



Today
salvation
has come
to this
house....

Luke 19:9

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin
September 9/10, 2017

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

People to Meet in Heaven

Zacchaeus was the *chief* tax collector. He was rich, greedy, and despised by the people. He unfairly extracted money from the people. Something happened. We don't know what. Why did he run ahead to see Jesus? A man of short stature, he arrived at the area where Jesus was, and to get a good look, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree. "Come down from there!" the Lord encouraged Zacchaeus. "For today salvation has come to your house!" For years, something kept Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, and it wasn't his height. It was his lust, his love for the world, his selfishness. Here's the question. What is keeping you from seeing Jesus? Let's look at this in today's sermon, the last in our series, "People to Meet in Heaven: Zacchaeus"



We rejoice with our 3rd graders who will receive their gift Bibles today.

Between services is the first Bible Class on Luther in a 6-week study. Join us in the fellowship hall.

Sunday School begins between services today. Parents could come to the Luther class while children are in Sunday School.

Coming September 23/24 – A Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of our New Church and School Classrooms, the 10th Anniversary!

Coming October 29, 3:00pm — Special Reformation Service; 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!



Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 32:1–7

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Third Grade Bible Distribution

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s

servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music

Father Welcomes

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my

Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed **page 158 or inside back cover of hymnal**

Hymn **533** *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure*

Sermon **People to Meet in Heaven – Zacchaeus** *(Luke 19:1–10)*

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

Rededication of School Faculty

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **575** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*



Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Acolytes	Austin Prochaska	Judah Griesbach	Owen Springborn

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Mike Dellemann, Jr., Kathy Ebert, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Rev. Harley Kopitske, Dorothy Krull, Eugene Rusch, Doris Schmidt, Brittany Slack, Grant Staszak, Todd Wegner, Gary Wolf, and Leella Zitske.*



Announcements

Sunday School Starts Today! . . . September 10. There will be no pre-registration this fall. Simply join us any Sunday you can from 9:15am —10:05am. All children from age 3 to 6th grade are warmly welcomed. This fall's session will run from September 10 to November 12 under the theme "God is our Rescuer!"

Public School Confirmation classes . . . for grade 7 and up will be starting on Wednesday, September 13, at 5:00pm in the church meeting room off of the narthex. Please call Pastor Palmer at 715–853–5225 if there are any questions.

Attended/Communed – August 31/September 3, 2017

Thursday	8/31	7:00pm	95/ 67
Sunday	9/3	8:00am	157/131
Sunday	9/3	10:15am	<u>139/ 99</u>
		Total	391/297

So They Set Their Hope in Him

3-year special offering

As of August 31, 2017

	Mortgage	School Repair	Missions	WRLHS	Total
Pledged	\$547,935	\$388,595	\$40,442	\$107,314	\$1,084,286
Received	\$162,498	\$106,592	\$9,874	\$28,273	\$307,236

Thank you Thrivent Financial . . . and all who designated their choice dollars to St. Paul Church, School, or Preschool. With the extra program of \$50 dollars for doing it on-line, the total was **\$7,593** for August 2017.

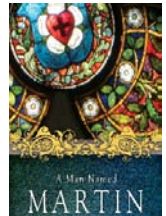
Aluminum Cans . . . are still being collected to defray our church library's costs. Drop them off anytime across the street from the church and school.

Founders' Day Cookies for Missions . . . St. Paul Mission Circle will host a booth for "Cookies for Missions" at the Founders' Day street event on **Saturday, September 16.**

The Mission Circle booth is #127 and will be located near The Hungry Bear. The more cookies that our members are able to sell, the more money they will be able to give to several designated missions. Others in the congregation are welcome to bake cookies for this fundraiser too. All baked cookies should be brought to the church kitchen by 9:00am on Friday, September 15 where they will be packaged in preparation for the sale. Thank you for your support.

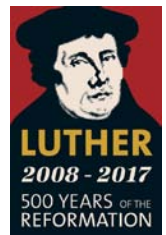


Sunday Morning Bible Study – A Man Named Martin . . . 500 years ago, October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, in opposition to false teachings which struck unnecessary fear and doubt in God's people, tacked 95 theses (questions and statements) to the church door, which served as the town bulletin board. Join Mr. Wegner, our former St. Paul School principal, for a 6-week study, held in the fellowship hall, beginning **today** on Sunday, September 10 between worship services (9:15am–10:00am). Just as people misunderstood God then, so is the matter even today.



Martin Luther Movie on PBS . . . *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*, the full-length feature film that was shown at the Shawano Theater on August 23, is set to air nationally on PBS on **Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00pm.** The film dramatizes the events that shaped Luther and examines the questions he wrestled with, such as "Who am I?" "What is my purpose?" and "How do I get right with God?"

Reformation Celebration . . . will be held at Immanuel-White Clay Lake **today**, Sunday, September 10, at **3:00pm.** The event will include special music, an overview of Martin Luther and the Reformation, plus a heartfelt and whimsical look into the life of Luther through the eyes of Katie Luther portrayed by nationally recognized speaker, Jan Struck. This will be followed by a homemade German inspired dinner.



Correction – With grateful thanks to Mike and Marilyn Hille . . . for donating and mounting the new larger bulletin board in the fellowship hall across from the kitchen.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life" Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. (*Matthew 18:21–35*) 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. The weekly broadcast may also be heard anytime online at [.org](#).

Harvest Dinner–St. John in Tigerton . . . St. John Lutheran Church invites you to the 2017 Annual Harvest Dinner today, Sunday, September 10, at 502 Cedar Street in Tigerton. The dinner will follow a 9:30am polka service by the II Edition Band. Meal tickets are \$12 per person and may be bought before or after the worship service. Tickets for children (ages 5–12) are \$6 each. Carry-outs will be available. Menu includes Swiss steak, broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, green beans, coleslaw, buns, pickles, cheese, and pie. Dinner will be served family style; eat as much as you care to.

Zion & St. Peter Lutheran Pig 'n' Polka Picnic . . . will be hosted by the Men of Zion & St. Peter Lutheran on September 17 from 11:00am – 4:00pm at the Embarrass Fireman's Park. Menu includes pig roast w/rolls, potatoes, coleslaw, M&Ms for dessert with table service & beverages provided. A freewill offering to defray expenses will be taken. (This is **NOT** a polka service – nor intended to replace Sunday worship.) For more information call 715–823–3889.

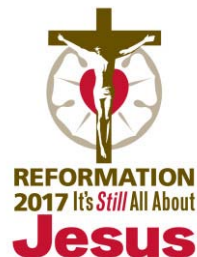


Fish Fry . . . Faith United Lutheran Church, 11465 Old U Road, Gillett, will have a fish fry on Friday, September 22, 4:30pm – 7:00pm. The menu includes fish, potato salad, coleslaw, calico beans, rye bread, cookies, and beverages. Suggested donation per plate is \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for children five and younger.

LWML Fall Rally . . . You are cordially invited to attend the fall rally of Zones 13/14 of the North Wisconsin District at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Town of Washington, on Saturday, October 21. Fellowship will begin at 8:30am. The Christian Life Topic, *As Lutherans, Do We Follow Jesus*, will be presented by Laura Beck.

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering . . . will take place Tuesday, October 17, at Mt. Olive Lutheran, Weston, WI, 9:30am – 2:30pm. Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D. will share “The Reformation and Our Reformation – Martin Luther the Preacher.” Pamphlets with more information may be found in the narthex.

Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide. Solus Christus. . . Latin. Ironic, isn't it? A movement that resulted in the liturgy and the bible in our language (not Latin) is remembered by Latin phrases. By Scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone. Through Christ alone. Alone. Without your help. Without human tradition. Without anyone's assistance. God acts alone through Jesus. Scripture. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Grace. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Faith. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Through Christ alone. God gives us all these gifts because of Jesus' death and resurrection. All good gifts come from God and benefit all those who believe. Through Christ alone.



Camp Luther News . . . Fall Workbee at Camp Luther *October 20-22, 2017*

Enjoy a weekend at Camp Luther FREE of charge and help us prepare camp for the fall and winter seasons. Workbee begins on Friday with registration between 7:00pm–8:00pm and concludes on Sunday after lunch. Participants work all day Saturday and Sunday morning on assigned work projects. Worship is held on Saturday evening. Housing and meals are provided FREE of charge. One-day participants are welcome also. Children (over 5) and youth are placed in adult-led teams for work projects. For more information go to [.campluther.com](http://campluther.com) and look under the "Get Involved" tab.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

9/16 Kylie Hoeffs

9/17 Karlee Ziemer

Jake Dreyer

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

9/16 Sheila Bahr

9/17 Maureen Zernicke

Peggy Buchholz

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 9/10** *Friendship/Rededication Sunday*
8:00am Worship (Grades 3 & 4 sing)
3rd Grade Bibles Presentation
Teachers' Rededication
9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild)
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study (fellowship hall)
10:15am Worship
3:00pm Feed the Flock Youth Shepherd Training/Fellowship Hall
- MON. 9/11** 7:30am Strong Bones
6:00pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship
- TUES. 9/12** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
7:00pm Church Council
- WED. 9/13** 4:00pm – 6:00pm Food Pantry
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm SPYRT Storm
7:05pm Choir
- THURS. 9/14** 2:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Board of Parish Education
- FRI. 9/15** 7:30am Strong Bones
- SAT. 9/16** 8:00am Youth Founder's Day Brat Fry at Fire Station
7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- SUN. 9/17** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid)
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study (fellowship hall)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion



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