

# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Online services and materials can be found weekly at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com)

December 10/12/13, 2020

Advent 3

**Order of Service:** Service Folder

**Sermon:** Isaiah 61:1-3,10,11

## **The Year of the Lord's Favor**

It belongs to you!

So, proclaim it in all you do.

## Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** Please sit on the end of the pew where the blue tape is located. If you are only 1 or 2, please sit in a shorter pew. **Please observe safe spacing.**
- **We have a t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These folders contain the entire service. *Please take it and the bulletin home with you.* Large prints are available on the info center.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands near the door.
- After the service, please visit outside. Thank you!

**Ushers** this weekend are teams 1 (D. Schumacher) and 3 (M. Peachy). Next weekend (Dec. 19/20) teams 4 (C. Hintz) and 6 (R. Wilhelms) will usher. Thank you to all who help! Our greeting schedule is currently still on hold.

**God's Word this week:** We can become enamored with eloquent and influential speakers who promise wealth and ease. But Malachi said that the true messenger of God would be another Elijah. He would speak God's Word and prepare people for God's judgment. He would turn fathers' hearts to their children and vice versa. Through the Word comes real change in our faith-born outlook. Through the Word comes humility that longs to serve God.

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### December 10 - 20, 2020

12/10	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship
12/12	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship
12/13	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study
		10:00am	Bible Information Class
		1:00pm	Preschool Christmas (view online)
12/14	<b>Mon</b>	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
12/16	<b>Wed</b>	8:45am	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Church Council
12/17	<b>Thu</b>	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
12/19	<b>Sat</b>	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
12/20	<b>Sun</b>	9:00am	Worship with Communion
		10:00am	Bible Study
		10:00am	Bible Information Class
		1:00pm	Student Christmas Service (view online)
		5:00pm	Student Christmas Service (view online)

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### Other worship opportunities:

- Online at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) (Recorded services are available anytime or livestream it at 9:00am Sundays.)
- WELS Sunday radio: AM1450 and AM1280 at 8:00am; AM1430 at 9:30am.
- WELS Sunday TV: *Time of Grace* on Green Bay NBC-26 at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 at 10:30am.

**Bible Study** for students of all ages is Wednesday at 8:45am and Sunday at 10:00am. We are learning about the times, people, and places of the Bible that will help God's "Book of books" come alive as we read it at home. We meet in the church where there is plenty of space. Our final classes are Dec. 16 & 20 before Christmas break.

**Worship attendance:** Members and guests can sign up to attend worship at [www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com](http://www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com) or call 922-1080. If you forget to sign up, please come anyway.

**Christmas Cards:** Christian Christmas cards are available in the library at our cost as a service to members. You can pay on the honor system by following the simple instructions.

**Divine Call:** As announced last week, our voters called *Pastor Alex Groth*, currently serving Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Cincinnati, OH, as associate pastor. Please keep him and his wife Carrie in your prayers as they deliberate where God will use them best in service to his kingdom.

**Stewardship Moment:** “When spring arrives and the weather is warmer, grade-school children are eager to go outside for recess. They jump from their seats when the bell rings. Because we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus, we, as God’s people, are just as eager to serve our God. Our life of stewardship is not an unpleasant burden. It is a way of life that we enjoy.” (*Stewardship: What I Do with what God Gave Me*, A. Wolfgramm, NPH, p. 31)

**Offerings:** If you are not yet attending because of the pandemic, here are options for sharing Christ’s good news with your offering:

- Send it to St. Paul’s Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the lock box post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone’s app store under “Giving Plus.” Thank you!

**Poinsettias:** This year our plant supplier had to place an order more than a month ago to ensure plants were available. The church has purchased a few, but if you would like to bring your own poinsettias to share with us for Advent and Christmas, please feel free to do so!

**Face coverings:** The Lord directs us to obey earthly authorities unless they demand that we disobey God’s commands (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29; 1 Peter 2:13-17). Please wear a mask while inside the building. Please also remember that some do not wear masks because of age or medical exemptions.

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“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him” (Nahum 1:7).

**Christmas Services** will be Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>) at 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00pm and Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00am. New Year's Eve service will be at 6:30pm with the Lord's Supper. *Registration will be important for these special services.* Please do so online or by calling the office: 922-1080.

**Preschool Christmas:** This Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, St. Paul's Little Pioneers Preschool will share the good news of Jesus' birth! Although the service is by invitation only, you may watch online at [www.youtube.com/channel/UChRprSYpji\\_lieDP44Mc3mw/videos?view=2&live\\_view=502](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UChRprSYpji_lieDP44Mc3mw/videos?view=2&live_view=502).

**Our LES students** will have services next Sunday (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>) at 1:00 and 5:00pm. You will be able to stream these.

**Singers:** We're trying to put together small groups for singing, roughly 4-6 people at a time for Christmas and in the new year. Yes, masks will be used during rehearsal! If anyone is interested in singing, please contact Kathy Thurow at 922-8480 or [dkthurow@yahoo.com](mailto:dkthurow@yahoo.com).

**Envelopes for 2021**, arranged alphabetically, are now available on the tables across from the mailboxes. Please don't use them until 2021. This is a good time of the year to evaluate what portion of what God gives us we will return to him. *You may also pick up envelopes during the week during school hours.*

**Secretary:** We are grateful to God for his gift to St. Paul's of our next church and school secretary: *Amy Surian*. Amy is the wife of Tony and mother of Onalee, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in our school. She will begin in the next few weeks. We warmly welcome her and wish her God's blessings as she serves us all!

**Last week's gifts:** Current Fund-\$14,815.34; Missions-\$2,680; Improvement Fund-\$205; Mortgage Fund-\$1,887; Thanksgiving-\$90; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$20; Organ/Piano-\$50; WLA Building-\$100 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$4,301.34). Other receipts: Preschool-\$1,097; Extended Care-\$856.25. **Memorials:** \$620 to the Current Fund in memory Michael Brennand from Patricia Brennand; and a gift for the Piano Fund from Sharon Adams in memory of her parents Harold Langacker & Dorothy Young, sister-in-law LuAnn Langacker, and brother Michael Langacker.

## **Isaiah 61:1-3,10-11**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion -- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor....<sup>10</sup> I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

## **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup> pray continually; <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not put out the Spirit's fire; <sup>20</sup> do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup> Test everything. Hold on to the good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

## **John 1:6-8,19-28**

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light....<sup>19</sup> Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. <sup>20</sup> He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" <sup>24</sup> Now some Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup> questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup> He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.