

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School



Bonduel, Wisconsin
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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Today's reading from Romans reminds of us of the past, present and future. God is the God of creation. All was perfect. Since sin and its corruption and all of its negative force entered the world all has been decaying. Some would point to climate change and concerns for the future. God's Word points to the present time sufferings and the groaning of everything within the created order. A present-day pandemic adds to the discussion. For many, the groanings of day to day life have increased. God's Word says, "Look Up!" Good times are a comin! The glory of God will be revealed. The groaning will stop. The rejoicing will become eternal. Until then, this day's Scripture calls us to focus both on our eternal adoption and our redemption that will land us with new bodies. This is our Christian hope. Rejoice! Give thanks! Come! Let us worship!





1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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Confession and Absolution

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

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father,

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 44:6–8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 8:18–27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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.

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good

seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Sermon “The Joy of Glory”**Offering**

Our offerings reflect God's goodness to us and our thanksgiving to Him.

Prayer of the Church**The Service of the Sacrament**

Holy Communion . . . 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 Cor. 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 members of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven . . .

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Distribution

Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. And ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Rev. Timothy J. Shoup

Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Prayers

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



Wedding . . . We pray for *Zack Olsen and Kim Rank*, who will be married here on Saturday, July 25th.

Altar Flowers . . . Flowers are placed in honor of the wedding of Drew Wudtke and Samantha Inman this weekend; by Mary Wudtke.

Announcements

Quarterly Voter's Meeting . . . will take place Tuesday, July 28, 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. There will be a vote for placing a call for the seventh-grade teacher position and more. Please come and vote.

Attendance – July 9/12, 2020

Thursday	7/09	7:00pm	98
Sunday	7/12	8:00am	97
Sunday	7/12	10:15am	<u>64</u>
		Total	259

Scrip . . . Now available after each church service in the fellowship hall.

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.

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 receive free entry and free parking for their shift(s). A special thank you to all the people who have already signed up to work at the 2020 fair. New volunteers are also needed each year. Scheduling is proceeding slowly. There are still about **170** 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 or call her at 715-853-9137 or 715-758-8874. A post card 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:

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



The Lutheran Hour . . . "Reflexive Mercy" (*Exodus 32*)

How do you react to the brokenness all around you? God gives His people the reflex to reflect His mercy in the world. 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.

St. Paul Booster Club Night Golf . . . 2nd Annual St. Paul Booster Club Night Golf is happening on July 25th starting with social hour and registration at 6pm. The Booster Club is looking for hole sponsors and golfers. We need teams of 2 for this event and if you find another couple to golf with we can make sure you golf together. If you are willing to sponsor a hole or if you would like to register to golf contact Mrs. Piering. Last year was a lot of fun and laughs so I hope you will consider joining us for this event. The loss of Track and Field Day last year puts Booster Club behind starting the year and we are hoping this event helps out. Please contact Mrs. Piering via fast direct, email: t.piering@stpaulbonduel.com or call: 715-460-0012. Please consider sponsoring a hole also if you don't want to golf or you can come and join us just for dinner & raffles before golf. Hope to see you there.

Summer Office Hours . . . The church and school offices are open Monday – Thursday 7:00am – 1:00pm. Other arrangements may 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.

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 9:00-11:30am or afternoons from 1:00-3:30pm. Fewer children will mean morning only. Snacks will be provided. Volunteers are needed.

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

Questions: e-mail VBSStPaul@gmail.com



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