

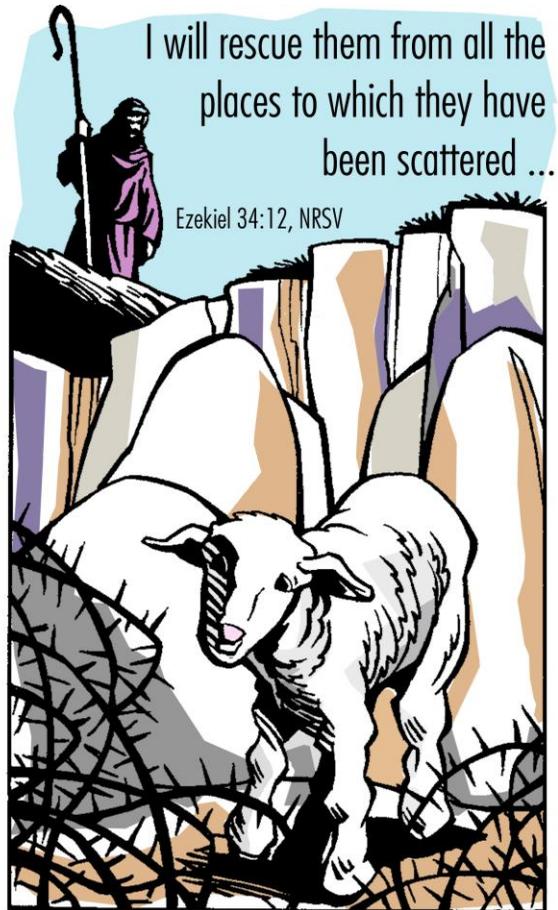
St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
November 19/22, 2020

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Welcome to the House of the Lord

It is the last week of the church year. Next week we begin a new church year with Advent focusing on the Coming of the LORD!. He comes. He cares. The 23rd Psalm gives that beautiful picture of God. "The LORD'S my Shepherd, I shall not want." Our Old Testament reading from Ezekiel expands on the depth of the Shepherd's caring love. We of course know Jesus as The Good Shepherd "who lays down His life for the sheep." This same Shepherd will come on the last day and do what shepherds do. He will divide His sheep from those who are not His sheep. He will bring His sheep into His eternal green pastures. And so we rejoice and pray, Oh gracious eternal Shepherd, ever keep us under Your care, unto life everlasting. Amen.



Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalmody—Psalm 95:1–7a

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**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.**

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . . ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall

feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song Sunday *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone*

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

*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. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I

was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see His face.

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

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Sermon**“The Gathering Shepherd – The Judging Shepherd”****Offering***Online or in the narthex***Prayer of the Church****The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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| 1 | The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever. | 4 | In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2 | Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth. | 5 | Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! |
| 3 | Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me. | 6 | And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever! |

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Vocalist Mrs. Amy Rottier **Pianist** Mrs. Debbie Welch

Prayers



In Need of Healing . . . *Mike Babino, Elroy Block, Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Ron Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Sue Krull, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Gerry Schmidt, Deb Schneider, Donna Seefeldt, Gerry Steif, and Tom Sunnicht.*

Announcements

Courtesy During Covid Times . . . St. Paul, Bonduel, has taken steps to help stop the spread of Covid and to keep our church and school open. Social distancing is one important measure. Use of masks increases the comfort level for some who would like to worship. Some people are hesitant to attend worship when masks are not being used. Please, out of respect and courtesy for others, practice social distancing at St. Paul, use masks, and sanitize your hands.

November Bible Study

Mondays – 6:15pm, also Livestream or Online

Tuesdays – 7:00am

We finished Philipians. We are turning to 2 Peter. In chapter 3, he focuses on those who scoff at the idea of Christ's world-stopping return, and insists, "The Day of the Lord will come!" I'm looking forward to listening to Peter and joining you online. *Pastor Shoup*

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Magnum Opus" (Daniel 8:27)

How is God like a band director? Learn how God enables us to play our part in His "Magnum Opus." Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Attended/Communed — November 12/15, 2020

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| Thursday | 11/12 | 7:00pm | 75/ 54 |
| Sunday | 11/15 | 8:00am | 105/ 86 |
| Sunday | 11/15 | 10:15am | <u>70/ 56</u> |
| | | Total | 250/196 |
| Sunday | 11/15 | Livestream Views | 375 |



Christmas Poinsettias . . . Due to Covid-19, we ask that you place orders for poinsettias as soon as possible. You can do this in two ways. Write your information on an envelope provided in the narthex, enclose a check or the correct cash, and place the envelope in the box. The second option is to call Jean Hedtke at 715-758-2728 to place your order, then write a check and mail to Jean Hedtke, PO Box 372, Bonduel WI 54107. Cost is \$17 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 16. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Call Jean with any questions.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

November 29 Paige Rank Aiden Hillsberg

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

November 29 Maureen Zernicke Amy Schmidt

Advent

Await God's Future

Traditionally during Advent we rejoice in the promise God kept – God's coming to us at Christmas in the birth of His Son – and we long with confidence for His promise to be kept – God's coming to us again in His Son's return on the Last Day. Advent is the time of the church year that concentrates on the future tense. "Await God's Future" is this year's Advent theme. God's future is our hope, not human-imagined impossible dreams, politician's promises, or future peace and pleasure dependent on human technology, engineering, and science.

This year during Advent we will hear future-tense announcements given by the ancient prophet Isaiah. Each week we will practice a double hearing, so to speak, to hear the prophet preaching to his original listeners and to hear his words continue to speak to us through Christ now 2,700 years later in North America. These ancient words were the true word of God then, and they remain the true Word of God now, ancient words that will instill in our hearts and minds repentance, living faith, and sure hope in the coming of Yahweh.

O Lord, let us heed Isaiah's cry, "Await God's Future."

ADVENT WEEK 1 – November 29

Isaiah 36–37

"Yahweh Will Save His Zion"

ADVENT WEEK 2 – December 3/6

Isaiah 13:9–13, 19; 14:1

"The Day of Yahweh Will Come"

ADVENT WEEK 3 – December 10/13

Isaiah 19:23–25

"Gentiles Will Belong to Ancient Israel's God"

ADVENT WEEK 4 – December 17/20

Isaiah 25:5–9

"Death the Swallower Will Be Swallowed Up"

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday** 11/22 8:00am Worship (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship
- Monday** 11/23 6:15pm 2 Peter Bible Class (*livestreamed*)
- Tuesday** 11/24 7:00am 2 Peter Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
- Wednesday** 11/25 *No School*
1:30pm Meadowview
4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship
- Thursday** 11/26 9:00am Thanksgiving Worship
No Evening Worship service
- Friday** 11/27
- Saturday** 11/28
- Sunday** 11/22 8:00am Worship (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship



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