

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
December 10/13, 2020

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Welcome to the House of the Lord

To prepare for worship, meditate on these two stanzas from
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel...

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!



Opening Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound

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Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalmody—Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

*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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 19:23-25

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

²⁴In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, ²⁵whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . . ¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” ²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, 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.**

Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle, at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets Your people free!

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Sermon Desire of Nations

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn

When All the World Was Cursed

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When all the world was cursed by Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came with words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal the greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, as Savior he proclaimed.

Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream, a new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him of whom the prophets told:

Behold the Lamb of God that bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes the devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy will full atonement win.

O grant, dear Lord of love, that we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John, our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him in His eternal day.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists Thursday – Mrs. Debbie Welch
Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Mike Babino, Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, David Genke (brother of Randy), Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Sue Krull, Patrick Luepke, Judy Manthei, Carol Moede, Sue Nohr, Gerry Schmidt, Deb Schneider, Donna Seefeldt, Jerry Steif, and Tom Sumnicht.*



Prayer Request . . . for *James Rottier* who left on Monday for Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego, CA.

Announcements



Christmas Poinsettias . . . orders are due soon. Write your information on an envelope provided in the narthex, enclose a check or the correct cash, and place the envelope in the box. Otherwise call Jean Hedtke at 715-758-2728 to place your order, then write a check and mail it to Jean Hedtke at 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.

Attended/Communed — December 3 & 6, 2020

Thursday	12/3	7:00pm	78/ 63
Sunday	12/6	8:00am	137/ 88
Sunday	12/6	10:15am	71/ 30
Sunday	12/6	11:30am	39/ 33
		Total	325/214
Sunday	12/6	Livestream Views	238

2021 Contribution Envelopes . . . may be picked up in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 715-758-8559.

Special Year-End Offerings . . . St. Paul is grateful for offerings to support our ministry including special year-end offerings. If you would like to make an in-kind offering of stocks/bonds, please call Trisha at 715-758-8532 to receive our brokerage information.

Mission Circle Christmas Meeting . . . St. Paul's Mission Circle will be having its Christmas meeting on December 17, 2020 at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. After a short business meeting, there will be a Bible Study, a skit, and singing of some Christmas hymns. There will not be a gift exchange this year. There will be a special collection for Lutherans for Life besides our regular mite offering. Guests are welcome to attend.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Experience God" (*John 1:1-18*)

We will never fully grasp the idea of God, but that doesn't keep us from experiencing God's love for us in Christ. 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.



Blood Drive . . . The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive in the fellowship hall on **Monday, December 14**, from 12:15pm – 5:15pm. **ALL TYPES ARE NEEDED.**

To make an appointment, register online at redcrossblood.org and **enter sponsor code: stpaulbonduel** or please sign up in the narthex. Donors are required to wear masks and temp will be taken at the entrance. Questions contact Audrey Wussow **715-758-8856**.

Scholastic Book Fair . . . St. Paul Lutheran School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair as a school library book fundraiser. Online shopping began December 2 — A link is on the stpaulbonduel.com website. A socially-distanced fair will be open to parents (masks required per Scholastic protocol) and to the congregation after worship services on December 10/13 in the fellowship hall.



WRLHS Congregation Rep Meeting . . . WRLHS will be holding its congregation rep meeting on Sunday, December 13, at the high school beginning at 1:00pm in the gymnasium. Reps, pastors, parents, and other supporters of WRLHS are encouraged to attend. The latest news concerning the high school will be shared.

Adopt a Family

FOR CHRISTMAS



Many of us are blessed to be able to put presents under the Christmas tree, but there are some families that need a helping hand. St. Paul is sponsoring two families this year in the attempt to help make this Christmas a little easier. If you are interested in helping, please drop off unwrapped, listed items to the school office. Please label the items with the appropriate family and individual. Lets see how we can help our fellow families this Christmas season.

Please have all donations to the school office by Friday, December 18th.

Family #1

Mom : Walmart or Kwik Trip gift cards

Girls: Size 10-12 pants and shirts

Size 4 shoes

Interests: Learning how to draw books, graphic novels, Greek or Irish Mythology books, drawing or art supplies

Boys: Size 10-12 pants and shirts

Size 6 shoes

Interests: Books, board games, 3D puzzles, Kinetic sand, magnetic

building blocks

Boys: Size 10-12 pant

Size 4 shoe

Interests: Race tracks, Magnet building blocks, 3D puzzles, Posters (lego, batman, happy) for his room

Family #2

Mom & Dad : Both struggling with medical issues. Kwik Trip cards for gas would be helpful.

Boy - age 8

Size 10 pants, medium shirts, pajamas

Enjoys Legos and brain teasers

Boy - age 7

Size 8 pants, medium shirts, pajamas

Enjoys outdoors and coloring

Girl - age 4

Size 6 pants and shirts

Enjoys coloring and dolls

Girl - age 2

Size 3t clothes

Enjoys learning toys and colors

Church Service Changes for December

One of the duties of the Board of Elders is to work with our pastors to schedule worship services. Because of COVID19, understandably, many of us are not comfortable coming to church. We are watching livestream. ***But with livestream we cannot come to Holy Communion.***

Therefore, on our Communion Sundays in December – December 6 and 20 – we are adding an 11:30am service. The 11:30am service is in addition to the 8:00am and 10:15am services. We will have ***three services*** on those mornings.

Here are two important points about the 11:30 services in December:

Number one: The 11:30am service is a ***mask service***. ***At the 11:30 service everyone will wear masks for the entire service.*** The 11:30am service is especially for those of us who are *uncomfortable* coming to church *unless* masks are worn. We *encourage* everyone to wear masks at all services. At the 11:30am Communion services we are ***mandating or requiring*** attendees to wear masks.

Number two: We may continue the 11:30am service in the new year, ***OR***, we may adjust the worship schedule differently in order to accommodate as many people as possible to attend worship and to receive the Lord's Supper. Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear a mask the entire time for every church service until further notice.

Christmas Eve:

We are adding a fourth Christmas Eve service. ***It also will be a mask-service. The mask-mandate Christmas Eve service is at 1:30pm.*** We will have ***four*** Christmas Eve services. The times are 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm. Again, we encourage everyone to practice physical distancing and to wear masks throughout every service. At the 1:30pm Christmas Eve service we are ***mandating or requiring*** attendees to wear masks.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

December 17	Brayden Reisner	
December 20	Emery Thompson	Serenity Downs

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

December 17	Sandy Staszak	
December 20	Pam Schmidt	Amy Schmidt

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 12/13** 8:00am Worship (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship
1:00pm WRLHS Congregation Representatives Meeting
- Monday 12/14** **12:15-5:15pm Red Cross Blood Drive**
6:00pm Board of Parish Education
6:15am Bible Study (*livestreamed*)
- Tuesday 12/15** 7:00am Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
- Wednesday 12/16** 8:15am 4K–4 Chapel (*livestreamed*)
9:00am Gr. 5–8 Chapel (*livestreamed*)
11:00am Worship – Holy Communion
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
6:00pm SPYRT Christmas Party
- Thursday 12/17** 1:00pm Mission Circle
7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- Friday 12/18**
- Saturday 12/19**
- Sunday 12/20** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
11:30am Worship – Holy Communion (**Mandatory Masks**)



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor
Rev. Mark R. Palmer, Associate Pastor
Mr. Gerald R. Schmidt, Principal
Mrs. Lorraine Doell, Music Director
Mrs. Robin Reep, Youth Director

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