

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
December 15/18, 2022

## *The Fourth Sunday in Advent*



### **Welcome to the House of the Lord.**

Today we will hear a presentation of Luke 1:1–80. Mary’s song, known by the Latin title, the Magnificat, is a primary component of Luke’s first chapter. It has been sung in worship since the sixth century. Today, a young maiden of our congregation will sing Mary’s song, the words she intoned after Gabriel announced her conception by the Spirit’s power, and after Elizabeth exclaimed to her, “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

And Mary said,

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is His name.  
He has mercy on those who fear Him in ev’ry generation.  
He has shown the strength of His arm;  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of His servant Israel,  
For He has remembered His promise of mercy,  
The promise He made to our fathers,  
To Abraham and His children forever.”

**Prelude**      9:00am      *Advent Passacaglia: Savior of the Nations, Come*

**Opening Hymn**      352      *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

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| 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,<br>Who has truly kept His word<br>And at last to us did send<br>Christ, the sinner's help and friend.     | 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head<br>That, set free from doubt and dread,<br>I may cling to You in faith,<br>Safely kept through life and death. |
| 2 What the fathers most desired,<br>What the prophets' heart inspired,<br>What they longed for many a year,<br>Stands fulfilled in glory here. | 6 Then when You will come again<br>As the glorious king to reign,<br>I with joy will see Your face,<br>Freely ransomed by Your grace.             |

**Baptism**      9:00am      *Walker Alan Homan*

## **Confession and Absolution**

Let us pray.

O Lord, today we hear Your angel Gabriel announce to Mary that she would conceive and give birth to our Savior, Jesus, and promise to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth would bear a son, John the Baptist, who would point us to Him. Teach us to repent, and fill our hearts with such joyful hope in anticipation of seeing You, that we vow to live for You in all we say and do.

We confess, Almighty God,

**were it not for our sin,**

there would be no need for You to have left the glory of heaven

**to come to Bethlehem to be crucified in Jerusalem.**

But we have sinned.

**We have sinned by what we have done and left undone.**

We surely have not loved You with our whole heart.

**Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Lord, forgive us.

**Be merciful to us, O Lord.**

O Lord, though we have no right to ask, You have invited us to pray.

**Pour Your forgiveness, mercy, and peace over our hearts.**

Let us have joy and gladness for the sake of Your Son.

**Let us rejoice because You suffered death and rose from the dead.**

Teach us to have peace and hope, not as the world gives,

**But the peace and hope established in Your resurrection, ascension, and promise to return.**

Let us rejoice on Christmas Day.

**Let us praise You on the Day You appear.**

As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace!

**Amen!**

**Hymn**

**357**

*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!

**Men**

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

### ***Instrumental Solo***

*O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
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!

### **Women**

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
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!

## **An Introduction to Luke 1:1–80**

Today we witnessed a Baptism and we will receive Christ's body and blood. These two manifestations of God – His means of grace – Holy Baptism and the Holy Supper – cradle today's *spoken* Word.

We are about to hear the angel Gabriel promise the impossible to two people. Elderly Zechariah's wife was barren. Mary was a virgin. God promised a son to both.

We will also hear two momentous, God-inspired testimonies that Luke includes in his first chapter. One is from Zechariah, the father of the boy who would become the prophet of the Most High. Another is from Mary, the virgin who believed she would give birth to the One who *is* the Most High.

Mary rejoices in God her Savior. She praises Him and expresses humility without addressing Him by name, or by saying "You." She praises the Lord by talking about Him, not to Him. Mary says "He" ten times, and completes each phrase with one of His saving actions. He has looked... He has done great things... He has shown strength... He has scattered the proud... and more. When it is sung today, you may follow the words printed on the cover.

Zechariah's hymn has two halves. First, Zechariah uses past tense verbs to stress the saving actions God *has accomplished* for His people. "He has redeemed... and raised up a horn of salvation..." Second, Zechariah uses future tense verbs to emphasize what God *will do* through His prophet John to "prepare the way," "to give knowledge of salvation to His people," and "to give light to those who sit in darkness."

The purpose of our hearing Luke 1:1–80 is identical to God's purpose for Zechariah's son, John,

“...to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

Let us pray.

Dear Lord God, in light of Gabriel's announcements of the miraculous gifts of two sons – the prophet, John, and our Savior, Jesus – lead us lead us to repent, prepare us to receive our Savior on Christmas Day, and keep us ready to join together with saints and angels in everlasting praise, glory, and peace on the Last Day.

**Amen.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter beginning with the first verse.

**Glory to You, O Lord!**

## **Presentation of the Word**

### **Offering**

(Please sign the guest register and pass to others)

### **Prayer of the Church**

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, 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; for by the Holy Spirit Your Son was conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary and brought forth in the substance of our human flesh that we might partake of His divine life. By your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us, when by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously deliver and preserve us, O Lord. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution Hymns

- 960 *Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old*
- 962 *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*
- 375 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*
- 333 *Once He Came in Blessing*
- 362 *O Sing of Christ*
- 354 *Arise, O Christian People*

### Post-Communion Prayer

We humbly and joyfully thank You, almighty God, because You have given to us pardon and peace in this Holy Meal of Your Son's body and blood, and we ask You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You in times of hardship and gladness, and to love and serve others at all times, even as we anticipate the glorious Day of Your return, the ushering in of Your peaceable Kingdom which has no end, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**            **389**            *Let All Together Praise Our God*

**Postlude**        9:00am        *Angels We Have Heard on High*



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# *Serving the Lord in Worship*

<b>Pastors</b>	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
<b>Pianist</b>	Thursday — Willa Rusch	
<b>Organist</b>	Sunday — Mrs. Lorraine Doell	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kyle Zastrow	John Jacobs

## *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.*



**Baptism . . .** *Walker Alan Homan*, son of Matthew and Katlynn Homan, was born on November 5, 2022, and he will be baptized during the 9:00am service this weekend. His sponsors are Brock Robaidek and Mike Homan.

**Altar Flowers . . .** have been placed to the glory of God in memory of *Germaine Frank*, who passed away five years ago on December 17, and in memory of *Dennis Frank*, who passed away forty six years ago on December 12.

**Bulletin Sponsor . . .** This weekend's bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God by Marilyn Dobratz in memory of *John Dobratz's* 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 16.

## *Announcements*



**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.

**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. Please use the basket 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.

**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 . . . "A Shoot from the Stump" *Isaiah 11:1***

A shoot springs forth from the stump of Jesse. Is it a sign of hope--or a threat? 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.

Pastor Shoup has again heard from Pastor Dusan Vanko to confirm that he has indeed received the transfer of funds from our Hope In Him mission offering. Pastor Vanko serves congregations in poor and remote areas of Romania, and he is exceedingly grateful for the help he receives from St. Paul.

Dear Tim,

The money are on my account. Thank you from all my heart! I am very thankful for Your help, in this difficult times. It is for us very helpfully. I wish You a blessed advent season too, to Your family and congregation!

Dusan

It is a privilege to support Pastor Vanko's and Viola Fronkova's ministries in Eastern Europe. The support and prayers of our members here at St. Paul are very dear to their hearts.

***Attendance—December 8/11, 2022***

Thursday	12/8	7:00pm	104
Sunday	12/11	8:00am	178
Sunday	12/11	10:15am	<u>303</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>585</b>
		<b>Livestream Views</b>	<b>177</b>

**A Word From Your Wolf River Principal . . .** As Christmas busyness overtakes the season, last weekend was a joyous time for me. Welcoming people to the Christmas Extravaganza Vendor and Craft fair at Wolf River allowed me to meet people and share the light of Jesus with them. We had an amazing turnout and the crafters and vendors shared the joy of Christmas with the visitors. It was exciting to see all the families and guests on Sunday take a moment and participate in the free activities and concert. As always Jennie Williamson didn't disappoint and my choir was able to share the love of Jesus through their voices. I am so thankful to be a part of such a wonderful ministry, where I am able to share Jesus at Christmas time and each day of the year.

Blessings, *Mrs. Kosmerchok*

**Little Eagles Basketball Camp . . .** For boys and girls grades 5k–3<sup>rd</sup>, learn basketball skills from WRLHS coaches and players on Saturdays, February 11, 18, and 25, 9:00am – 10:30pm. Registration fee is \$30 and due January 13. Forms are available in the church office. For more information please call 715–745–2400.



## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/18</b>	<b>9:00am Worship—Holy Communion and Luke 1 Presentation</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/19</b>	7:30am Strong Bodies 6:00pm Board of Evangelism/Online Ministry 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/20</b>	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting <b>7:00pm Grades 5-8 Christmas Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/21</b>	8:15am Chapel 5:30pm Gr. 7 & 8 Public School Confirmation 6:00pm Gr. 5 & 6 Public School Confirmation 7:05pm Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/22</b>	<b>7:00pm Grades 1-4 Christmas Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/23</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>2:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</b> <b>4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</b> <b>7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>9:00am Christmas Day Worship—Holy Communion</b>

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

<b>Dec. 24</b>	Andrew Kolaske	Jamison Morris	Griffin Reisner
<b>Dec. 25</b>	Gabe Delzer		

## SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

<b>Dec. 22</b>	Sandy Staszak
<b>Dec. 25</b>	Peggy Buchholz

## 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!**

**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 with Holy Communion**



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