



“Blessed  
are those who  
have not seen  
and yet have  
come to  
BELIEVE.”

John 20:29, NRSV

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

April 22/23, 2017

## *The Second Sunday of Easter*

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

He is Risen. He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! The doors were locked. But locked doors were certainly not an issue for the God-man Jesus, the very Son of the living God, who was dead, but now is alive! Even as He made His way past the locked doors into the presence of the disciples that first Easter, so He makes His way to you this day. He enters into your sin filled, death assured lives, and brings His life giving light and love and forgiveness. Even as Jesus spoke to Thomas, so He speaks to you, “No longer be an unbeliever, rather have faith, be a believer!” Blessings on your worship as His life giving Word strengthens your faith unto eternal life.

**He is Risen. He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**



**Opening Hymn**      **470**      *O Sons and Daughters of the King (Stanzas 1 – 3)*

**Baptism**                      10:15am      *Dakota Howard Hancock*

**Confession and Absolution**      **page 151**

**Psalmody**                      *Psalm 148*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

**praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;

**praise him, all his hosts!**

Praise him, sun and moon,

**praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens,

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD!

**For he commanded and they were created.**

And he established them forever and ever;

**he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,

**you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

fire and hail, snow and mist,

**stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Mountains and all hills,

**fruit trees and all cedars!**

Beasts and all livestock,

**creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

**princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Young men and maidens together,

**old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

**his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

**for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Kyrie**      page 152

**Hymn of Praise**      465      *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (Stanzas 1 – 2)*

## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading**      *Acts 5:29–42*

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." <sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**      *1 Peter 1:3–9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in

heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel** *John 20:19–31*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

***Glory to You, O Lord.***

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to You, O Christ.***

**Apostles' Creed**            **page 157 or inside back cover of hymnal**

**Hymn**        **470**            *O Sons and Daughters of the King (Stanzas 4 – 9)*

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**        **469**        *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*



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## **Serving the Lord in Worship**

<b>Liturgy</b>	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
<b>Organist</b>	Mrs. Debbie Welch		
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ruth Titler	Abby Ard	Noah Weier

## **Prayers**

**In Need of Healing . . .** *J.J. Brusewitz, Greyson Cornelius, Kathy Ebert, Tillie Kallies, Shirley Kieckhafer, Jeanne Klemp, Freda Krueger, Dorothy Krull, Ted Kupsky, Marian Monroe, Sandy Rosin, Brittany Slack, and David Wegner.*



**Baptism . . .** *Dakota Howard Hancock*, son of Shane and Brianna, will be baptized at the 10:15am service this weekend. He was born March 16, 2017, and his sponsors are Tyler Lardinois, Allison Lardinois, and Clinton and Elizabeth Hancock.

**Altar Flowers and Bulletin are sponsored . . .** to the glory of our risen Savior and in honor of *Tillie Kallies' 90<sup>th</sup>* birthday by her children and grandchildren.

## Announcements

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting . . .** will be held Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00pm. The agenda packets are available in the narthex.

**55+ Group . . .** will meet for a noon potluck on April 25. There is a change in plans. Instead of going to the Sun Drop Museum, we will have a guest speaker. Jean Pensis will be speaking on *Leader Dogs for the Blind*. She will bring a future leader dog, Apollo.

### ***Attended/Communed – April 13, 14, and 16, 2017***

Thursday	4/13	10:00am	81/77
Thursday	4/13	7:00pm	120/99
Friday	4/14	1:30pm	262
Friday	4/14	7:00pm	120
Sunday	4/16	6:00am	131/106
Sunday	4/16	8:00am	550/385
Sunday	4/16	10:15am	<u>375/235</u>
		Total	1639/902

**Information . . .** WE Energies (Hooper) is working on a project on Highline Rd and BE. They will be parking a trailer, vehicles, and roles of wiring on St. Paul's property by the north storage shed. St. Paul will receive rental income for the use of property.

**Lutheran Hour . . . "Unadulterated Fact"** The early believers knew two things to be true: Jesus performed miraculous works and He rose from the dead. (Acts 2:22-25) Tune in next Sunday to hear Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7.

*Easter lilies and other plants may be picked up following any of the services this weekend.*

**St. Paul gratefully accepted the following  
gifts in memory of:**

- † David C. Richter [1990--2017], to St. Paul Church, St. Paul Sunday School, and "Hope in Him" (St. Paul Mortgage Fund);
- † Gerald H. "Jerry" Frank [1936--2017], former St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" (St. Paul Mortgage Fund), and Wolf River Lutheran High School;
- † Richard H. "Dick" Gruenewald [1927--2017], former St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" (St. Paul Mortgage Fund);
- † Robert J. Rotter [1930--2017], childhood St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" (St. Paul Mortgage Fund);
- † Carol (Alft) Rotter [1934--2017], wife of Robert Rotter, to "Hope in Him" (St. Paul Mortgage Fund);
- † James E. "Jim" Brandt [1929--2016]. to St. Paul Choir (additional gift to those made in the past);
- † Harold [1925--2012] and Inez [1925--2006] Busch, to the Vanko Romanian Mission Fund (additional gift to those made in the past).

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund . . . Parents:** your child can earn 3.25% on a Young Investors Steward Account with the LCEF. When you invest in LCEF, you earn interest for your child's future while knowing that your money is helping build, expand, or renovate church and school facilities. Easter, confirmation, or birthday gifts make a great investment account beginning. For more information, call Mrs. Peggy Buchholz at 715-758-8715.



**A blood drive . . .** will be held at St. Paul on Monday, April 24 from 1:00 – 6:00pm. Thanks to generous supporters, the Red Cross is able to respond to disasters both large and small. A sign-up table is located in the entrance to the church. You may call the Red Cross for eligibility questions: (866) 236-3276. Online registration is also available for your convenience: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (enter sponsor code `stpaulbonduel`.) Our April treat will be orange juice and cookies! Please contact Audrey Wussow if you have any questions (715-758-8856).

**TOGETHER WE PREPARE**



**St. Jakobi Spaghetti Dinner . . .** On Sunday, April 30, a delicious spaghetti dinner will be served from 11:00am – 2:00pm at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church (W8089 County Road A, Town of Richmond). The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, salad, dessert, coffee, and milk. Cost is \$8.00 per plate, and \$2.00 for children age 5 and under. Carryouts will be available.



**St. Paul’s Altar Guild . . .** will be meeting on Monday, May 1, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Dues of \$5 for the year will be collected, and committees for June–November will be organized. More members are needed, and members serve two months out of the year. . Both women and men are welcome to join. Altar Guild is an easy way to serve the church and the Lord, and there are only two member meetings during the year. Anyone interested is welcome at the meeting to become better informed, or for details, contact Karen Baker, the Altar Guild chairman, at 715-853-9137.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Paul PTL Plant Sale . . .** is going on now. Order forms are available in the church/school office, or call Judy Schmidt at 715-509-0285. Order forms need to be returned to Judy as soon as possible. Plant pick-up date is Friday, May 12, 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Plants arrive in time for Mother’s Day and make beautiful gifts.



**Creation Museum/Ark Trip . . .** St. John Lutheran Church in Pulaski is hosting a 4-day trip to the Creation Museum and Ark in Kentucky this summer. They’ve kept costs as tight as possible—another local company hosting this trip is charging hundreds more per person. Space is limited so reserve your spot soon. Details may be found in the narthex.



### **Acolyte Schedule Next Week**

<b>4/29</b>	Alicia Oviedo	
<b>4/30</b>	Patiance Downs	Owen Springborn

### **SCRIP Schedule Next Week**

<b>4/29</b>	Peggy Buchholz	
<b>4/30</b>	Maureen Zernicke	Barb Wichman

**Church Work Scholarship Fund . . .** Many know that we have supported six young adults studying at Concordia University – Wisconsin for a full-time church career. In 2016, we distributed \$6,500 in scholarships to students from St. Paul. Supporting these young members in their preparation years is a great privilege for our congregation. Our Church Work Scholarship Fund provides a scholarship between \$500 and \$2,000 each of the 4 years these individuals are studying for their church work certification in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Next year 2017–2018, with one more young adult member planning on joining our four students currently enrolled, we are anticipating providing additional scholarships. Please prayerfully consider supporting our Church Work Scholarship Fund using the envelopes you will find in your church envelope box. Each year, we receive thank you notes from all of our scholarship recipients. Below are thank you notes from two recent Concordia University graduates.

Dear St. Paul Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for the financial aid that you have provided me for the last 3½ years. Without your generous financial help, my recent graduation would not have been possible. *Nathaniel D. Doell*

Dear St. Paul Congregation,

Thank you so much for the gift of money and also supporting me throughout my time at Concordia University as I pursue my Lutheran teaching degree. Your support has helped me greatly as I pay for my schooling. I am now awaiting my first call as I graduated this past December. Until then I have a long-term sub position starting in a few weeks until the end of the school year at Immanuel Lutheran in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Thank you again for all your support through the years. *Christina Dobratz*



I devoted myself to  
study and to explore...  
all that is done  
under heaven.

## Sunday School Attendance for April 9<sup>th</sup>

Students: 23

Volunteers: 7

The Sunday School spring session is underway. Last week the children learned about Palm Sunday. This weekend we will be sharing stories about the miracles of Jesus walking on water. Quest 5/6 group will be discussing the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment, Honor The Father and Mother. Sunday School will be held at the usual time on April 30 which is Confirmation Sunday.



**Little Lambs Sunday School . . .** Parents of infants-to-3-year-olds are welcome in the preschool room during the same Sunday School times for *Little Lambs*. Parents will meet other parents/guardians with small children, read stories, enjoy music, etc. No registration required.

**Wolf River Lutheran High School . . .** will perform its spring band and choral concert on April 27 at 7:00pm in the WRLHS gym, 220 Zachow St., Cecil.



**Construction of the new Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano** began the first week of April. It is exciting to see the progress. The building is scheduled to be completed for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. As you may know, **a donor has volunteered to contribute up to \$200,000 if we can match that amount. That offer is in effect until the end of May.** Every new dollar given during that time will be doubled by this matching gift. What better way to prepare students to attain their life goals and lead productive lives than to offer them secondary education in a Christian high school in the Shawano area! May God lead you to donate to this worthwhile mission knowing that your donation will be doubled. For more information or to make a pledge, call 715-745-2400 or mail your gift to Wolf River Lutheran High School, P.O. Box 77, Cecil, WI 54111. All gifts are truly appreciated.



## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**SUN. 4/23** 8:00am Worship  
9:00am Fellowship (St. Paul PTL)  
9:15am Bible Study and Sunday School  
10:15am Worship  
SCRIP collected  
11:15am Men's Club Steak Fry

**MON. 4/24** 7:30am Strong Bones  
1:00 – 6:00pm Blood Drive



**TUES. 4/25** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting  
12:00pm 55+ Group Luncheon  
7:00pm Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**WED. 4/26** 1:30pm Meadow View  
6:30pm Witness/Examination Service



**THURS. 4/27** 2:00pm Women's Bible Study

**FRI. 4/28** 7:30am Strong Bones  
SCRIP due by NOON

**SAT. 4/29** 1:30pm Plamann & Wagner Wedding  
7:00pm Worship  
SCRIP collected

**SUN. 4/30** 8:00am Worship  
9:00am Fellowship (Confirmation Class)  
9:15am Sunday School  
**9:45am Worship – Confirmation w/Holy Communion**  
SCRIP collected



**Unused Offering Envelopes . . .** may be dropped off in the box in the narthex or in the box in the church/school office. These are recycled and used for chapel offerings.