

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
September 7/10, 2023

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Opening Hymn

7:00pm and 8:00am	725	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>
10:15am	592	<i>Dearest Jesus, We Are Here</i>

Baptism 10:15am *Brandelyn Lauren Grace Steinke*

Confession and Absolution

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Introit — Psalm 92:1–4

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

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.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis page 204

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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For 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, ⁴for 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. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay 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.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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." ¹⁰Love 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, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, 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?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but 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.

⁷“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! ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰“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. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What 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? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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.

¹⁸Truly, 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. ¹⁹Again 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. ²⁰For 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.

Apostles' Creed *inside back cover of hymnal*

Good News For Kids

Hymn **579** *The Law of God Is Good and Wise*

Sermon **“A Watchman’s Woe”**

Offering *(Please fill in the friendship register found at the end of each pew. An offering plate may be found in the narthex.)*

Sunday School Starts Today . . . at 9:15am. Go to the School Entrance.

Quilters . . . are quilting again. Join them Tuesday mornings at 8:00am. Volunteers will need to stop in the office to sign-in before heading to the quilting room.

Public School Confirmation . . . starts this Wednesday, September 13, at 5:30pm. Come to the fellowship hall. Questions? Call Pastor Mark Palmer at 715-853-5225.

New Job Posting . . . St. Paul is looking for a full-time Financial Reporting Manager who will be responsible for bookkeeping, government program compliance, and HR/payroll coordination. For a complete position description or to apply, please contact Aaron Landgrave at a.landgrave@stpaulbonduel.com. When applying, please submit a letter of application, resume, and three references. Applications accepted through September 18.

Part-time Custodian Needed . . . St. Paul Lutheran School is in need of a part-time custodian. The candidate is needed for Wednesday and Friday after school hours for approximately four hours each evening and may begin work any time after 3:30pm. If interested, please call Principal Landgrave at 715-758-8532.

Attended/Communed — August 31/September 3, 2023

Thursday	8/31	7:00pm	81/ 72
Sunday	9/3	8:00am	148/115
		10:15am	<u>101/ 75</u>
		Total	330/262
		Livestream Views	98

Bonduel's Founders' Day . . . will take place on Saturday, September 16. Check out all of the vendors, but in particular, please be sure to visit booths by St. Paul groups! Have breakfast with the 8th graders who will be selling cinnamon rolls, coffee, and Sundrop Slushies (for breakfast?-Sure!) across from Village Tractor. After shopping for a bit, have lunch with our SPYRT group, who will have brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs for sale by the fire station. Finish off your meals with dessert by buying cookies from our Mission Circle across from Bonduel Archives. Buy some early Christmas gifts, and enjoy some food! The event will run from 9:00am-3:00pm.

BoxDrop of Shawano . . . Take advantage of BoxDrop's offer to give 10% of your purchase price to St. Paul Lutheran. Mention St. Paul Lutheran at time of purchase *during September*. The store is located on the south end of Main Street in Shawano.

Potluck Lunch and Speaker . . . St. Paul Mission Circle is hosting and inviting ALL members of the congregation to join us for a potluck lunch and program on Thursday, **September 21** at noon. Our guest speaker, Peggy Heise, will share the experience of her trip to South Africa. The program will begin immediately following the meal for anyone who would like to hear Peggy's presentation. The program will also include a Mite Box devotion and offering. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend to attend with you. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help us plan for the meal. Contact Karen Banaszynski or Sharon Schrader with questions.

Mission Trip . . . Amy Rottier and her sister Ann Wasmund are participating in a medical mission trip to the East coast of Guatemala in January of 2024. The team will set up mobile health care clinics at Mission El Faro and in 4–5 remote villages. Amy and Ann will provide support, and use the opportunity to interact with native families and with children with the saving love of Christ. They look forward to giving to them children's Bible story books. Amy is asking our congregation's support. Your pastors and our Board of Elders encourage us to provide it. We can donate items they will be handing out – a list will be published later, and we can plan to help purchase of children's Bible stories in Spanish printed by CPH. Meanwhile, funds are being raised for supplies and trip expenses (today) September 10, 2023 at Primal Eats at 14109 Cty VV Gillett, WI from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Enjoy Christian live music, fellowship, and food available for purchase. Let us keep Amy, her sister, and this mission trip in our prayers.

All Things St. Paul



All Things St. Paul may be found through the use of this QR code. Need to register for Sunday School? Want to see the school schedule or last week's bulletin? Just point your phone's camera at this QR Code to get the answers! For more information, contact the church office at 715–758–8559.

Sunday Morning Bible Study . . . Pastor Palmer will lead us through the book of **Revelation** beginning September 17 between services in the Gethsemane room. Please sign up using this All Things St. Paul QR code or by texting Pastor Palmer at 715–853–5225, to help plan for needed materials.

College Students and Military Personnel Addresses . . . are requested by our caring group that sends care packages from the church. Use the All Things St. Paul QR code or call the church office at 715–758–8559.

A Note from Pastor Shoup...

In 1863, when Lincoln was President and the Civil War was two years deep, German Lutherans from southern Wisconsin settled in the Town of Hartland where forests were still untouched. Our Lutheran faith – the saving grace of Christ Jesus in the Word and Sacraments – was most important to them. In 1863, Rev. P.H. Dicke organized five families into St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, and they immediately started a school as well. They purchased a forty-acre tract for \$85, built a log church in 1869, a new sanctuary in 1879, and a school building in 1888. This fall marks our 160th year of living under God’s saving grace in Christ, and of our preaching and teaching of the His holy name. Our sure hope remains in Him alone!

The Doells and Plesheks formed our ***anniversary celebration*** committee, joined by our DCM Intern, Jim Meyer. They’ve been busy! Look forward to a special sermon series (including a guest preacher for Missions), and a Pig Roast/Picnic when we will also join together to raise funds for Clara Shilts and her daughter Katie (who lost Kevin - husband and dad - December 31, last year). It all begins ***Sunday, October 8!***

In Him Alone!

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School —160th Anniversary

Kickoff – Sunday, October 8

8:00am worship in sanctuary

10:15am worship outdoors in the grove

Pig Roast and Picnic to follow 11:15am – 3:00pm

Pig roast, German Potato salad, potluck, desserts

Live music – Schmidt Family Band

Pie Auction

Bouncy House

Games and more



Tuesday Morning Bible Study . . . is back! Join us in the fellowship hall from 7:00am–8:00am each Tuesday. We are beginning the book of Daniel, filled with six powerful stories of faith and God's deliverance, and four end-times visions.

Amico's Pizza . . . will sponsor a SPYRT fundraiser on Tuesday, September 12. Place an order, mention St. Paul SPYRT, and the youth will receive a percentage of the profits.

St. Paul Junk Committee Update . . . The St. Paul "Junk Committee", formed in January by the voters, has completed most of its work in cleaning the two outbuildings. Several congregation members claimed and donated money to St. Paul for items. A total of \$705 was given as of mid-August; many unclaimed items went to Habitat for Humanity in Shawano, and are being repurposed by them. When the Cemetery Association shed is completed in October the lawn mowers and other items belonging to them will be moved to their new home and the final sweeping will take place. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to the members of the committee: Kimberly Brei, Joel and Linda Kroening, Steve Luepke, Jeff Simon, and Dave Hedtke for their work. In addition, Terry Westphal, with the help of Jerry Buchholz and Randy Genke, built shelving along the west wall of the large shed to make future storage easier and more efficient. **Anyone wishing to store items in either shed needs to properly label the items with your name, phone #, and reason for storage** so we don't end up with the same clutter we had.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise" *Psalm 103*
People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, and beautiful. But when does praise become a problem? Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to lutheranhour.org.

Thank you . . . Thanks to all the people who volunteered for the WRLHS Shawano County Fair fundraiser by selling tickets, giving out wristbands, being parkers, or being flagmen. There were 148 volunteers this year. In spite of the heat, the Shawano County Fair seemed to be successful most of the days, so the high school should get a nice sized check later in the month because of everyone's efforts. We hope it was an enjoyable experience for all the workers!

WRLHS Indian Tacos . . . will be served **today**, Sunday, September 10, from 10:30am-1:00pm. The menu will include tacos with all the trimmings, desserts, and beverages. Dine in or take out options will be available. There will also be a bake sale.

Sheepshead Card Party . . . will take place Sunday, September 17, 1:00pm – 3:30pm at Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road, Shawano. Cost is \$2. Everyone is welcome!

Harvest Dinner . . . St. John Lutheran Church, 502 Cedar Street, Tigerton, will host a harvest dinner following the 10:30am service until 1:30pm **today**, Sunday, September 10. The menu will include swiss steak, broasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, green beans, buns, cheese, and homemade pies. Serving will be family style/all-you-can-eat. Adults: \$14; Children: (5-12) – \$7: (Under 5) – Free. Carryouts will be available. Call 715-535-2282.

Area LCMS Congregational Anniversaries . . . *St. John–Belle Plaine (145), St. Peter–Pella Opening (145), and Zion–Embarrass (135)* will host a joint anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 16 at Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information.

Christian Truth Event . . . “Dealing with Anger”, will take place Sunday, September 17, 4:00pm, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 S. Home Street, Wittenberg. More information may be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Camp Luther News . . . Workbee Weekend, October 20-22,2023
Spend a weekend serving at Camp Luther! Workbee Weekends are crucial to the ministry of Camp Luther. The goal is to help clean up camp and get things ready for the next season of groups. Bring the whole family, there is a project for everyone! Registration for this FREE event is now open. To register visit <https://campluther.com/volunteer?#workbee>.



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

September 14	Andrew Kolaske	
September 17	Braedy Thompson	Payten Bierhals

SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

September 14	Sandy Staszak	
September 17	Maureen Zernicke	Amy Schmidt

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 9/10** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (P.T.L.)
9:15am Mission Trip Presentation
9:15am Sunday School
10:15am Worship
- Monday 9/11** 7:30am Strong Bodies
- Tuesday 9/12** *Amico's Pizza Fundraiser for SPYRT*
7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
- Wednesday 9/13** 8:15am Chapel
4:00pm Food Pantry
5:30pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm Church Council
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm SPYRT Feed the Flock Bible Study
7:05pm Choir
- Thursday 9/14** 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
- Friday 9/15** 7:30am Strong Bodies
- Saturday 9/16** Bonduel Founders' Day
Mission Circle Cookie Sale across from Bonduel Archives
SPYRT Group Brat Fry at the fire station
8th Grade Class across from Village Tractor
- Sunday 9/17** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Adult Choir)
9:15 Bible Study on Revelation
9:15am Sunday School
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion (Grades 3 & 4 sing)

All Things St. Paul



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