

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
September 3/6, 2020

## *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Welcome to the House of the Lord**

The school year has begun at St. Paul Bonduel. Opening chapel focused on the ransom Jesus paid. The students are back in their classrooms here and throughout our land. In some ways it's as if all is normal. Yet not all is normal. Nor are all things perfect. We gather to worship since we know there is only One who is perfect. We, the imperfect, have a gigantic need. We need the Lord. We need His love and mercy. We need his redeeming work that provided the ransom price of His shed blood on the cross. We need His peace. And our Scripture readings this day remind us that we need to be warned about the consequences of not repenting of our sin and turning to Him. They remind us why God has given us the government that yields the sword and penalty against wrongdoing. Thanks be to God, our Scriptures remind us of how much our gracious God loves all, especially the little ones. Come, Lord Jesus. Be with us! We bow down and worship You with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Come!

- *Thursday evening worship services will continue (instead of Saturday)*
- *Confirmation Service next Sunday, September 13, 9:30am.*



### **Opening Hymn**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer\*, hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

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*\*"Ebenezer" means "Thus far has the Lord helped us," and was the name given to the stone of remembrance that Samuel raised to God's glory. (1 Samuel 7:12)*

## Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Psalmody — Psalm 32:1–7**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**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.**

## **Hymn of Praise – This is the Feast**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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 — Ezekiel 33:7–9

So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 13:1–10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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 eighteenth chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth

shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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.**



1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But  
 2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -  
 3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And  
 4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He  
 5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.  
 til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.  
 yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.  
 bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.  
 length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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## Sermon “Little Children AND the Governing Authorities”

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## 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,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Agnus Dei – Lamb of God**

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

## **Distribution**

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.**

## **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**

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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**

*Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

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Thine the amen Thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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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, Elroy Block, Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Sue Krull, Judy Manthei, Deb Schneider, Donna Seefeldt, Tom Sunnicht, and Lorraine Wolf*



**We pray for . . .** the family of *Doris Hoffman*, who was called to her eternal home on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

**This weekend's bulletin is sponsored . . .** to the glory of God in honor of *Audrey Wussow*, on the occasion of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will be on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## *Announcements*

**Evening Worship Services . . .** We are discontinuing the Saturday evening worship at this time. A survey of those attending Thursday evenings determined that a strong majority of those attending preferred to continue on Thursdays year-round. This will allow those who are gone on the weekends to have a better chance for weekly worship. Thanks for your understanding of this change. Pastors Shoup and Palmer

**Confirmation Service . . .** will be next Sunday, September 13, 9:30am. Due to the seating available, we ask that this service be reserved for families of confirmands.

***Attendance – August 26, 27, and 30, 2020***

Wednesday	8/26	7:00pm	134
Thursday	8/27	7:00pm	72
Sunday	8/30	8:00am	176
Sunday	8/30	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>64</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>446</b>

**Volunteers Are Needed . . .** to serve hot lunch. This would not be every day or even every week; this is only on an as-needed basis. Please call the school office if you are interested in helping at 715–758–8532.

**Men's Club . . .** There will be no Men's Club meeting for September. The next Men's Club meeting will be held at 6:00pm on October 1 in the fellowship hall. The Men's Club provides an opportunity for men in the church to gather for a Bible study and fellowship one night a month. Men are invited to attend.

**Mission Circle Members and Guests . . .** This year our Guest Night in September will become Guest Afternoon on September 17 at 1:00pm because of having a church service that evening. Our guest speaker will be Debbie Court who will talk about her second mission trip which was to Kenya outside of Nairobi. She taught at an orphanage and a school called the House of Hope. Everyone is invited to attend this special meeting.

**Pastor Naumann's . . .** most recent newsletter may be found in the narthex or online on our website, [stpaulbonduel.com](http://stpaulbonduel.com), on the home page.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Fireplace Spirituality"** (*Acts 2:37–47*)

Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat. Tune in next Sunday to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler at 7:30am at WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

**WRLHS Family Fun and Auction . . .** will take place Saturday, September 26 at WRLHS. Doors will open at 11:00am when bidding on the Silent Auction items will begin. The Live Auction will start at 1:00pm with over 75 themed baskets, Packer items, gift certificates, etc. Brats and hamburgers will be served starting at 11:00am. Also, bakers, we need your baking skills for homemade pies which can be dropped off at the school on Friday, September 25 from 8:00am–4:00pm or Saturday, September 26 from 9:00am–11:00am. Thank you in advance for your great tasting pies which are always a hit at the Live Auction. If you have any questions, call or text Joan at 715–851–2741.

