

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
September 21/24, 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Opening Hymn 575 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 55:6–9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let 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.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For 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, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having

become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as 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. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only 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, ²⁸and 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. ²⁹For 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, ³⁰engaged 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 — Matthew 20:1–16

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And 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.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘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.’ ¹³But he replied to

one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Common 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.

Catechism

Hymn 557 *Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

Sermon

Offering *(Please fill in the friendship register found at the end of each pew.
Offering plates are in the narthex.)*

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Closing Hymn 680 *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist Mrs. Debbie Welch
Acolytes Sawyer Rank John Jacobs Trevor Bohn

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Bonnie Buss, Cheyenne Eccles, Bruce Heling, Linda Herrmann, Ron Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Tom Kriehn, Dale Lintner, Jim Luepke, Joyce Moeller, Sue Nohr, Theresa Runge, Dalton Schmidt, Tracy Sundstrom, Gene Tessmann, Marilyn Tessmann, Mark Welch, and Jacob Worthington.*



We pray for . . . the family of Roger Peterman, who was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, September 6, and was given Christian burial at St. Paul on Thursday, September 14.

Announcements

Fellowship will be held . . . in the Gethsemane room due to the large group gathering in the fellowship hall for the Revelations Bible Study.

Attended/Communed — September 14/17, 2023

Thursday	9/14	7:00pm	107/ 87
Sunday	9/17	8:00am	200/182
		10:15am	<u>170/102</u>
		Total	477/371
		Livestream Views	128

The Lutheran Hour . . . "The Way Through the Maze" Psalm 25:4-5
When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy on WTCH/960 AM, WRVM/102.7 FM at 10:00am, or go to lutheranhour.org.

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School 160th Anniversary In Him Alone!

Kickoff – Sunday, October 8

This fall marks the 160th year of God's continually pouring His saving grace upon us in Christ crucified and risen. Our sure hope remains **in Him alone!**

Look forward to our month-long *anniversary celebration* beginning **October 8** with an outdoor worship service, a **Pig Roast/Picnic** and a time to join together to help provide funds for Clara Shilts and her daughter Katie (who lost Kevin - husband and dad - December 31, last year).



Race for Education . . . We decided to have the race for education early this year. Last Friday all St. Paul students participated in it. The weather was perfect and the trails in the woods were in great shape. Everyone had a great time!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The PTL did a great job hosting this event and over 1,200 letters were sent out. At this time (Wednesday, September 20) we have raised \$8,247.12. Our Goal is \$40,000. You can send your gift to the school office. Thank you so very much for your continued support of St. Paul Lutheran School!

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.

See You at the Pole Event . . . Please consider joining the SPYRT youth group for the worldwide *See You at the Pole* event on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:15am at our church/school sign and flag pole. The youth will be praying for our schools, churches, communities, country, leaders, and each other in an effort to strengthen our faith and become witnesses to bring people back to Christ. We look forward to seeing you and to praying together.

Young-At-Heart Seniors Gathering . . . will take place on Wednesday, November 15 in the fellowship hall. Join fellow retired St. Paul members for worship at 11:00am with a Thanksgiving dinner to follow. In order to get an accurate count for the caterer, registrations need to be made by November 10. Please call the church office 715-758-8559 to register.

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering . . . Thank you to those who signed up for the bus, however with not enough names, the bus has been canceled. Please contact friends and members who are interested to car pool to Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Weston, on Tuesday, October 17, and appreciate the annual Adult Gathering. There are forms in the Narthex with more information and for registration.

A Note from Pastor Shoup...

Look forward to spending time with the Lord in His Word using one or more of the following. Available soon will be electronic signup.

- ❖ Come to Sunday Morning Bible Class – Currently the book of Revelation
- ❖ Join 7:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Class – currently the book of Daniel
- ❖ A Bible Minute –Pastor Palmer sends out a Verse of the Day
- ❖ Pastor Shoup writes and emails a devotion every Friday called The Weekly Word
- ❖ Read Bible Stories to your children or grandchildren using – The Growing in Faith Bible Storybook
- ❖ Read through the Bible in one or two years with Today's Light Bible
- ❖ Portals of Prayer is a daily devotional printed quarterly – copies in the church entry
- ❖ Sign up to receive The Lutheran Hour Ministry Daily Devotion

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9/24	8:00am Worship 9:00am Fellowship (Men's Club) 9:15am Revelation Bible Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship
Monday	9/25	7:30am Strong Bodies 6:30pm Snacks and Y.A.C.K.S.
Tuesday	9/26	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 7:00pm Men's Club
Wednesday	9/27	<i>7:15am SPYRT See-You-At-The-Pole</i> 8:15am Chapel 1:30pm Meadowview 4:00pm – 5:00pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Public School Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:05pm Choir
Thursday	9/28	7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
Friday	9/29	7:30am Strong Bodies
Saturday	9/30	
Sunday	10/1	<i>LWML Sunday</i> 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild) 9:15am Revelation Bible Study 9:15am SPYRT Hour of Power 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion (Grades 7 & 8 sing)

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

September 28 Kyle Zastrow
October 1

SCRIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

September 28 Sandy Staszak
October 1 Louise Reisler Barb Wickman



All Things St. Paul



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