

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
September 17/20, 2020

## *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Paul staked his life on Christ's crucifixion and resurrection for the forgiveness of his sins and eternal life. In today's epistle reading, Paul announces his life's goal and desire. In essence, he reveals his "top priority" and we will explore that in today's sermon. Last week we completed the last of 14 readings from Romans. This week we hear the first of four from Philippians, and the first of four sermons based upon this letter from Paul. May the LORD bless you and your time of worship this week.



### **Opening Hymn**

*Salvation unto Us Has Come*

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| 1 Salvation unto us has come<br>By God's free grace and favor;<br>Good works cannot avert our doom,<br>They help and save us never.<br>Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,<br>Who did for all the world atone;<br>He is our one Redeemer.       | 3 From sin our flesh could not abstain,<br>Sin held its sway unceasing;<br>The task was useless and in vain,<br>Our guilt was e'er increasing.<br>None can remove sin's poisoned dart<br>Or purify our guileful heart—<br>So deep is our corruption. |
| 2 What God did in His Law demand<br>And none to Him could render<br>Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand<br>For man, the vile offender.<br>Our flesh has not those pure desires<br>The spirit of the Law requires,<br>And lost is our condition. | 4 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled<br>Or we must die despairing,<br>Christ came and has God's anger stilled,<br>Our human nature sharing.<br>He has for us the Law obeyed<br>And thus the Father's vengeance stayed<br>Which over us impended.       |

## 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.**

## Psalmody — Psalm 27:1–9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

**my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

**be gracious to me and answer me!**

You have said, "Seek my face."

**My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,

**O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

**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

*Salvation unto Us Has Come*

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| 5 Since Christ has full atonement made<br>And brought to us salvation,<br>Each Christian therefore may be glad<br>And build on this foundation.<br>Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,<br>Your death is now my life indeed,<br>For You have paid my ransom. | 7 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone<br>And rests in Him unceasing;<br>And by its fruits true faith is known,<br>With love and hope increasing.<br>For faith alone can justify;<br>Works serve our neighbor and supply<br>The proof that faith is living. |
| 6 Let me not doubt, but truly see<br>Your Word cannot be broken;<br>Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"<br>No falsehood have You spoken.<br>Baptized into Your precious name,<br>My faith cannot be put to shame,<br>And I shall never perish.               | 8 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise<br>To Father, Son, and Spirit,<br>The God who saved us by His grace;<br>All glory to His merit.<br>O triune God in heav'n above,<br>You have revealed Your saving love;<br>Your blessed name we hallow.         |

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## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6–9**

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading — Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30**

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

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

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

[Jesus said:] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

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Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

### *Women and Girls*

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

***Men and Boys***

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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**Sermon**            **“Paul’s Top Priority”**            *Philippians 1:20*

**Offering**

May our offerings reflect what God gives, and reveal our desire for His saving ministry to flourish.

**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.

### **Music During Distribution**

8:00am – *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels*

## **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**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

**918**

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Mark R. Palmer Rev. Timothy J. Shoup  
**Organist** Mrs. Debbie Welch  
**Music** Sunday – Dennis and Kimberly Brei

## *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, and  
Tom Sunnicht.*



## *Announcements*

**Please remove . . .** all flowers, hooks, and summer decorations from the cemetery by  
October 18, 2020. Any items left after that date will be disposed of.

*Cemetery Committee*

***Attended/Communed – September 10/13, 2020***

Thursday	9/10	7:00pm	72
Sunday	9/13	8:00am	130
Sunday	9/13	9:30am	<u>311/141</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>513/141</b>

**Hope in Him 2020–2022**

**3-year special offering**

**As of August 31, 2020**

	<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>	\$62,680	\$28,029	\$11,963	\$3,014	\$105,686

**WRLHS Family Fun and Auction . . .** will take place on Saturday, September 26 at Wolf River Lutheran High School. The doors will open at 11:00am, and bidding on the silent auction items will begin. The live auction will start at 1:00pm with over 75 themed baskets, Packers' 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 may 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.

**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Room at the Table" (*1 Peter 4*)**

Open doors and loud tables—places where God does His quiet work of changing lives, one dinner invitation at a time. God made room at His table for us so that we can make room at our tables for others. Tune in next Sunday to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge 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).

**SCRIP Schedule Next Week**

**September 24** Peggy Buchholz

**September 27** Pam Schmidt                      Amy Schmidt

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/20</b>	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/21</b>	6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/22</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/23</b>	8:15am Chapel – Grades 5-8 ( <b>watch livestream</b> ) 9:00am Chapel – Grades K-4 ( <b>watch livestream</b> ) 1:30pm Meadow View 4:00pm – 6:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Public School Confirmation 6:30pm SPYRT Storm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/24</b>	7:00pm Worship
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9/25</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/26</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/27</b>	8:00am Worship 10:15am Worship



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