

Let your  
reasonableness  
be known  
to everyone.  
The Lord is at hand.

*Philippians 4:5*

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

October 8/11, 2020

## *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Paul writes with emotion and conviction.

Recall from week one his highest priority, “that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”

In week two we rehearsed not only *what* Jesus came to do on the cross, but *WHO* it is who came to do it, the Creator of quasars and fall colors stepped down to earth to step in front of us to take the judgment from God that He did not deserve.

Last week, Paul told us about his ledger, about his credits and debits before God Almighty, and that the valuable credits he earned, he moved over to the debit side of the balance sheet. He counted it all as loss “compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus.” No wonder he *pressed on toward the goal*. God wiped out our heavy debts too. We have reason to *press on* with Paul, meaning, to give our best to honoring Him – at home, at work, and at play, and always looking to tell someone who needs to hear about Him – who He is He is and what He’s done.

Now chapter four. Paul encourages the impossible. *Rejoice always; do not be anxious about anything*. How exactly am I supposed to do that? Paul says, “The Lord is at hand.” Is He? Is that enough? Let’s explore reality in today’s sermon.

Welcome to worship.

Paul’s Top Priority  
Where’s the Awe?  
Pressing on with Paul  
The Lord Is at Hand



Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

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## Opening Versicles

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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.**

**Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

# Psalmody

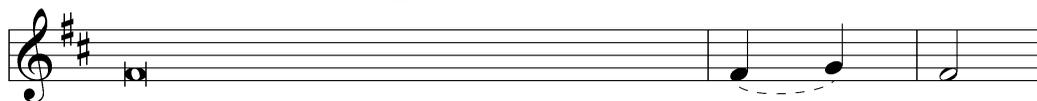


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

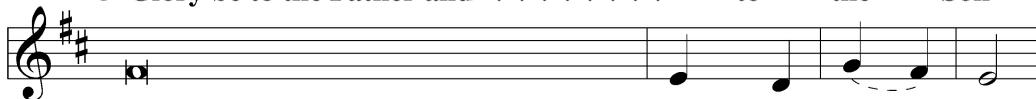


**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

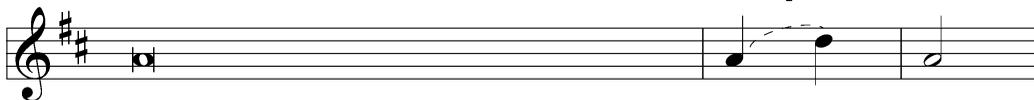
## Venite ~ O Come, Let Us Sing



**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



## The Holy Gospel —Matthew 22:1–14

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

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.**

## Hymn

*We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*

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We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,

The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:

“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

**Sermon**            “**The Lord Is at Hand**” (*Philippians 4:5*)

**Offering**

**Hymn**                    *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*                    **941**

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

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1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring's bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!



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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organist** Mrs. Lorraine Doell

### *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Mike Babino, Elroy Block, Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, John Dobratz, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Sue Krull, Judy Manthei, Darvin McKenna, Deb Schneider, Donna Seefeldt, and Tom Sunnicht.*



**Baptism . . .** *Everett Mathias Dowden*, son of Christopher and Kylea Dowden, will be baptized after our 10:15am service this weekend. His sponsors are Michael Dowden, Kelsea Dushack, and Jennifer Dowden.

**Birth . . .** *Cyrus Josiah Welch*, born to Blaine "Beemer" and Bailey Welch on Wednesday, September 30. Grandparents are Mark and Debbie Welch

**Altar Flowers . . .** are placed to the glory of God in honor of *Geoff Dowden's* birthday and for the baptism of *Everett Mathias Dowden*.

### *Announcements*

#### **Offerings for Missionaries**

This month we are gathering offerings to continue our support for our missionaries: Viola Fronkova in Slovakia; Pastor Vanko and his family in Romania; Pastor Nauman recently assigned to India. Please give online; use the special *missions* envelope from your box; drop by the office; or mark and place in a offering plate in the narthex. Our desire is to give to each \$5,000.

## Philippians Bible Class in October

Monday 6:15pm – 7:00pm (livestreamed)

Tuesday 7:00am – 8:00am

### *Attended/Communed – October 1 & 4, 2020*

Thursday	10/1	7:00pm	65/ 61
Sunday	10/4	8:00am	92/ 78
Sunday	10/4	10:15am	<u>57/ 44</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>214/183</b>

**The Christmas Wreath Sale . . .** has begun. Order forms are available in the narthex, school office, and on our website at [www.stpaulbonduel.com](http://www.stpaulbonduel.com). Orders are due to school by Monday, November 2. Pick-up date is Thursday, November 19, 3:00pm – 6:30pm. Payment is due with order. Checks may be made out to St. Paul Lutheran School.

**SPYRT Fall Craft Sale . . .** has been postponed until possibly next Spring. It was suggested by a council member that since this fundraiser brings in \$3,500 to \$4,000 to the youth group (the general youth group account and individual accounts), and that these monies are used to assist them in attending the National Youth Gathering (Houston 2022), the youth group would greatly appreciate donations from the congregation. Due to Covid we have cancelled 3 fundraisers this year resulting in a loss of... \$1,600 Palm Sunday breakfast; \$2,500 Founder's Day and \$3,500-\$4,000 Craft Sale. These are based on 2019 profits. Let's go out & support our youth!

**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*

**A BIG thank you . . .** for another successful WRLHS Family Fun and Auction, to anyone who bought some items, raffle tickets, concessions, or was so gracious to donate an item or two, thank you!! An additional thank you to our bakers. One of the pies brought in \$300. A special thank you to all the volunteers as well. We wouldn't have had the success without you! Your support of the school means everything.

## **The Lutheran Hour . . . "What I'm Looking For" *Daniel 3***

We've all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we're looking for. Dr. Michael Zeigler gives the message this week. 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](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

### **SCRIP Schedule Next Week**

<b>October 15</b>	Sheila Bahr	
<b>October 18</b>	Maureen Zernicke	Amy Schmidt

### **EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/11</b>	8:00am Worship ( <b>watch livestream</b> ) 10:15am Worship
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/12</b>	6:00pm Board of Christian Education 6:15pm Philippians Bible Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/13</b>	7:00am Philippians Bible Class 6:30pm Church Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/14</b>	8:15am Chapel – Grades 5-8 ( <b>watch livestream</b> ) 9:00am Chapel – Grades K-4 ( <b>watch livestream</b> ) 4:00pm – 6:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Public School Confirmation 6:30pm Feed the Flock
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/15</b>	1:00pm Mission Circle 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10/16</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/17</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/18</b>	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion ( <b>watch livestream</b> ) 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion



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