

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
May 10, 2020 (Livestreamed)

## *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### **Greeting**

We come to worship. That is, we come to have the living God speak His Word into our ears that we might be fed the bread of life.

The proclamation of God's Word is what the church is all about.

The reading from Acts reminds us how the Apostles after Jesus' Ascension, desired to "devote themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word." Our reading from 1 Peter encourages all God's people to "long for the pure spiritual milk" of God's Word so "by it you may grow up to salvation." Crave for the Word!

Share the Word.

This morning, we listen to the Word.

It brings us Jesus, His love, His mercy, His grace.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come.



### **Opening Hymn**

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

**912**

Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love our hopes we place  
Of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore  
Until that day when all the blest  
To endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim in joyful song,  
Both loud and long, that glorious name.

## 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.**

## Hymn

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

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Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo; and in its conquest His might did show.  
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

Christ has arisen; He sets us free; alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.  
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60**

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>7:2</sup>And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . <sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 2:2–10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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## 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 fourteenth chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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.**

## Good News For Kids

### Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.

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### Sermon

**“Devoted to Prayer and the Word”** (Acts 6:4)

### Offering

*Let us honor our Lord with our offerings. More people are using the online giving. You also may give by texting, mail in offerings, or drop off at the Bonduel State Bank drive-through.*

# 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

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

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Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

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**Organist**

Mrs. Lorraine Doell

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Mr. Phil Schmidt / Mr. Ryan Rosenthal

# Prayers

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



**Altar Flowers . . .** are sponsored this Mother's Day to the glory of God by Dave and Lorraine Doell in honor of *Marlene Doell* and in memory of *Verna Forslund*.

**Birthday Prayer . . .** We give thanks to our Lord for *Doris Buchholz*, who celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 4.

**Teacher Appreciation Week . . .** This past week we raised our hearts and voices in thanksgiving to God for all those teachers in our school and community who make a difference in the lives of our children.

## Announcements

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Words Matter"** (*Exodus 19*)

Words matter. People matter. You matter to God, and He will stop at nothing to get your attention. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org).

**Board of Elders . . .** met this past week to discuss how best to move forward with worship services when we return as a nation from our time of quarantine.

**Publications Available . . .** The Lutheran Witness, Quarterly, and Mission Tidings may be picked up in the school entrance.

<b>Hope in Him 2020–2022</b>					
<b>3-year special offering</b>					
<b>As of April 30, 2020</b>					
	<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>School Repair</b>	<b>WRLHS</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	\$173,721	\$74,041	\$43,002	\$11,352	\$302,115
<b>Received</b>	\$39,399	\$17,541	\$7,104	\$1,762	\$65,806

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents,

Pastor Palmer here with a prayer request.

Many of you may or may not know that I am a Board Member at Wolf River Lutheran High School. I have been on the Board for the past two years.

Wolf River Lutheran High is our school.

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School is one of the associated churches that call Wolf River “our school.”

It is our school because it is Christian and puts Christ first.

It is our school because it is Lutheran.

It is our school because we want our children and youth to grow in Christ, His love and His ways!

It is our school because its teachers and principal are dedicated Lutherans who bring Christ’s love into the life of the students.

It is our school because it has weekly chapels and times of prayer.

**AND IT IS YOUR SCHOOL.**

I remember all the tough questions that come to students and parents when deciding where are we going to school for the next four years. What will provide the most God-pleasing outcome in helping this young person grow into all that God wants them to be? One asks, “What about friends, sports, academics, faith, finances, etc?.”

Many families qualify to be a Choice student having all their tuition paid for. On account of the corona-virus pandemic, the application deadline has been moved to the middle of May (I believe May 14). All the information can be found at WRLHS website, [://www.wrlhs.org/](http://www.wrlhs.org/).

Please prayerfully consider God’s will for your grades 9-12. Maybe God’s will for you is to be His light in the public school. Or maybe He wants you to be His light and grow in that light at Wolf River Lutheran High School. I will personally be praying for God’s leading you in your decision as a family.

Questions? Call or email Principal Jerry Jiter.

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