

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

May 5/6, 2018

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Opening Hymn

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Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Because the crucified Christ is risen from the dead, we approach Him, prepared to confess our sins, absolutely assured of His forgiveness.

Most merciful God and Father, we confess that we are weak and sinful by our nature and actions. We daily sin against You and against others. We fear, love, and trust in many things, rather than placing all of our fear, love, and trust in You alone. We deserve your punishment.

But the tomb is empty!

Christ is risen!

Jesus has taken into Himself the punishment of sin,

and He has defeated death and the devil.

For His sake, we pray, dear Father,

forgive us, renew us, and guide us, so that we may delight in Your will and follow Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and He is indeed risen from the dead! For His sake God 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.

Epistle Reading — 1 John 5:1–8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song 7:00pm *O Jesus, King of Glory*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon A Father's Love

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

The Blessing of the Fields

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;

The earth is satisfied by the fruit of His work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate,

bringing forth food from the earth,

Wine that gladdens the heart of man,

oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

The trees of the Lord are well watered,

the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.

Then man goes out to his work,

to his labor until evening.

How many are Your works, O Lord!

In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, only by God's grace for Jesus' sake do we enjoy the blessings of this earth. Thank You for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life. Bless the fields and those who work to bring them to harvest. Give us seasonable weather, and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in Your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

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.

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,...

The Words of our Lord

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Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 643 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*



Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Sermon	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists	Saturday — Ms. Rhoda Lehrke	Sunday — Mrs. Lorraine Doell	
Music	7:00pm	Philip, Paul, Ronald, and Steven Schmidt	
Acolytes	Kendall Wilcox	Heidi Dreyer	Owen Ullmer

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Bill Buss, Delores Heuer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Lee Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Mary Luepke, Penny Meek, Maribeth Peterman, Jerry Schoepke, Brittany Slack, Deb Tinlin, Katie Titler, Todd Wegner, Larry Wilke, Jeff Wnuk, Gary Wolf, and Joan Zittlow.*



We pray for . . . the family of *Freda Krueger* who was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, April 26, and was given Christian burial at St. Paul on May 1.

Altar Flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God from the *2018 Confirmation Class*.

A floral arrangement . . . has been placed to the glory of God by the family of *Jacob Thorne* in his memory.

2018 Confirmation Class

Adam Richard Beilfuss	McKai Thomas Davis	Alyssa Lee Diemel
Claire Elaine Gehm	Jessica Lynn Giese	Caleb James Guenterberg
Brenna Marie Hertzfeldt	Nicholas Allen Jensen	Hunter Patrick Johnson
Blaze Martin Korth	Ayden Lee Lango	Lily Meta Moes
Cole Robert Ossmann	Ava Jean Pleshek	Thomas Alphonse Reignier
Allaina Vi Robaidek	William James Schauder	Leah Marie Schmidt
Anika Jane Schneider	Madelyn Grace Schneider	Alex Jerry Stoltenow
Reece James Stoltenow	Cooper James Uelmen	Jackson Robert Ullmer
Morgan Lejoy Wichman	Hayley Marie Wolf	Gavin William Wudtke

Announcements

Ascension Day Service . . . All are invited to the Ascension Day service on Thursday at 10:00am. There will be **no** 7:00pm service as was listed on the calendar.

St. Paul Voters . . . have approved a short term drawdown on our line of credit at Bonduel State Bank to aid in paying bills during the installation of our new HVAC system. We are asking our members to prayerfully consider the option of completing ahead of time or accelerating their pledged payments to the School Repair portion of our Hope in Him faith promises in order to save on interest payments for St. Paul.

Attendance – April 28/29, 2018

Saturday	4/28	7:00pm	110
Sunday	4/29	8:00am	305
Sunday	4/29	10:15am	<u>165</u>
Total			580



PTL Plant Sale Pick-up . . . is Friday, May 11, 2:30pm – 4:30pm in the fellowship hall (*drive around to south side of church for easier pick-up*). Also available on the day of pick-up will be tomato plants, green pepper plants, accent plants (sweet potato vine, spike, vinca vine), 4-pack annuals or 12-pack flats of petunias, marigolds, impatiens, and other flowers.

The next Altar Guild meeting . . . will be on Monday, May 7, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Dues for 2018 will be collected and committees for the months of June through November will be selected. Anyone interested in seeing what Altar Guild is all about is invited to attend the meeting. It is an easy way to serve the Lord.

Church School Picnic . . . The day for the Church Picnic has moved back to the original weekend of June 3. This year we will not have a silent auction, however there will be the infamous PIE auction. So “Pie Bakers”, turn on the oven... Being considered is a 5K run as part of the picnic. Important right now is the date of the picnic, June 3 starting after the late service. If you would like to help, please contact the school office.

Altar Flowers/Church Bulletin . . . If you are interested in donating altar flowers or sponsoring the church bulletin for any of the upcoming weekends, please call the church office at 715–758–8559.



Track and Field Day, May 18, is approaching quickly . . . and we are always looking for extra help. For a successful event we are in need of 110 volunteers. If you would like to help or know someone who would like to help, contact Mrs. Piering at her email, piering@stpaulbonduel.com. Thank you for all your support.

Teacher News

Celebration of Mrs. Reinke and Mrs. Williams service to St. Paul: If you did not hear earlier this year, Mrs. Reinke will be retiring this year after 41 years of service here at St. Paul. We cannot thank her enough for her dedication over those 41 years. She has seen many changes and has served in many positions here at St. Paul. We would like to take time to recognize her at the 8:00am church service on May 20. There will be a card box for anyone that would like to offer a personal thank you.

At that same service we will be recognizing Mrs. Williams for her service at St. Paul as she accepted a Call to Pilgrim Lutheran in Green Bay. She has served St. Paul for 13 years and with Mrs. Reinke will be recognized on May 20 at the 8:00am service. There will also be a card box for Mrs. Williams where you can offer a personal thank.

Miss Candis Zills (graduate from CUW) has accepted the third grade teaching position, following Mrs. Reinke. She will be graduating this spring and will be joining the faculty in the fall.

The first grade teacher position has not been filled at this time. If there is anyone you know who would be a candidate for that position, please contact the school office, Mr. Schmidt or a Board of Christian Education member. The Board will be considering all options during the first part of May.

Mission Circle . . . The next Mission Circle meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 1:00pm. Please bring your Spring Quarterlies.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Doesn't Fit" (*John 17:14-17*) There are times Christians might readily wish the Lord would airlift them out of this world. Because we have some work to do, the Lord Jesus prays we be kept safe. So, how's that working for you? 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 FM, or at [.org](#).

Wolf River Lutheran High School agriculture class . . . has tomato, basil, pepper, pumpkins and squash plants for sale at the school. They are available Monday –Friday 8:00am–3:00pm. Thank you for your support.

Spring Potato Pancake Dinner . . . at Immanuel Lutheran–White Clay Lake, **today**, Sunday, May 6, 11:30am – 1:30pm and will include potato pancakes, chicken soup, wieners and desserts. Tickets are adults \$9, children 6–12 \$4, children 5 and under free.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	5/6	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion 9:30am Confirmation Worship – Holy Communion SCRIP collected
Monday	5/7	7:30am Strong Bones 6:00pm Board of Trustees 6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship 6:30pm Altar Guild
Tuesday	5/8	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 6:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	5/9	NO Chapel Service (see Thursday) 4:00pm–6:00pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Youth and Youth Board Meeting 7:00pm Choir
Thursday	5/10	10:00am Ascension Day Worship 2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
Friday	5/11	7:30am Strong Bones SCRIP due by noon
Saturday	5/12	7:00pm Worship SCRIP collected
Sunday	5/13	8:00am Worship 9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild) 9:15am Bible Study 10:15am Worship SCRIP collected

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

May 12	Cashten Davis	May 13	Ben Letter	Raina Dworniczak
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SCRIP Schedule Next Week

May 12	Sandy Staszak	May 13	Karla Moede	Sheila Bahr
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