



*...he will swallow up death  
forever.*

*Isaiah 25:8*

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
December 17/20, 2020

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### Welcome to the House of the Lord

In ancient days, the god Mot (“Death”) is known for his large, insatiable appetite. Mot (“Death”) was depicted as an evil person hungry for more. “Death” was the swallower. Then Isaiah speaks for God. God reverses things. Isaiah says that the LORD will swallow up the swallower. Added to this, Isaiah states in the last verse of today’s reading one of the most startling, magnificent promises of his entire 66 chapters.

Welcome to worship, as we draw near to the Lord with joyful anticipation for the unfolding of His future.



### Opening Hymn

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

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Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring; therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise your joyful songs of praise.

A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings; therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise your grateful hymns of praise.

Redeemer, come and open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame we offer to Thy name.

## 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 89:1–5

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;

**in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**

You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

**I have sworn to David my servant:**

‘I will establish your offspring forever,

**and build your throne for all generations.”**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

**your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

*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.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## **Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 25:6–9; 26:19**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

<sup>19</sup>Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.  
You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!  
For your dew is a dew of light,  
and the earth will give birth to the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — Romans 16:25–27**

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages<sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

*Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,<sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.<sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"<sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.<sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."<sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.<sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,<sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."<sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.<sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God."<sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

# Hymn

## Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

741 (1, 4, 5, 6, 8)



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is  
4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the  
That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

Glorified, I shall anew with this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

Then take comfort and rejoice, for His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice; dying, they will never perish;  
For the very grave is stirred when the trumpet's blast is heard.

O, then, draw away your hearts from all pleasures base and hollow;  
Strive to share what He imparts while you here His footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise, fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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## Sermon

## Death the Swallower Will Be Swallowed Up

## 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 Service of the Sacrament

**Holy Communion** . . . Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not members of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

## Preface

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

*It is meet and right so to do.*

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Amen.*

## **Agnus Dei**

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

## **Distribution**

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
*and His mercy endureth forever.*

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Bless we the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## 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

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

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

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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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organists** Thursday – Mrs. Debbie Welch  
Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Acolytes** Brayden Reisner Emery Thompson Serenity Downs

## *Prayers*

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



**Baptism . . .** *Gauge Steven Louis Tremmel, son of Travis Tremmel and Taylor Dillenburg, will be baptized after our 11:30am service this weekend. His sponsors are Roger Thiry and Ashley Moder.*

**Altar Flowers . . .** are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of *Germaine Frank*, who went to her eternal home three years ago on December 17, by the family.

## Announcements

**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.

### *Attendance — December 10 & 13, 2020*

Thursday	12/10	7:00pm	81
Sunday	12/13	8:00am	115
Sunday	12/13	10:15am	<u>51</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>
Sunday	12/13	Livestream Views	225

**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.

**Unused Contribution Envelopes . . .** may be dropped off in the box in the narthex or in the church office. The envelopes get recycled for chapel offerings.

**Mission Offerings . . .** A total of \$13,000 was recently received from our door offerings for missions. This money was disbursed, along with \$4,500 from the Hope in Him fund, as follows: Pastor Naumann received \$3,000, Pastor Vanko received \$8,000, and Viola Fronkova received \$6,500. Note that Pastor Naumann received less because many members give directly through the synod for his support.

**Pastor Naumann's . . .** December newsletter may be found in the narthex and on our website at [stpaulbonduel.com](http://stpaulbonduel.com).

My family and I would like to thank everyone for all their positive thoughts, prayers and well-wishes during my recent battle with a sarcoma tumor in my thigh. We thank God for providing us with an excellent medical team at St. Vincent and Froedtert for radiation and surgery. Although the healing process will take more time due to the radiation and the large size of the tumor, I am on the mend and they believe they got all the cancer out. Thanks again and remember how powerful prayer is. Even when I was too scared and emotional to know what to say in prayer I believe Jesus prayed for me.

*Deb Schneider*

**Red Cross Blood Drive . . .** Extra special thanks to 51 donors for 55 units of blood giving the gift of life, the volunteers who worked a shift or more, and the congregation for sponsoring the blood drive and the facility use. The goal of 45 was surpassed with excitement!

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Welcome to the Family!"** (*Galatians 4:4-7*)

The book of Galatians gives us a glimpse inside the family of God. It describes the Christian family as one that stands firm in Christ's freedom, walks united in the Spirit, and bears one another's burdens in love. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**Camp Luther News . . .** Registration for Summer 2021 opens on January 1 at 8:00am! To find out more details about this summer, including the steps that are planned to take if necessary to safeguard the health and well-being of our campers during their time at Camp Luther, go to [campluther.com/summer2021](http://campluther.com/summer2021).

## **December Devotions and Worship**

Please join Pastor Shoup livestream for a few moments each night beginning Thursday, December 17–23 at 7:00 pm. We will join God's people from the 8th century to hear His Word and to pray, like they did. They prayed using one of seven unique names for God, including EMMANUEL; ROOT OF JESSE; and KEY OF DAVID. Those seven ancient prayers became the familiar hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. We will peek at one verse each night.

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

1:30pm (Mask-Required 100%)

3:30pm (Also Livestream)

5:30pm

7:30pm

### **Christmas Day Worship**

9:00am Holy Communion

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 12/20** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed*)  
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion  
11:30am Worship – Holy Communion (**Mandatory Masks**)  
7:00pm December Devotion (*livestreamed*)
- Monday 12/21** 6:30pm Board of Christian Education  
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00pm December Devotion (*livestreamed*)
- Tuesday 12/22** 7:00am Bible Class  
8:00am Quilting  
8:15am 4K–4 Chapel  
9:00am Gr. 5–8 Chapel  
7:00pm December Devotion (*livestreamed*)
- Wednesday 12/23** 1:30pm Meadowview  
4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry  
5:00pm Public School Confirmation  
6:00pm 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation  
7:00pm December Devotion (*livestreamed*)
- Thursday 12/24** 1:30pm Christmas Eve Worship (**Mandatory Masks**)  
3:30pm Christmas Eve Worship  
5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship  
7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
- Friday 12/25** 9:00pm Christmas Day Worship – Holy Communion
- Saturday 12/26**
- Sunday 12/27** 8:00am Worship (*livestreamed*)  
10:15am Worship

### **Acolyte Schedule Next Week**

**December 24**    Jayla Reinke    Emery Thompson    Katie Shilts    Audrey Jacobs  
**December 25**    Paige Rank  
**December 27**    Kiley Paholke    Jackson Rudzinski

### **SCRIP Schedule Next Week**

**December 27**    Barb Swiecichowski    Peggy Buchholz

*\*No Scrip Collection on December 24 or 25*



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