

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
May 3, 2020 (Livestreamed)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Greeting

Jesus the Good Shepherd meets us on the 4th Sunday of Easter. The Gospel reading is always from John 10, and pulls forward the shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and Psalm 95. Jesus said:

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10).

This past week I received a note from Dr. Martin Dicke, the great-great nephew of our congregation's founder, Pastor Peter Dicke. Martin is a missionary in Papua New Guinea. I learned from him about Peiim, a young girl who wished to become a nurse, but became a Lutheran school teacher. I also learned what was happening in Pastor Rinckart's life three hundred years earlier in the 1600's in Eilenburg, Germany when he wrote the hymn *Now Thank We All Our God*. Peiim and Pastor Rinckart are tied closely together by Jesus' explanation and promise cited above. I look forward to bringing Jesus into your home through His word with today's sermon entitled *abundantly*.



Opening Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Confession and Absolution

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

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Because the crucified Christ is risen from the dead, and because He is the Good Shepherd who calls us by His voice, we approach Him, prepared to confess our sins and certain to hear His Word of forgiveness.

Most merciful God and Father, we confess that we are weak and sinful by our nature, and by our words and actions. Daily, we sin against You and against others. Forgive us Lord, when we trust the things You give to us instead of trusting You, the One who provides for all our needs. Increase our faith to fear, love, and trust in You above all things.

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 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 He is indeed risen from the dead! He is the Good Shepherd. 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.

Introit

Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The First Reading — Acts 2:42–47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 2:19–25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

SOLO

*My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.*

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

SOLO

*My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Sermon

Abundantly (*John 10:10*)



Eilenburg, Germany, early 1600's



Rev. Martin Rinckart (1586–1649)

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you

And ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

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If Christ had not been raised from death

Our faith would be in vain,

Our preaching but a waste of breath,

Our sin and guilt remain.

But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;

He rules in earth and heav'n:

His Gospel meets a world of need—

In Christ we are forgiv'n.

If Christ still lay within the tomb

Then death would be the end,

And we should face our final doom

With neither guide nor friend.

But now the Savior is raised up,

So when a Christian dies

We mourn, yet look to God in hope—

In Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised

His Church would live a lie;

His name should nevermore be praised,

His words deserve to die.

But now our great Redeemer lives;

Through Him we are restored;

His Word endures, His Church revives

In Christ, our risen Lord.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Mike Babino, Bob Buettner, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Carl Kosbab, Judy Manthei, Darvin McKenna, Maribeth Peterman, Laurel Sauerbrei, and Donna Seefeldt*



Birth . . . Everett Mathias Dowden, son of Christopher and Kylea Dowden, born April 18, 2020. Grandparents are Geoff and Missy Dowden.

Announcements

The St. Paul Cemetery Committee . . . has determined that the six trees in the new part of the cemetery need to be removed. Anyone interested in them should contact Bob at 715-881-1019 to make arrangements for removing the trees. There is no charge except your cost to remove them. Any trees that are not removed by July 15 will be cut down.

Give Offerings by Texting . . . You may now give offerings via text. Send the amount you wish to give to 844-902-2885. There will be a one-time registration process. Currently all text donations are deposited into the general fund. More details may be found on the home page of our website, [.stpaulbonduel.com](http://stpaulbonduel.com). If questions please call the office at 715-758-8532.

An article about Pastor Naumann . . . may be found on the home page of our website.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Stand a Little Taller" (*Exodus 18*) When someone special pays you a visit, you stand a little taller in their presence. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about dignity, humility, and life in the presence of God. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [.lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org).

Teacher openings for the 2020-21 . . . St. Paul regrets seeing Mr. Wegner leaving St. Paul at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Wegner will move on to serve in Sheboygan at Bethlehem Lutheran school. St. Paul is looking to fill his position for the 2020-21 school year. St. Paul has contacted the Concordia University system requesting names of synodically trained teachers. However there may be people that you know that would be interested. If you know of someone who would have an interest in teaching science at the middle school level, please forward their name and contact information to Gerry Schmidt at [.gschmidt@stpaulbonduel.com](mailto:gschmidt@stpaulbonduel.com) or call 715-758-8532.

Qualifications include:

- Be a committed follower of Jesus Christ.
- Embrace the mission and core values of St. Paul Lutheran School.
- Possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.
- Possess strong written and communication skills
- Possess experience in Middle School.
- Be a strong, collaborative leader with a solid work ethic, possessing a passion for teaching children.
- Other requirements may include a teaching certificate, and/or CPR certification



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor
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