

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
May 24, 2020 (Livestreamed)

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Greeting

Ever wonder what the new norm will be?

Pandemic. Distancing between people that never considered that.

Masks. Restrictions for visiting those in assisted living and the hospital.

No school or sports!

A new norm. What will it be?

The dead prophet and assumed Messiah is alive.

The risen One now ascended into the clouds promising to return.

What now? A new norm for the people of God?!

This morning, the last Sunday of the Easter Season, finds Peter leading the other disciples/apostles in seeking God's will for who would replace the dead traitor Judas. God led them to choose Matthias who had been with them the whole time!

In our reading from 1 Peter 4 & 5, Peter reminds us that a part of the new norm is suffering for Jesus' sake. How's the suffering going for you? We come to Jesus who shares our suffering and gives us Himself. Come! Let us worship the crucified, risen, ascended Lord of lords and King of kings!



Draw us to Thee, for then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

Draw us to Thee; O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.

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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 deeds. 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

Draw Us to Thee

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Draw us to Thee that also we
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
and ever dwell where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.

Draw us to Thee unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us fore'er Thy glory share,
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The First Reading — Acts 1:12–26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling

headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes.

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

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.**

Hymn

Fight the Good Fight

664

Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

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Sermon

Suffering

1 Peter 4 & 5

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

Before You, Lord, We Bow

966

Before You, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise to You, our King!

Earth, hear your Maker's voice; your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, and worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
And bow before the Crucified.

And when in pow'r He comes, oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, with joy to sing
To heav'n's high King salvation's song!

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Serving the Lord in Worship

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Prayers

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



Altar flowers . . . are placed to God's glory in honor of all those who serve in the U. S. armed forces and especially our chaplains who serve the spiritual needs of our men and women serving their country.

This weekend's bulletin . . . is sponsored to the glory of God by the Schmidt family in honor of the 30th wedding anniversary on May 26th of *Paul and Renee Schmidt*.

Announcements

OPEN DOORS FOR WORSHIP – NEXT WEEK

The doors open next Thursday, May 28 at 7:00pm and Sunday, May 31 at 8:00am (live streaming) and 10:15am for worship. A letter is being sent through the U.S. Postal Service to our entire membership and will explain how we will conduct worship to stay safe and honor our gracious God.

Our Offerings

Our offerings are tracking \$3,000 – \$5,000 less than normal each week. We have received some additional gifts which are helping to offset this. We have also received a loan through the Federal stimulus package. (More detail information will be presented at the quarterly meeting.) The Lord is amazingly good. He desires for us to save and buy wisely, and to give generously and proportionately.

Parking Lot Sealcoat, Cracks, and Stripes . . . The cost is approx. \$14,000. The job will be done this summer. Feel welcome to give additional offerings for this project, and mark them accordingly.

The Lutheran Hour . . . " Jesus Doesn't Babble " (*John 14*)

Jesus brings the Word of peace to those who have grown weary of all the babble. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Charlie's Red Barn . . . will be open on May 25, 26, and 27 from 8:00am–5:00pm. Wolf River Lutheran High School will receive the profit from this three day sale. Please venture out and support this mini-fundraiser. Also spread the word to your friends. WRLHS needs all the funds it can get since so many of its fundraisers were cancelled this year.

Shawano County Fair Volunteer Scheduling starting soon . . . Postcards are being worked on and will get mailed out soon. However, you can schedule before receiving a postcard if you wish. That will save on the cost of postage. Just e-mail Karen Baker at karbaker16@tds.net or call 715–758–8874 or 715–853–9137. Thanks for helping WRLHS out.



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