

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
December 8/11, 2022

## *The Third Sunday in Advent*



**Opening Hymn**            **336**            *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

**Baptism**            8:00am            *Leira Lou Bartelt*

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

**Amen.**

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.**

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 146**

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in princes,

**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

**on that very day his plans perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

who made heaven and earth,

**the sea, and all that is in them,**

who keeps faith forever;

**who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the sojourners;

**he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The LORD will reign forever,

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**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**

Lord, have mercy;

**Christ, have mercy;**

Lord, have mercy.

## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 35:1–10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, **“Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”** <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — James 5:7–11**

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.

It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
Who made the atoning sacrifice,  
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed  
To come and find eternal rest.

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## The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples<sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed**      *inside back cover of hymnal*

## **Good News For Kids**

**Hymn**      **341**      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**Sermon**      **“What Highway Are You On?”**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**      **349**      *Hark the Glad Sound*



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors**      Rev. Timothy J. Shoup      Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Pianist**      Thursday — Mrs. Debbie Welch  
**Organist**      Sunday — Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Acolytes**      Jady Bahr      Maddie Schroeder      Brooklyn Greuel

# Prayers

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Jon Baker, Walter Blajeski, Jim Bleick, Sandy Ebert, Brianna Hancock, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Stephanie Krause, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Dalton Schmidt, Joe Schmidt, Kelly Sell, Stanley Sporisky, Jerry Steif, Tracy Sundstrom, Mark Welch, and Cindy Wiseman.*



**We Pray For . . .** the family of *Ruby Christensen*, who was called to her eternal rest on Monday, December 5, and will receive Christian burial at St. Paul on Saturday, December 17.

**Baptism . . .** *Leira Lou Bartelt*, daughter of Jesse and Ariel Bartelt, was born on October 12, 2022, and she will be baptized during the 8:00am service this weekend. Her sponsors are Kasey and Shelly Wnuk.

## Announcements

**If you or you know of someone . . .** who would be willing and able to help manage our upcoming new website, please contact the church office or Pastor Palmer, 715–853–5225.



**Christmas Poinsettias . . .** Orders are now being taken for poinsettias. Write your information on an envelope provided and enclose a check or correct cash. Place the envelope in the wooden box in the narthex. Cost is \$20 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 18. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Questions may be directed to Jean Hedtke at 715–758–2728.

**Pastor Palmer's Bible Study, . . .** Digging Deeper into the Old Testament, will be held in the music room this morning (Sunday).

**Call for Resumes . . .** St. Paul Lutheran School is seeking to hire a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and a Preschool teacher. The candidates should have a love of children, a passion for teaching, a passion for church work, LCMS preferred, and a collaborative open mindset.

**Contribution Envelopes . . .** for 2023 are available in the narthex.

**Snacks and Yacks (Young Adult Church Knowledge Social) . . .** Sign up for the awesome growth night on the 4th or 5th Monday of each month that leads participants to:

1. Grow in friendship with others at our church (especially those that attend the meetings);
2. Grow in their Christian faith;
3. Grow in their knowledge of how God’s kingdom is extended at our church and school and learn to use the gifts and talents He has given them;
4. Grow in a knowledge of what our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is and does and gain a sense of ownership and pride in who we are as a church.

First meeting is Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:30pm. More information may be found on our website at [stpaulbonduel.com](http://stpaulbonduel.com).

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Gestures of Hope" (Isaiah 7:14)**

Even the smallest acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**The annual Lay Leader Training event . . .** for pastors and congregational lay leaders who serve on ministry boards, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at St. Paul from 6:00pm–8:00pm. Attendees will learn best practices and be better equipped to address the issues that arise in congregational ministry. NWD President Dwayne Lueck and his staff will cover strategy, finances, policy, and servant leadership.

<b><i>Attended/Communed—December 1/4, 2022</i></b>			
Thursday	12/1	7:00pm	107/ 86
Sunday	12/4	8:00am	188/169
Sunday	12/4	10:15am	<u>209/129</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>504/384</b>
<b>Livestream Views</b>			<b>137</b>

**Mission Circle . . .** All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend Mission Circle's Christmas party in the fellowship hall on Thursday, December 15, at 1:00pm. There will be a Christmas program with some singing, a skit, and a game. In addition to the mite box collection, there will be a special Christmas collection for Viola Frankova. Those who wish may participate in a \$4-\$5 gift exchange. Refreshments will also be served.

## **Areas to Serve the Lord, His Church, His People During 2023**

**Boards** – Elders, Christian Education, Evangelism, Parish Education, Parish Fellowship, Stewardship, Fellowship, and Trustees.

**Committees** – Forest, Online.

**Other** – Social Media, Live Streaming, Text in Church, Church Marketing University, College Age Ministry, Facebook Ads, Family Ministries, Website.

Contact Pastor Shoup or Pastor Palmer if interested in serving in any of these areas.

### **Great Ways to Support Ministries at our Church and School:**

- Aluminum Cans
- Scrip
- Amazon Smile
- Vanco (Online Giving)
- Thrivent Action Cards
- Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Remembering the Lord and His Kingdom work in your will

**News from Your Wolf River Principal . . .** As the principal of an association school I enjoy visiting the various churches. Last Sunday I attended Faith United Lutheran Church in Gillett with our choir. It was an amazing service. Pastor Laatsch's message really touched my heart. So often we think we are alone, but Jesus understands us! No matter what is happening in our lives, no matter where we go, Jesus is there through it all. Even as a Called worker and a Christian, I, too, needed to be reminded that Jesus is there for me and He does listen. I pray that as the busyness of Christmas fills your days, you too remember that Jesus understands you and is there for you always! Have a wonderful week! *Mrs. Kosmerchock*

**Free Christmas Concert . . .** Wolf River Lutheran High School invites you to a **FREE** Christmas Concert by Jennie Williamson of Arison from Nashville, Tennessee **today, December 11.** Children and families can participate in Christmas activities 2:00pm – 4:00pm with the concert starting at 4:00pm. The Wolf River choir will be opening for Jennie! Activities include decorating a cookie, crafts, meeting Mr. and Mrs. Santa, and more. Make plans to attend this family Christmas event!



Pastor Shoup recently informed our missionaries in Eastern Europe, Pastor Dusan Vanko in Romania and Viola Fronkova in Slovakia, that St. Paul would be sending a wire transfer of funds to them from our annual Hope In Him mission offering. Dusan and Viola each sent Pastor Shoup – and the dedicated members of St. Paul – the following joyful responses:

Hello Tim,

Thank You very much for the good news!

Thank You and all brothers and sisters from Bonduel for Your new offering, for all Your generosity and Your willingness to help us! We highly appreciate it! We appreciate the act of the family, that decide to offer so generous amount, too! Please say a big "Thank You!" from us!

Our Lord God bless You all!

Thank You all!!!

Dusan

Dear brother pastor Timothy,

God bless you always, and your family and the St Paul Church family.

I have got the information on the 1st of December the wire transfer has come on my account from the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you again and again.

I am not serving you, yet you have been helping me in such a wonderful loving way. Who has it better in this world than myself? If I am in need, I can call to the Lord, the help comes from Bonduel - it helps me grow in faith.

I came yesterday from Kokava to Bratislava - in train I had the seat beside three Gypsies - it had been really an exceptional talk - two of them, father and his son reading the Bible, with seeking the truth; the 3rd one very confused, full of very false, fearful stories - I have given him my Bible, to come out of his fear and confusions.

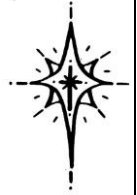
Dear Timothy, I myself have to be better evangelist, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind" Acts 17,11

Yours in Him,

Viola

We here at St. Paul are privileged to support the ministries of Pastor Vanko and Viola as they continue to bring Jesus and His saving Word to people who presently do not have Him. Please keep them in your prayers!

## Upcoming Worship Services



**Please mark your calendar! Note the times of the worship services, and join us as we worship the newborn King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**

**Thursday, December 15 —7:00pm—Advent 4 worship,  
a *Dramatic Presentation of Luke 1*, and Holy Communion**

**Sunday, December 18 —9:00am— Advent 4 worship,  
a *Dramatic Presentation of Luke 1*, and Holy Communion**

**Tuesday, December 20 —7:00pm**  
Children's Christmas Service — Grades 5-8     *Don't Be Afraid*

**Thursday, December 22 —7:00pm**  
Children's Christmas Service — Grades 1-4     *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### Christmas Eve Worship

**Saturday, December 24 — 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm**

### Christmas Day Worship

**Sunday, December 25 — 9:00am**

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

**Dec. 15**     Kyle Zastrow

**Dec. 18**     John Jacobs

## SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

**Dec. 15**     Patti Herrmann

**Dec. 18**     Amy Schmidt

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 12/11 Book Fair in Fellowship Hall**  
8:00am Worship  
9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle)  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Adult Education Hour (Music Room)  
10:15am **Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten Christmas service**
- Monday 12/12** 7:30am Strong Bodies  
6:15pm Board of Christian Education – Parents Welcome
- Tuesday 12/13** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting  
5:30pm Church Work Scholarship Committee  
6:30pm Church Council
- Wednesday 12/14** 8:15am Chapel  
11:00am Worship — Holy Communion  
1:00pm Ladies Aid meeting  
4:00pm Food Pantry  
5:30pm Gr. 7 & 8 Public School Confirmation  
5:30pm SPYRT Christmas Party  
6:00pm Gr. 5 & 6 Public School Confirmation  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 12/15** 1:00pm Mission Circle  
**7:00pm Worship with Luke 1 Presentation and Holy Communion**
- Friday 12/16** **7:15-8:10am HeBrews Drive thru Coffee**  
7:30am Strong Bodies
- Saturday 12/17**
- Sunday 12/18** **9:00am Worship with Luke 1 Presentation and Holy Communion**



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