

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

November 28/29, 2020

Advent 1

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Isaiah 63:16b,17; 64:1-8

O Lord, Rend the Heavens and Come Down

For the sake of your name

For the sake of your people

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** Please sit on the end of the pew where the blue tape is located. If you have a larger group, please sit in a longer pew. **For the benefit of all, please observe proper spacing.**
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. 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 11 (C. Williams) and 13 (T. Schwefel). Next weekend (Dec. 5/6) teams 14 (D. Babler) and 16 (B. Bruss) will usher. Schedules for ushering during 2021 will be distributed within a few weeks.

God's Word this week: Advent reminds us: Jesus is coming again. The world will end one day, maybe soon. If we seriously look at our sins, we have plenty of cause for fear and worry. But our lessons focus on the faithfulness of God who calls himself our Father and takes care of all the details. Instead of feeling down about the end drawing near, by God's grace, we see the richness we have in Christ and the gifts we have been given to serve him in these last days.

November 28 - December 6, 2020

11/28	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
11/29	Sun	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study (in the fellowship hall)
		10:00am	Voters Call Meeting (in the church)
11/30	Mon	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
12/02	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study
12/03	Thu	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
12/05	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
12/06	Sun	9:00am	Worship with Communion
		10:00am	Bible Study
		10:00am	Bible Information Class

Other worship opportunities:

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

Worship attendance: Members and guests can sign up to attend worship at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or call 922-1080. If you forget to sign up, please come anyway. We will continue the following worship schedule for the time being: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am. May the Holy Spirit lead us to be vigilant in continuing to hear God's faith-strengthening Word whether here in person, online, or broadcast on WELS radio or TV.

Divine Call: The voters will meet to issue a divine call for an associate pastor this Sunday, Nov. 29th, at 10:00am in the church.

Calendars and newsletters for December are on the table in the narthex.

Bible Study for students of all ages is Wednesday at 8:45am and Sunday at 10:00am in the church. We are discussing the times, people, and places of the Bible that will help God's wonderful "Book of books" come alive as we read it at home. We are in the fellowship hall this Sunday because of the call meeting at 10:00am.

Stewardship Moment: "Faith in Jesus Christ is a gift that can be lost. The Spirit's gift can be deliberately and systematically destroyed. Satan is our primary enemy, but he is not the only enemy. Each of us has the awesome power to renounce in a moment the faith that has been nourished for years by Christian parents and pastors." (*Stewardship: What I Do with what God Gave Me*, A. Wolffgramm, NPH, p. 59)

Offerings: If you are not yet attending because of the pandemic, here are some options for sharing the gospel 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 entrance.
- Use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus."

Food for Families Offering: We are continuing to gather monetary funds for less fortunate families this weekend. The funds will be shared with the North Fond du Lac Police Benevolent Association for distribution to community families at Christmas, and a portion will also be set aside for congregational families who have sudden monetary hardships. You can also send gifts indicated for *Food for Families* to the church (1010 Adams Ave.) or place them into the secure outside drop box. Thank you to all!

Advent by Candlelight: The women of WInGS invite all confirmed women of the congregation to join us for Advent by Candlelight on **Tuesday, December 8, 6:00pm**. The program is ***Silent Night, Holy Night***, a study of popular Christmas carols. There are some modifications this year - the entire event will be held in the church. Doors will open at 5:45pm and the program will start at 6:00. This has been a crazy, unsettling year, but we still wish to take time to reflect on the real reason for the Christmas season. Church seating rules will apply and masks are required. We hope you can join us!

Face coverings: The Lord directs us to obey 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 exemptions.

Christmas Services will be Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24th) at 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00pm and Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25th) 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.

Last week's gifts: Current Fund-\$11,080.66; Missions-\$1,169.50; Improvement Fund-\$220; Mortgage Fund-\$3,543; Early Thanksgiving-\$1,740; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$50; St. Paul's Student Aid-\$25; Gym Improvement-\$25; (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$6,915.07). Other receipts: Preschool-\$442; Extended Care-\$732.50. **Memorials:** A gift to the Current Fund in memory of Harold Gilbertson from his sister, Janet White; a gift to the Current Fund in memory of Diane Kieckbusch from Darlene Zepczyk.

WLA is seeking a qualified candidate for a Special Education Paraprofessional position. More information about this position is available at www.wlavikings.org.

WELS Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

OWLS: Even though the Flyway OWLS Chapter is not meeting at the present time, the national office in New Ulm still has monthly expenses (rent, telephone, electric, heat, part time secretary salary). OWLS members are encouraged to pay their national dues for 2021 (\$15/person) to be mailed together in January as a group payment from the Flyway OWLS Chapter 77. Please make your check out to OWLS and mail it to: Stefanie Gutermann, P.O. Box 366, Brownsville, WI 53006. Thank you.

"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord" (1 Peter 3:15).

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1-8

You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. ¹⁷ Why, O LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way -- in all your speaking and in all your knowledge -- ⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Mark 13:32-37

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"