



# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

*Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

Bonduel, Wisconsin

July 9/12, 2020

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Welcome!**

As we gather with God's people this day we rejoice in the gifts our gracious God has for us. This morning's worship service focuses on the gift God gives in His Word. By the power of God's Word we have received the created order of the universe. By the power of God's Word spoken in baptism He creates life and faith with Him that is eternal. By the power of His Word spoken in the Lord's Supper He gives us Himself and His promises of forgiveness and life. In the power of His Word spoken in Holy Scriptures He gives us all we need for life and faith. Jesus' words in the Gospel reading today speak of the working of His Word in the lives of people. He gives the imagery of the Word working like seeds being planted in the ground. Our sermon theme today is "Make Me Good Soil." Blessings on your worship.



## Opening Hymn 475

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (1–3)*

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Invocation and Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father,

**Because if we say we have no sin, we are fooling only ourselves.**

We confess:

**Most merciful God, 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**      **475**      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (vs 4)*

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Psalmody**      *Psalm 65:9–13*

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,

**the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;**

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

**you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

**softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty;

**your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

**the hills gird themselves with joy,**

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,

**they shout and sing together for joy.**

**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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

**Hymn**      **583**      *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

**Old Testament Reading**      *Isaiah 55:10–13*

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading**      *Romans 8:12–17*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia and Verse**

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been

sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to You, O Christ.*

## **The Apostle 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.**

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

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**Sermon** “Make Me Good Soil” *Matthew 13:8*



From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

## **Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**    923    *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors**    Rev. Mark R. Palmer                      Rev. Timothy J. Shoup  
**Organist**    Mrs. Debbie Welch

## *Prayers*

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



**Affirmation of Wedding Vows . . .** We pray for God's continued blessings to be upon  
*Jesse Turpin and Elizabeth Gloede* as they affirm their wedding vows at St. Paul on  
Friday, July 10.

## Prayers Continued

**Wedding . . .** Prayer for the marriage of *Travis Micolichek and Emily Schmidt* on Saturday, July 11, in Sheboygan.

**Wedding . . .** Prayer for the marriage of *Nathan Doell and Lauren Zobel* on Saturday, July 11, in Madison.



**Wedding . . .** Prayer for the upcoming wedding of *Drew Wudtke and Samantha Inman* on Saturday, July 18, here at St. Paul.

## Announcements

### *Attendance / Communed – July 2/5, 2020*

Thursday	7/2	7:00pm	56/ 47
Sunday	7/5	8:00am	101/ 95
Sunday	7/5	10:15am	<u>64/ 60</u>
		Total	221/202

**Teacher opening for the 2020–2021 school year . . .** St. Paul has contacted the Concordia University system requesting names of synodically trained teachers. However, there may be people that you know who would be interested, so if you know of someone who would have an interest in teaching math at the middle school level, please forward his/her name and contact information to Gerry Schmidt at 715–758–8532 or [g.schmidt@stpaulbonduel.com](mailto:g.schmidt@stpaulbonduel.com).

**WRLHS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rummage Sale! . . .** Friday and Saturday, July 10 & 11 runs from 8am – 4 pm. Sunday, July 12 it runs from 9 – 1. Sunday is half price and by-the-bag sale. The gym is FULL! Come out and support your Christian High School! Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Rd., Shawano.

## **WRLHS Shawano County Fair Volunteers . . . September 3 through September 7**

It is sign-up time again for selling tickets, parking cars, or being a flagman at the Shawano County Fair. Volunteers will receive free entry and free parking for their shift(s). New volunteers are also needed to sign up for one or more shifts on any of the days listed during the fair schedule. A special thank you goes out to all the people who have already signed up to work at the 2020 fair. There are still over 200 positions of 4 to 5 hours each that need to be filled. To sign up for your preferred choice of days and times, please email Karen Baker at [karbaker16@tds.net](mailto:karbaker16@tds.net), or call her at 715-853-9137 or 715-758-8874. A postcard confirmation will be mailed to all volunteers in early August reminding them of their scheduled shifts and locations. Thanks in advance for your support of WRLHS.



The shift times for Thursday through Sunday are:

9:00am-1:30pm	1:30pm-6:00pm	6:00pm-10:00pm
Monday shifts:	9:00am-1:00pm	1:00pm-5:00pm

**Unused Offering Envelopes . . .** are recycled and used for chapel offerings. Please drop off your unused envelopes in the box provided in the narthex or the church office.

**Men's Club Brat Fry . . .** St. Paul Men's Club will hold a Brat Fry at Charlie's Little Red Barn on July 13, 14, and 15. Please come to Shawano and support our Men's Club.

### **The Lutheran Hour . . . July 19 "The Jesus Protocol"**

What kind of doctor prescribes a treatment that kills Him while saving the patient? The "Jesus Protocol" is the cure that kills and then makes alive. (Matthew 7) Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler at WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**St. Paul Booster Club Night Golf . . .** will take place July 25 starting at 6:00pm. Register with Mrs. Piering by email at [t.piering@stpaulbonduel.com](mailto:t.piering@stpaulbonduel.com) or call 715-460-0012. Registration is \$75 per person and includes dinner and night golf. You may also call the Shawano Lake Golf Course to register.

**Summer Office Hours . . .** The church and school offices are open Monday - Thursday 7:00am - 1:00pm. Other arrangements can be made by calling 715-758-8532. Offerings may be dropped off at the office during our open hours. The Bonduel State Bank will no longer be collecting offering envelopes.

## Vacation Bible School . . .

### St. Paul Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

#### Join us and become Rainforest Explorers

Monday, July 20 through Thursday, July 23

If enough children register we'll have two sessions; mornings from 9-11:30am or afternoons from 1-3:30pm. Less children will mean morning only. Snacks will be provided. Volunteers needed. Early registration is due by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**How to sign up:** <http://www.stpaulbonduel.com/>

**Questions:** e-mail [VBSStPaul@gmail.com](mailto:VBSStPaul@gmail.com)



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