . . A prayer of thanksgiving is given for the birth of *Lawson Lardinois*, son of Ashley (Urban) and her husband, Josh on December 22nd. His grandparents are Ronald and Colleen Urban.

Bellin College Care Trip . . . Amy Rottier and her sister Ann Wasmund will soon travel to Guatemala with Bellin College to do HIS work in providing medical, personal, and spiritual care. We pray for their safe travels and for the team's success in providing aid to the people that they will serve.

Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22
Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One

Bible Bowl Practice begins today, Sunday, January 5. We will meet in the main meeting room off the church entrance starting at 9:15 each Sunday!

Annual Voters' Meeting . . . St. Paul's annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 26th at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. Every member is welcome to join to see the great things we have done in 2024 and what we plan to do in the coming year as we ***Strengthen the Saved and Save the Lost***. Informational packets will be available prior to the meeting.

A College-Age Get-Together over Christmas Break

Noah asked Pastor Shoup, "Hey Pastor, would it be ok if we had some college kids get together to visit and talk about faith?"

"That would be outstanding!" he replied.

Join us Tuesday evening at 6:00pm, January 7, and bring a couple friends.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "What's This Neighborhood Coming To?" *John 1:14*
When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. Tune in next Sunday at 10:00am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal . . . If you have been receiving the *Lutheran Witness* or 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 helps 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. If you leave money for a subscription at the office, please put cash or a check written out to *St. Paul* in an envelope labeled MISSION CIRCLE, Lutheran Witness with your name. If you have any questions, please contact Willa Rusch.

Attended/Communed — December 16-29, 2024

Gr. 5-8 Christmas Program	Mon. 12/16	7:00pm	430
	Wed. 12/18	11:00am	27/26
	Thurs. 12/19	<i>Gr. 1-4 Program cancelled due to weather</i>	
	Sun. 12/22	8:00am	218
		<u>10:15am</u>	<u>152</u>
		Total	947/26

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Tues. 12/24	2:00pm	504
		4:00pm	468
		<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>150</u>
		Total	1,122

<i>Christmas Day</i>	Wed. 12/25	9:00am	235/186
	Thurs. 12/26	7:00pm	15
		8:00am	175
		<u>10:15am</u>	<u>167</u>
		Total	357

Livestream Views

Dec. 16 -150; **19**-346; **22**-135; **24**-122; **25**-113; **29**-150

Rummage Sale . . . Faith United Lutheran Church, 11465 Old U Road, Gillett, will have a rummage sale on January 16 and 17 from 8:00am–4:00pm, and a half-price sale on January 18 from 8:00am–Noon. Proceeds will be used for the Faith United Building Maintenance Fund. This event will be sponsored by Thrivent Action Team.

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!*

Philippians Conference



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.

If you have not yet signed up, please do so, and plan to join us on Saturday, January 11th from 9:00am-2:00pm. in the fellowship hall.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH! Use the "All Things St. Paul" QR Code on the back of the bulletin and go to the appropriate links and share a Facebook and/or Google review of our church and or school. When new people to our community are considering a church or school they often read what other people have to say in the "reviews"!

Seeking Volunteer Social Media Manager(s)

You love social media. Maybe you even have some training in how to benefit a business or organization with a strong social media presence. We are looking for volunteers that can help manage our social media presence in the greater Bonduel area. Interested?? Call or text Pastor Mark Palmer at 715-853-5225. Thanks!!



Summer Camp Registration 2025!

Spots for the summer fill up fast. We encourage families to register as soon as possible in order to be more likely to select their preferred session and housing choices. Mark these dates on your calendar:

Pre-registration: January 10-18 — Pre-registration allows families to fill out their camper forms and other required information ahead of the actual registration process..

Sunday, January 19, 1:00pm — Registration opens for Quest (Gr. 7-9), IMPACT (Gr. 8-10), Kindercamp (Ages 4-7), Family Weekends (families), and Village Glamping (families)

Sunday, January 26, 1:00pm — Registration opens for Explorer (Gr. 1-3), Pathfinder (Gr. 3-6), Trailblazer (Gr. 5-8), and High School Week (Gr. 9-12)

Junior Counselors

Are you interested in serving as a junior counselor at Camp Luther? If you are in Grades 10-12, you still have time to turn in your application. Visit campluther.com for more information.



Welcome, Sonny!

Please join Camp Luther as they welcome a familiar St. Paul face to their staff. Tom “Sonny” Sundstrom will serve Camp Luther as the new Director of Facilities. Please continue to pray for Sonny during his transition to the team!

Job Opportunity

The position of Business and Office Coordinator is open at Camp. This fulltime position will complete the fulltime staff. Visit campluther.com/hiring for more information.



Wolf River Lutheran High School Upcoming Events

Family Fun Event - Saturday, January 1 - Sledding Event. More details to come.

Sheepshead Card Party - Sunday, January 12 at Wolf River Lutheran High School from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

Shadow Day Opportunities At Wolf River - If you know of any 8th grader interested in a shadow day at Wolf River or a tour, please have them give our office a call at 715-745-2400. We would be happy to get them scheduled!

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	1/5	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship 9:15am Bible Bowl Practice (Meeting Room) 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
Monday	1/6	7:30am Strong Bodies 8:10am Epiphany Chapel 6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship
Tuesday	1/7	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 6:00pm College Students Bible Study
Wednesday	1/8	<i>Amico's Pizza Fundraiser-Mention SPYRT</i> 4:00pm Food Pantry 4:45pm Board of Evangelism 5:00pm Public School Confirmation (Gr. 7-12) 6:00pm Public School Confirmation (Gr. 5-6) 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm SPYRT Youth and Youth Board Meeting 7:05pm Choir
Thursday	1/9	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Worship
Friday	1/10	7:30am Strong Bodies 3:00pm Thorne-Kingsmore Wedding
Saturday	1/11	9:00am — 2:00pm Philippians Stewardship Conference
Sunday	1/12	8:00am Worship 9:00am Philippians Bible Study 9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild) 10:15am Worship

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

Jan. 9	Patti Herrmann	
Jan. 12	Karla Moede	Amy Schmidt



All Things St. Paul



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