

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Today we are in week two of Philippians, and hear a detailed description of what Jesus came to do. He was ruling, watching over the earth He created. He became a man to come and die a horrible death. But do we much care? Is it just me? My goal in today's sermon is to expose one reason why our hearing of Christ's life and suffering sometimes leaves us unmoved, uninspired, and with little thanksgiving to show for it. Meanwhile, both the Old Testament and Gospel readings attack any thought of self-righteousness, of thinking we don't deserve God's judgment, but rather, that we deserve His praise. Isn't that backwards? We might pray upon entering our Lord's house,

"Dear Jesus, teach me to see the gap between Your almighty power and my restricted ability, between your holiness and my sinfulness, and bring me again to Jesus, to His cross and empty tomb. Amen."



Opening Hymn

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.

Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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Opening Versicles

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

Teach me Your paths.

Sanctify us in Your truth.

Your Word is truth.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**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.**

Old Testament Canticle

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the people,
proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become 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.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Old Testament Reading — Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . ²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.

Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.

(Women and Girls)

To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.

(Men and Boys)

But those who scornfully disdain
God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.

The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.

To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Epistle Reading — Philippians 2:1–18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷but made himself nothing,
taking the form of a servant,

being born in the likeness of men.

⁸And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 21:23–32

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Common Responory

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

The 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.**





1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
 2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
 a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
 God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
 world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
 man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
 Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
 Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
 from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
 sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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Sermon

Where's the Awe?

(*Philippians 2:6-7*)

Offering

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

Prayer of the Church

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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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, and Tom Sunnicht.*



Baptisms . . . The children of Lisa Diemel and the late Nick Diemel were baptized on Wednesday, September 23, 2020;

- † *Addison Ann Diemel*, born June 27, 2007, sponsors are Catherine Vertino and Eric Diemel;
- † *Coen Jack Diemel*, born May 29, 2016, sponsors are Baylee Mauthe and Brandon Diemel;
- † *Emersyn Lynn Diemel*, born March 22, 2018, sponsors are Cara Krull and Barry Krull.

Bulletin Sponsor . . . This weekend's bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God by the Kallies family, in honor of *Bill Kallies*, as he celebrates his **91st** birthday.

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

Philippians Bible Class in October

Monday 6:15pm – 7:00pm

Tuesday 7:00am – 8:00am

Attended/Communed – September 16, 17, 20, 2020

Wednesday	9/16	11:00am	16/ 15
Thursday	9/17	7:00pm	80/ 59
Sunday	9/20	8:00am	99/ 90
Sunday	9/20	10:15am	<u>57/ 43</u>
		Total	252/207

Mites for Missions . . . We will be collecting mite offerings on LWML Sunday next Sunday, October 4. Please join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord! Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (*Mark 12:41–43*), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

WRLHS at the Red Barn . . . This is your last chance to support WRLHS at the Red Barn this season. The high school will be hosting on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 1, 2, and 3. If you are in Shawano, plan to drop by and enjoy a snack or meal. WRLHS will appreciate your business.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Victory in Defeat" *Daniel 1*

The thing about God is, He's winning—even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am at WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

October 1

Patti Herrmann

October 4

Barb Swiecichowski

Sheila Bahr

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 9/27** 8:00am Worship
10:15am Worship
- Monday 9/28**
- Tuesday 9/29**
- Wednesday 9/30** 8:15am Chapel – Grades 5-8 (**watch livestream**)
9:00am Chapel – Grades K-4 (**watch livestream**)
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:30pm SPYRT Storm
- Thursday 10/1** **School Wreath Sale begins**
1:30pm Ladies Aid
6:00pm Men’s Club
7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- Friday 10/2**
- Saturday 10/3**
- Sunday 10/4** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion (**watch livestream**)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion



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