A stylized illustration of the Nativity scene. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, white, four-pointed stars. A large, bright, multi-pointed star, representing the Star of Bethlehem, is positioned at the top center, casting a vertical beam of light down towards the manger. Below the star, the words "Son of God" are written in a large, elegant, white cursive font. At the bottom of the illustration, a white silhouette of a manger is shown. Inside the manger, the Virgin Mary is kneeling on the left, and Joseph is kneeling on the right, both looking towards the infant Jesus who is lying in a manger. The manger is set on a white, curved horizon line.

# Son of God

*She shall bring forth a son,  
and thou shalt call his name JESUS:  
for he shall save his people from their sins.*

MATTHEW 1:21

# St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

December 24, 2022

## *The Nativity of Our Lord* *Christmas Eve*



### Processional Hymn

### *O Come All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him

Born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy,

Light of Light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;

Son of the Father

Now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God

In the highest:

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

# Christmas Eve Litany and Lighting of the Wreath

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

**Amen.**

**B**eloved in Christ, in this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass. Dear Lord, we pray, speak to us this night as you first spoke to Your servants who heard the angels. Give to us faith as you gave to Joseph, to Mary, and to the shepherds. Bring true joy to our hearts, joy that finds peace and contentment in knowing the Lord is come. And let us make glad this house of the Lord with our carols of praise, for indeed...

The promised Deliverer has come.

**In the midst of our deepest need He has come to us all.**

Sadly, we must confess. We wander away from the manger.

**We make in our hearts no room for Him.**

As the world speeds up,

**we close Him out, clutching tightly to hollow promises.**

We grow accustomed to our own sinfulness.

**We cannot comprehend – the cross awaiting the Bethlehem baby was for our transgression.**

But today in the city of David,

**A Savior is born.**

He is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving,

**because He alone is born to deliver us from sin, death and hell.**

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,

**upon them has the light shined.** (Isaiah 9:2)

*(The Advent Wreath center candle is lit – four candles – four weeks of Advent – the center Christ Candle – We rejoice in His birth!)*



For unto us a Child is born,

**to us a Son is given!**

And the government shall be upon his shoulder:

**And his name shall be called Wonderful,**

Counselor,

**The mighty God,**

The everlasting Father,

**The Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah 9)

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

**"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,**

and they will call him Immanuel" —

**Which means, "God with us."** (Isaiah 7)

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,

**Because He will save His people from their sins.** (Matthew 2)

Hymn

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,

And, gathered all above

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wond'ring love.

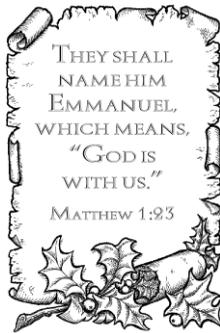
O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the king

And peace to all the earth!

for unto you  
is born this day  
in the city of  
David  
a Savior,  
who is Christ  
the Lord.



O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

## A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 7:10–14*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be as deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem

2:00pm *O Holy Night*

4:00pm *All Is Well*

## A Reading from the Apostle John

*1 John 4:7–16*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us

and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav’nly music floats  
O’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov’ring wing,  
And ever o’er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.

For lo, the days have come to pass  
By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God's ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
The song the angels sing.

## The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

## Hymn

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

## Sermon

### **Immanuel! Imagine That!**

*Matthew 1:18-25*

## Hymn (stand)

### *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

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, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

## Offering

(please fill out the red fellowship book at the end of each pew)

# Christmas Medley

## *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy,  
    Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
    Oxen lowing,  
    Little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
    Swiftly winging,  
    Angels singing,  
    Bells are ringing,  
    Tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping,  
    Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
    Saw the glory,  
    Heard the story,  
Tidings of a Gospel true.  
    Thus rejoicing,  
    Free from sorrow,  
    Praises voicing,  
    Greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!

## *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
    And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
    Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
    Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.



## *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky look down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

## Prayers

### Lord's Prayer

### Lighting of the Candles

*(Please tip the unlit candle when lighting; always holding lit candles upright.)*

## Benediction

### Hymn

### *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

*(After the hymn, please extinguish candles and be seated. Please wait to be ushered out.)*

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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup                      Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organist** Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Music** 2:00pm Ayden Dunst, Morgan Dunst, Maureen Zernicke  
4:00pm Willa Rusch, Amy Rottier, Ann Wasmund  
**Acolytes** Payten Bierhals                      Andrew Kolaske                      Griffin Reisner

# 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, Gene Tessmann, Mark Welch, and Cindy Wiseman.*



**We Pray For . . .** the family of *Marilyn Ebert*, who was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday, December 14, and received Christian burial at St. Paul on Monday, December 19.

# Announcements

**The congregation will be purchasing . . .** a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary. We are gladly receiving offerings to cover the cost of several thousand dollars. A basket is under the Lord's Prayer plaque in the narthex.



**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.

**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.

**Amicos SPYRT Fundraiser . . .** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, Amicos in Bonduel will donate 25% of the days sales to our SPYRT youth group. Support our youth and support a local business, beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Out of Egypt" *Matthew 2:13-23***

"Out of Egypt I called my son." With these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook on WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

***Attendance—December 15/18, 2022***

Thursday	12/15	7:00pm	129/107
Sunday	12/18	9:00am	<u>347/257</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>476/364</b>
		<b>Livestream Views</b>	<b>288</b>

**Lutherans for Life Signature Ad . . .** Sign up in the narthex after all services starting December 29 through January 8.

**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).

**A Word From Your Wolf River Principal . . .** I would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. This Christmas, we celebrate “Immanuel” (God with us). Without Christ’s presence among us, we would be lost. Through God’s presence working within us, we are being healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole. I pray you have a fantastic Christmas. *Mrs. Kosmerchock*

**WRLHS Christmas Break Office Hours . . .** Wolf River will be open December 27-29 from 8:00am - 12:00pm each day. Normal hours resume on January 3, 2023.





# POINSETTIAS 2022

*Placed with thanksgiving to the glory of God for His Son by:*

*Ron & Amy Schmidt and Family*

*Julie Vomastic*

**PLACED IN MEMORY OF . . . . . PLACED BY**

- Mark Adkins* ..... *Dianne Adkins and Family*
- Larry Reisner, Maynard Bahr, and  
Marvin Murphy* ..... *Kevin Bahr and Family*
- Jeff, Shelby and Dennis Bahr* ..... *Sally Bahr and Family*
- Loved ones now departed* ..... *Jon and Karen Baker*
- Robert Bleick, Albert & Emma Graf* ..... *Bleick Family*  
*Heather Bleick , Matthew Suski*
- Maynard and Marcella Boerst, Marlene, Marsha* .. *The Family*
- Warren and Margarette Born* ..... *Sheldon and Barbara Born Family*
- Florence Buelow* ..... *Her Family*
- Bob Buettner* ..... *Barbara Buettner*
- Bob, Marlene, and Jeff Buettner* ..... *Their Family*
- William Buss* ..... *Adam Buss and Trisha Wolf*
- Gerald Dehn* ..... *Betty Dehn and Family*
- Stan and Delores Gasser, and Jerry Dehn* ..... *Mari Dehn and Brooks Dehn*
- John Dobratz* ..... *His Family*
- In memory of our parents* ..... *Doug and Geraldine Druckrey*
- Adolph and Rose Druckrey* ..... *Children and Families*
- John H. Engel* ..... *Tim and Amy Engel*
- Germaine, Dennis, and Brian Frank* ..... *John Frank*
- Lyle and Patty Ann Gehm* ..... *Carol Gehm and Family*
- Rolly and Bob Genke* ..... *Diane Genke*
- George and Emma Gehm,* ..... *James J. and Ione Grunewald*  
*Curtis and Arlene Grunewald*
- Justin Jeske* ..... *His Family*
- Henry and Eleanor Klosterman* ..... *Klosterman Family*
- Kristine Knuettel Reinke* ..... *Roger Knuettel Family*
- RoJean Knuettel* ..... *Roger Knuettel Family*
- Ray and Mary Braun* ..... *Ken, Cheryl, Kohn and Family*

<i>Vernon and Victoria Kohn</i> .....	Ken, Cheryl, Kohn and Family
<i>Loved Ones</i> .....	Steve and Lisa Lemhouse
<i>“Sally” Luepke</i> .....	Larry Luepke Family
<i>David McClone</i> .....	Tom and Lois McClone and Family
<i>Allen Marohl</i> .....	His Family
<i>Lauren Marohl</i> .....	Lauren’s Family
<i>Audrey Moede</i> .....	Her Family
<i>Richard, Parents, and Grandparents</i> .....	Carol Moede and Family
<i>George and Elda Sager, James Sager</i> .....	D.J. and Lana Reinke
<i>Kristine Reinke</i> .....	Her Children and Grandchildren
<i>Charles and Doris Mueller</i> .....	Johnny and Kris Reinke
<i>John and Geraldine Reinke</i>	
<i>All Grandparents Now Departed</i> .....	Steve Reisner Family
<i>Our Parents and Brothers</i> .....	Ellen and Dennis Rudzinski
<i>Rev. Mark and Gladys Wegner, and</i> .....	Richard and Carol Wegner
<i>Luther and Naomi Leininger</i>	
<i>David Wegner</i> .....	Sandy Wegner and Family
<i>Fred and Irene Westphal</i> .....	Their Family
<i>Jenny Wickman-Hacker and our parents</i> .....	Barb Wickman
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<i>Loved Ones</i> .....	Rob and Glenda Woldt
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<i>Jeff and Taylor Wolf</i> .....	Wolf Family
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<i>Rachel and Dale Wussow</i> .....	Their Family
<i>George and Wilma Zernicke</i> .....	Betsy and Tom Zernicke
<i>Betty Rae and Randal Schmidt</i>	

*Poinsettias may be taken home following the  
Christmas Day service on December 25<sup>th</sup>.*



## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>9:00am Christmas Day Worship—Holy Communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/26</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/27</b>	7:00pm Men's Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	4:00pm – 5:00pm Food Pantry
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/29</b>	7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/30</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/31</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/1</b>	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

**Dec. 29** Tyler McClone

## SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

**Dec. 29** Patti Herrmann

**Jan. 1** Maureen Zernicke                      Barb Wickman



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