

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

April 25/28, 2024



The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Opening Hymn **813** *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king. Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Easter Cry

Alleluia

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Baptism and Confirmation 8:00am

Dustin, Karon, Sophia, and Fiona Bouwma

Baptism 10:15am *Oliver Scott Falck*

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 then 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.

Introit — Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21

A little while, and you will see me no longer;

and again a little while, and you will see me.

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your saints shall bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**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

813

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

At last the march shall end;

The wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their home at last,

Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Praise Him who reigns on high,

The Lord whom we adore:

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

One God forevermore.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading — Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter

and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music	7:00pm	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>
	10:15am	<i>Breath of the Living God</i>

Epistle Reading — 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children,

you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in

me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Hymn **647** *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head*

Sermon **“How Much Fruit!”**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **477** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organists	Thursday Mrs. Debbie Welch		
	Sunday Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	7:00pm Handbells Choir		
	10:15am Grades 7 & 8		

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Jon Baker, Violet Beilfuss, Bruce Heling, Tom Kriehn, Mary Luepke, Sue Nohr, Johnathan Parr (infant), Dana Rudzinski, Theresa Runge, Marlene Schmidt, Tracy Sundstrom, Marilyn Tessmann, Mark Welch, Todd and Troy Westphal, Larry Wilke, Julius Wnuk, and Jacob Worthington.*



Baptisms . . .

Sophia Grayce Bouwma, daughter of Dustin and Karon Bouwma, will be baptized and confirm her faith during our 8:00am service this weekend. She was born July 16, 2007, and her sponsors are James Bouwma and Kandi Bouwma.

Fiona Rose Bouwma, daughter of Dustin and Karon Bouwma, will be baptized and confirm her faith during our 8:00am service this weekend. She was born April 29, 2010, and her sponsors are James Bouwma and Kandi Bouwma.

Oliver Scott Falck, son of Samuel and Aneta Falck, will be baptized during our 10:15am service this weekend. He was born March 14, 2024, and his sponsors are Jacob Falck and Andrew Schmidt.

This weekend's bulletin . . . is sponsored to God's glory by *Jerry and Peggy Buchholz*, in thanksgiving to God for **45** years of marriage on April 28.

Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . Acts 10:34–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–8; John 15:9–17.

Special Voters' Meeting . . . will take place **today, Sunday, April 28**, after the 10:15am worship service. The purpose is to extend a call to teachers.

Worship Time Change . . . Please note that worship services **next Sunday, May 5**, will be held at 8:00 and **9:30am**. We will have Confirmation at the 9:30am service.

Tuesday Morning Bible Class . . . There will be no Tuesday morning Bible class on April 30 and May 7.

Attended/Communed — April 18/21, 2024

Wednesday	4/17	11:00am	21/ 20
Thursday	4/18	7:00pm	145/ 96
Sunday	4/21	8:00am	199/193
		10:15am	<u>111/ 87</u>
		Total	455/396

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Bake Sale . . . The ladies of Mission Circle are having a bake sale after all services on **this weekend** in the fellowship hall. Proceeds will be used to provide our congregation with Portals of Prayer, children’s bulletins, and gifts for the Cradle Roll Ministry. The members of Mission Circle sincerely thank you for your support.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Rejoicing On the Way" Acts 8:28–39

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. Tune in next Sunday at 10:00am to hear guest speaker, Rev. Dr. John Nunes, on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Altar Guild Meeting . . . The next Altar Guild meeting will take place on Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Dues for 2024 will be collected. Committees for June–November will be determined. More members are needed to do this important service to the Lord and to the church. If interested, come and become informed. Call Karen Baker if you have any questions--715–853–9137.

May Council Meeting . . . Please note that the next church council meeting will be held on **May 15** at 6:30pm instead of May 8.

PTL Flower Sale . . . Unfortunately, due to several issues, including distance and availability, there will NOT be a PTL flower sale this year.

BoxDrop of Shawano . . . The owners of the Shawano BoxDrop store enjoy helping nonprofit organizations. For the month of **May**, if you make a purchase at the Shawano BoxDrop store, 10% of the store’s profit will be donated to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. Mention St. Paul and this promotion. BoxDrop is located at 325 S. Main Street in Shawano. www.boxdropshawano.com

Stamps For Missions . . . St. Paul Mission Circle thanks you for supporting our project as proceeds toward the North Wisconsin District Mission Grants. The North Wisconsin District LWML has a buyer for postage stamps that have been processed by the post office. Thank you for taking the time to trim the stamps that come on your letters and cards, etc. Leave a **minimum** of a quarter inch around the stamp *with the lines through, processed by the post office*. The perforation on the stamp must be intact, if the perforation is missing the stamps cannot be sold. There is a box under the telephone in the fellowship kitchen to deposit them.

Booster Club Night Golf . . . Save the Date: June 1 is the Booster Club's 6th annual Night Golf Outing being held at Shawano Lake Golf Course. Join us to golf, OR just come for dinner and drinks, then bid on the silent auction items. This outing is our Booster Club's largest fundraiser, and we would love to have a larger St. Paul showing that night to help us raise money. Please scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to register for dinner, golf, or even to sponsor a hole at the outing. Hope to see you there!

Primal Eats Fundraiser . . . Our SPYRT youth group is selling Primal Eats meal tickets as a fundraiser. This event will be held on June 30 from 11:00am–5:00pm. Tickets sell for \$15 and include two meats and four sides. Drinks may be purchased on site. Ticket holders can enjoy dining in or taking out. Our youth will be helping with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Tickets may be purchased from youth group members, after church on Thursday, or between church services on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support. Please note that 60% of the meal price and 80% of beverages sales comes back to our youth group.

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool
is now enrolling for 2024–2025

3K classes are Tuesday and Thursday all day and/or half day
Beginning at 8:00 am until 3:00 pm (or noon for ½ day)
Cost is **FREE** – Yes, it is **FREE**

4K Classes are every day
Beginning at 8:00 am until 3:00 pm
Cost is \$185 per month

**Call Principal Aaron Landgrave in the school office
at 715–758–8532 for more information.**

Wolf River Lutheran High School Registration . . . is now open. Go to <https://wrlhs.org/wpcp-voucher-program> for more information, or feel free to call 715-745-2400 to set up a tour.

Pork Chop Sunday . . . A pork chop meal will take place on Sunday, April 28 from 10:30am–1:00pm. The menu will include two cherry rubbed and smoked boneless pork chops, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, dinner roll, dessert, and a drink. The cost is \$13. A kids' meal (hot dog, chips, and a drink) will be available for \$5. Dine in or carryout options will be available.

Rummage Sale . . . Mark your calendars for Wolf River Lutheran High School's annual rummage sale which will be held June 7–8, 14–15, and 21–22. Donation drop-off times will be weekdays, excluding Memorial Day, May 20 – 31 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Please call or text Pastor Mark Palmer at 715–853–5225 if you are interested in helping.

Potato Pancake and Chicken Soup Dinner . . . Immanuel Lutheran Church, W3110 White Clay Lake Drive in Cecil, will host its annual potato pancake and chicken soup dinner on Sunday, May 5. Following the 8:30am worship service, serving will take place from 10:00am–1:00pm. The menu will also include hot dogs, applesauce, cheese, homemade pies and cakes, and real maple syrup. The cost will be \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6–12, and children 5 and younger will be free.

Rummage Sale! . . . St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 S. Home St., Wittenberg, will have its annual rummage sale on May 10 and 11 from 7:00am–4:00pm each day. New and gently used items will be organized for your ultimate shopping experience! (Household goods, craft items, and more!) Please note that there will be NO clothing at this sale. Enter the parking lot from Summit Street.

Hey, Teens! . . . Join us in Stevens Point, July 21–24, for Teen Impact Camp, sponsored by Wisconsin Right to Life! Learn something new with hands-on sessions and dynamic speakers. Early bird registration ends April 30. Scholarships are available. For more information go to wisconsinrighttolife.org and search under *events*.

An Educational Seminar . . . for those impacted by abortion will take place May 5, 1:30pm, at the Clintonville Community Center. More details may be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	4/28	8:00am Worship 9:00am Fellowship (Board of Christian Education) 10:15am Worship Voters' Meeting—following the service
Monday	4/29	7:30am Strong Bodies
Tuesday	4/30	7:00am NO Bible Class 8:00am Quilting 8:15am Practice for Examination/Witness Service 6:00pm Bell Choir
Wednesday	5/1	8:10am Chapel 6:30pm Examination/Witness Service
Thursday	5/2	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
Friday	5/3	7:15am HeBrews Coffee Fundraiser 7:30am Strong Bodies
Saturday	5/4	
Sunday	5/5	8:00am Worship — Holy Communion 9:30am Confirmation Worship — Holy Communion

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

May 2	Sandy Staszak	
May 5	Louise Reisler	Amy Schmidt



All Things St. Paul



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