

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

*Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving*

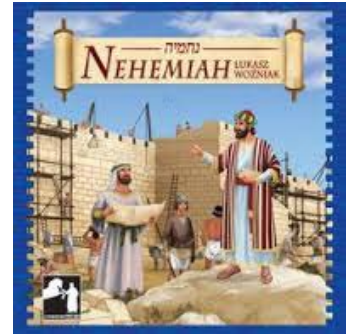
Bonduel, Wisconsin

July 13/16, 2017

## *The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **People to Meet In Heaven**

As we gather this day in the Lord's house of prayer and worship we continue our summer sermon series on "People To Meet In Heaven." Today we meet Nehemiah. We remember the Old Testament period of the kings. The first king was King Saul. The second king was King David. They were in Jerusalem about 1000 years before the time of Jesus. About 580 years before the time of Jesus, the people in the land of Israel were taken captive to Babylon. Seventy to eighty years later, about 500 years before Jesus, many of the Israelites were returning from Babylon and Persia to Jerusalem. The city had been devastated by war. It needed massive repairs. We are reminded this morning how God used His servant, Nehemiah, to help rebuild the capitol city of Jerusalem. Blessings on your worship.



**Opening Hymn 907**      *God Himself Is Present*

**Confession and Absolution p. 151**

**Psalmody**      *Psalm 65:9–13*

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,

**the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;**

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

**you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

**softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty;  
**your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
**the hills gird themselves with joy,**  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
**they shout and sing together for joy.**

**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.**

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

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## **Hymn      583      *God Has Spoken by His Prophets***

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

## **Old Testament Reading**      *Isaiah 55:10–13*

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Duet**      10:15am      *In Christ Alone*

## **Epistle Reading**      *Romans 8:12–17*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia and Verse**

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

## The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to You, O Christ.*

## The Nicene Creed

**Hymn**      673                      *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

**Sermon**    **Nehemiah**              *Nehemiah 1:1–4*

**Offering**    *Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.*

## Prayer of the Church

## The Service of the Sacrament p. 160

*Note for those desiring to commune...* Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Corinthians 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

**Distribution Hymns**                      814            783            716

**Post-Communion Canticle**    p. 164

**Post-Communion Collect and Benediction**    p. 165

**Closing Hymn**    919            *Abide, O Dearest Jesus (stanzas 1, 2 & 6)*



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastor**            Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organist**        Mrs. Lorraine Doell  
**Duet**             10:15am – Avery Thorne, Grace Thorne  
**Acolytes**        Kylie Hoeffs        Karlee Ziemer        Charlie Tauchen

## *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Elaine Buchholz, Greyson Cornelius, Kathy Ebert, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Dorothy Krull, Sandy Rosin, Jackson Rudzinski, Brittany Slack, Grant Staszak, Todd Wegner, and Leella Zitske.*

**Altar Flowers . . .** are placed to the glory of God by *Karl and Susan Beilfuss* in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 18<sup>th</sup> .



**Prayer of Thanks . . .** for the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts of so many donors who support the *Wolf River Lutheran High School building project*. The benefits of WRLHS will be noticed by our community through the work of our students and graduates.

## *Announcements*

**Summer Office Hours . . .** are Monday - Thursday 8:00am – 2:00pm, closed on Fridays from June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Shoup (715-853-8841) or Pastor Palmer (715-853-5225).

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**Quarterly voter's meeting at 7 pm—Tuesday, July 25th.**  
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**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Overcoming This World's Obstacles"** (*Romans 8:18-25*)  
Despite all the world's brokenness, God has something better in store for us, through Christ. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7.

### *Attendance – July 6/9, 2017*

Thursday	7/6	7:00pm	70
Sunday	7/9	8:00am	175
Sunday	7/9	10:15am	<u>130</u>
		Total	375

**Men's Club Brat Fry at Charlie's Country Market . . .** will take place on July 17, 18, and 19 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Li'l Red Barn.

**Share the Bounty . . .** invites local gardeners to share produce with people who can use it so that all can enjoy the bounty! Share your extra produce with the Bonduel Community Food Pantry here at St. Paul. Items may be dropped off in the school office.

**Webmaster position . . .** Do you enjoy working with websites and updating information for web pages? Wolf River Lutheran High School has a position open for someone with the skills and initiative needed to perform website maintenance. We are looking for someone who can use HTML5, CSS3, and WordPress to update our present website and keep the information current for our school. Please contact 715-853-3339 or leave your contact information with the school office at St. Paul, 715-758-8532.

## Vacation Bible School . . .



### St. Paul Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 30 through Thursday, August 3

How to sign up: [://www.stpaulbonduel.com/](http://www.stpaulbonduel.com/)

Questions: e-mail [@gmail.com](mailto:@gmail.com)

## Shawano County Fair Parking . . .

### Shawano County Fair Volunteers 31 through September 4



### Wolf River Lutheran High School Fundraiser . . .

Shawano County



It is sign-up time again for selling tickets, parking cars, or being a flagman at the Shawano County Fair. Volunteers receive free entry and free parking for their shift(s). Volunteers are needed to sign up for one or more shifts on any of the days listed during the fair schedule. A special thank you to all the people who have already signed up to work at the 2017 fair. There are still around 200 positions of 4 to 5 hours each that need to be filled. To sign up for your preferred choice of days and times, please email Karen Baker at [@tds.net](mailto:@tds.net) or call 715-853-9137 or 715-758-8874.

The shift times for Thursday through Sunday are:

	9:00am-1:30pm	1:30pm-6:00pm	6:00pm-10:00pm
Monday shifts:	9:00am-1:00pm	1:00pm-5:00pm	

**Attention Mission Circle . . .** Next Mission Circle meeting is Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm. Program will be a convention report from Shirley Krull and Debbie Welch.

# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>7/16</b>	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion SCRIP collected
<b>MON.</b>	<b>7/17</b>	7:30am Strong Bones 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Men's Club Brat Fry at Charlie's Country Market, 9am–5pm
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>7/18</b>	7:00am Bible Study Men's Club Brat Fry at Charlie's Country Market, 9am–5pm
<b>WED.</b>	<b>7/19</b>	11:00am Worship – Holy Communion 6:30pm Mission Circle Men's Club Brat Fry at Charlie's Country Market, 9am–5pm
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>7/20</b>	SCRIP due by noon 7:00pm Worship SCRIP collected
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>7/21</b>	<i>Church/School Office Closed</i> 7:30am Strong Bones
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>7/22</b>	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>7/23</b>	8:00am Worship 10:15am Worship SCRIP collected

## Acolyte Schedule Next Week

<b>7/20</b>	Andrew Schauder	
<b>7/23</b>	Lila Pleshek	Kendall Wilcox

## SCRIP Schedule Next Week

<b>7/20</b>	Sandy Staszak	
<b>7/23</b>	Louise Reisler	Barb Wickman