

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song Sunday *Go Into the World*

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 4:12–25

Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Common Responory

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is set in the heavens.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn 856 *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*

Sermon

Offering (*Please fill in the friendship register found on the end of each pew.*)

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Closing Hymn 923 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Music St. Paul Lutheran School Staff and Students

Acolyte Adalyn Frappy Sawyer Rank

Prayers

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



Announcements

Join us! Fellowship Time! . . . Each week starting at 9:00am after our first worship service everyone is invited for simple snacks and a time to chat. We are moving the food and drink closer to the sanctuary with the desire for more people to join us. Come! Enjoy!

Plan to Attend – Voters’ Meeting . . . on Sunday, January 29 at 11:30am. There are several items on the agenda. The Annual Report is available in the narthex.

Agenda

1. 2023 Update on current plan for our Church & School
 - Payoff remaining mortgage
 - Update on Hope in Him
 - Possibility of expanding pre school
 - School Repair update - bathrooms
2. Cemetery Land Purchase Proposal
 - Approximately 12.5 acres for \$11,000/acre
 - Determine best financing options if purchase approved
3. LCMS President Voter Registration (Select Pastoral and Lay Voter for Congregation)
4. Congregational Nominations for LCMS President, Vice President & Regional Vice President
5. 2023 St Paul Board/Committee Nominations and Election
6. WRLHS Association Annual Membership Dues

Year-end Giving Statements . . . for 2022 are located on the table in the fellowship hall. Please pick yours up today.

<i>Attended/Communed—January 12/15, 2023</i>			
Thursday	1/12	7:00pm	90/ 75
Sunday	1/15	8:00am	190/148
Sunday	1/15	10:15am	<u>145/103</u>
Total			425/326
Livestream Views			116

Hope in Him January 2020–December 2022					
3-year special offering					
As of December 31, 2022					
	Mortgage	School Repair	WRLHS	Missions	Total
Pledged	\$173,721	\$74,041	\$43,002	\$11,352	\$302,115
Received	\$362,180	\$123,853	\$60,419	\$19,687	\$566,138

A Hope in Him Giving Goal for 2023! . . . Our building project in 2007-2008 cost \$4,000,000. Your faithful, grace-inspired giving leaves us \$220,000. Can we knock that out in 2023? The Council is recommending to the Voters that we adopt the goal for 2023: Let’s finish off the mortgage.

Thrivent Choice . . . It's that time of year again for Thrivent members to designate their Choice dollars. Please call 800–847–4836, M–F 7:00am – 6:00pm, or go online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Any problems call Phyllis Uelmen at 715–745–6596.

Lutheran Schools Week . . . begins this Sunday. You will be handed a small sheet of paper with the name of one of our students on it. Please place the name in a place at home where you will see it and pray, for the remainder of this school year, that the student will know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Hopelessly Hopeful" *Colossians 1:27*
 Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal . . . If you have been receiving the Lutheran Witness our would like to sign up for the monthly magazine, or if you would like to know more about it, please stop by the table in the narthex. The Lutheran Witness provides lay people with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and helps interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. The cost for the annual subscription is \$19.25 to receive by bulk mailing to St. Paul. If you leave money for a subscription in at the office, please put cash or a check to St. Paul in an envelope labeled MISSION CIRCLE, Lutheran Witness, with your name. If you have any questions, please contact Willa Rusch.

Spaghetti Dinner . . . Today on Sunday, January 22 from 10:30am – 1:00pm, Wolf River Lutheran High School will serve its fourth annual spaghetti dinner which will include the following menu: spaghetti and meatballs, green salad with dressing, garlic bread, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are \$7, and children aged five and under are free. Please call or text Joan at 715–851–2741 with questions. Takeout will be available!

A Word from your Wolf River Principal . . . Monday is an exciting night at Wolf River! We are hosting a registration fair from 4:00pm–6:00pm for all new and returning students. There will be drawings for prizes for each person that registers. I look forward to seeing the 8th graders again and beginning enrollment for next year! I love watching the registration forms come into the school so that our plans for next year can begin! We will be creating a cross in our commons with all the names of our future Silver Eagles. Have a wonderful week in the Lord. Blessings, *Mrs. Kosmerchock*

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

Jan. 29 10:15am Peyton Bierhals

SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

Jan. 26 Sandy Staszak
Jan. 29 Karla Moede Amy Schmidt

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 1/22** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid)
9:00am Bible Bowl Practice
9:00am Bible Study
10:15am Worship
- Monday 1/23** 7:30am Strong Bodies
- Tuesday 1/24** 7:00am Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
7:00pm Men's Club
- Wednesday 1/25** 8:15am Chapel
4:00pm – 5:00pm Food Pantry
5:30pm Gr. 7 & 8 Public School Confirmation
6:00pm Gr. 5 & 6 Public School Confirmation
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Bible Bowl Practice
7:00pm Choir
- Thursday 1/26** 7:00pm Worship
- Friday 1/27** 7:30am Strong Bodies
- Saturday 1/28**
- Sunday 1/29** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Christian Education)
9:00am Bible Bowl Practice
9:00am Bible Study
10:15am Worship



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