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St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

May 9/12, 2024

The Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord



Processional Hymn **493** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* **1-3**

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 To them the shining angels cry,
 "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 "This is the Savior," thus they say;
 "This is His glorious triumph day!"
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Baptisms 8:00am *Waylon John Luepke and Luella Jo Luepke*
 10:15am *Jameson Lee Schroeder*

Confession And Absolution **page 151**

Introit— Psalm 110:1, 4–5

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

**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 **493** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* **5-6**

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
 And be our future great reward.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Then, throned with You forever, we
 Shall praise Your name eternally.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Salutation And Prayer Of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Music	10:00am	<i>We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend</i>
	8:00am	<i>Passacaglia in C</i>
	10:15am	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>
		<i>Oh, How I Love Jesus</i>

First Reading — Acts 1:1–11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Ephesians 1:15–23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.
⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Hymn **644** *The Church's One Foundation* **1, 3, 5**

- 1 The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.

Sermon

“He Ascended to be Close to You”

Luke 24:50–53

Offering

Music ~ 8:00am

Prayer

Prayer of The Church

The Service of The Sacrament

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For our guests desiring the Lord’s Supper...

Holy Communion is the eating and drinking of Christ’s crucified and risen body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, for strength for this life, and for the assurance of everlasting life with Him. It is a miraculous gift full of grace.

The Bible also teaches that anyone who receives the Lord’s Supper who does not believe or has not been taught our Lord’s teaching, or who is unrepentant, receives Christ’s body and blood to his or her harm. Out of love for you, we kindly ask you to speak to one of our pastors before communing if you are not a member of an LCMS congregation.

Distribution Hymns

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Post-Communion Canticle ~ Thank the Lord

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Closing Hymn

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Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	10:00am — Grades 5 & 6 8:00am — St. Paul Handbells Choir 10:15am — Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten Classes		

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.*



Waylon John Luepke, son of Evan and Melanie Luepke, will be baptized during our 8:00am service this weekend. He was born May 7, 2021, and his sponsors are Walker Rasmussen and Emily Wilke.

Luella Jo Luepke, daughter of Evan and Melanie Luepke, will be baptized during our 8:00am service this weekend. She was born January 8, 2024. Her sponsors are Walker Rasmussen and Lauren Griese.

Jameson Lee Schroeder, son of Beau Schroeder and Savanna Mishler, will be baptized during this weekend's 10:15am service. He was born January 11, 2024, and his sponsors are Jennifer Schroeder, Erik Stuewer, and Benjamin Rotter.

We Pray for . . . the family of *Elroy Schmidt*, who was called to his eternal rest on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Funeral arrangements are pending.



Altar Flowers . . . are placed to God's glory by *David and Lorraine Doell* in loving memory of Lorraine's mother and their grandmothers and in honor of Dave's mother, *Marlene Doell*.

Anniversary Prayer . . . for *Reynold and Marlene Schmidt* on the occasion of their **56th** wedding anniversary on May 11.

Floral Arrangement . . . placed in memory of *Eleanor Klosterman*, whose birthday was on May 8.

A Blessed Mother’s Day . . . to all our mothers with us this day. May our gracious God richly bless this day, your children and grandchildren and your family life. We thank the Lord for the life He has given to us through our mothers.

Announcements

Preparing for next week's worship . . . (The Festival of Pentecost) Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 139:1–12; Acts 2:1–21; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

<i>Attended/Communed— May 1, 2, 5, 2024</i>					
Wednesday	5/1	Witness/Exam	6:30pm	152	
Thursday	5/2		7:00pm	101/ 76	
Sunday	5/5		8:00am	226/183	
		Confirmation	9:30am	<u>438/204</u>	
		Total		917/463	
Livestream Views	5/1	138	5/5	99/88	

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool . . . is now enrolling for the 2024–2025 school year. 3K classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am – 3:00pm, with a half-day option available. **NO TUITION** will be charged for 3K. 4K classes will be held daily from 8:00am – 3:00pm. Tuition will be \$185/month. Contact Principal Landgrave at 715–758–8532 to register or for more information.



Let the little children
come to me....

LUKE 18:16

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

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!

LCMS Foundation **Transfer the Blessings . . .** Gift planning offers solutions for donors wishing to support ministry through their gifts. TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER You may wonder how a ministry can best use a gift from your estate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate conversations between you and ministry leaders. For assistance, call or text Gary Vought at 715-891-1447.

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.

Thank you to . . . all St. Paul members, families, and friends that designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to our church, school, and pre-school. For 2023, \$14,260 was received from Thrivent. For this, we thank them. We have been truly blessed.

Associate Pastor – Call Process Update

Our call-list of thirteen pastors was filled with strong candidates well suited to serve us at St. Paul Lutheran. The Board of Elders, our Call Committee, opted to interview five. One has subsequently received and accepted a call to another congregation. Another asked his name be removed. Our committee is consolidating information about the remaining three, and looks forward to presenting it to our voters at a special meeting at the end of May or early June. We continue to pray the Lord directs to us our next associate pastor.

Wood Available . . . A few over-mature/defective trees were removed in the grove area in the forest behind the church. The maple firewood has been sawed and split and is available for members to take home, pile, and let dry for burning this fall/winter. Please help yourself and make a goodwill donation to Christ if you would like.

Thanks, St. Paul Forest Committee.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Waiting, But Not Alone" *Acts 2:1-21*

Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. Tune in next Sunday at 10:00am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.



Registration — Go to <https://wrlhs.org/wpcp-voucher-program> for more information, or feel free to call 715-745-2400 to set up a tour.

Rummage Sale — 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.

Graduation — Friday, May 17, 7:00pm.

Family Fun Event — Watercolor landscape make-and-take! Thursday, May 23 from 3:30 - 5:00pm All ages and skill levels are welcome! Bring the family! This event is free. *NOT a drop-off event. Please RSVP to Sarah via text: 920-475-8619. SPACE IS LIMITED! Send your RSVP as soon as possible. All materials will be supplied.

Viola Fronkova - Recent News

Our dear sister in Christ, Viola Fronkova, has remained busy serving the Lord in Slovakia. In her recent correspondence, she updates us on her very active ministry, but she also relates some health problems that she has been encountering. First the news of her ministry: Viola has been extremely active, bearing fruit for Christ's Kingdom with her many projects, including:

- ★ **Continuing to work on Volume 3 of *The Church Under Oppression***, her biographies of pastors and servants of Christ who were persecuted under the Communist regime. *"I have been very busy, not well organized, still with the hope to finish the 3rd volume of the book. It shall be only His pure mercy, to have the last volume of the book. Probably we have to plan the publishing at the beginning of the 2025. This year we would like to reprint the 2nd volume."*
- ★ **Translating the book of Brother Matthew Heise** about the persecution of Lutherans in Russia under Stalin. *"A new task to do that needs to find a few more helpers to translate 496 pages!"*
- ★ **Writing a brief history of their church in Bratislava** as they celebrated their 90th anniversary. *"Since it was dedicated in 1933, it was well used. During the 2nd World War in this Church had been the ordinations of new pastors, who just finished their theology studies in Bratislava."*
- ★ **Assisting Ukrainian refugees**, *"mostly mothers and daughters and children. Lot of work - with our prayers and support. I meet again sister Svetlana from Ukraine - she is sick with cancer. I hope and pray for us Slovak Christians, to be the light and salt for those Ukraine refugees, to hear the Gospel, to seek the Lord Jesus, to become His children"*

Unfortunately Viola's health has caused concern over recent months. She writes:

“After my fainting spell in the train, I continue well, yet so weak physically, with somehow tired mind, unable to do much. I think sometimes: many people admonished me, to slow my work, to take the rest. I did not obey, I wanted to be very obedient, very good servant of the Lord, so our Father has put His dear loving hand on me - now I am weak and have to rest! I am surprised what comes with old age. Yet, in His hands we are, in His love and mercy. After some medical examination I have agreed to take more rest to recover from my headaches, weakness. I have been since 29th of February here in the home for senior people in Koseca. It gives me good quiet time to read the Scriptures, to pray for our Lutheran church, for spiritual revival, for the Lord’s blessings for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel. Even I can have a joyful time, to sing quietly from the Lutheran hymnal here alone. In prayers, in physical weakness, in spiritual tasks, I do humbly expect the Lord shall lead me further on: My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Viola’s final words in every letter are always thanksgiving and blessings to all of us here at St. Paul:

“May the Lord Jesus bless all the beloved ones in the Church in Bonduel during Easter and always. Christ is risen! I hope and pray we can continue to be good witnesses to people in Koseca, in Bonduel too! God bless you; thank you again for the fellowship with you.”

Please keep Viola in your prayers. You have no idea how much she appreciates our support and depends on our prayers.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday **5/12** ***Mother's Day***
 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion
 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #2)
 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion



Monday **5/13** 7:30am Strong Bodies
 5:00pm Board of Christian Education

Tuesday **5/14** ***Amico's Pizza Fundraiser —Mention St. Paul SPYRT***
 7:00am Bible Class
 8:00am Quilting

Wednesday **5/15** 8:15am Chapel
 11:00am Worship — Holy Communion
 6:30pm SPYRT Feed the Flock Bible Study
 6:30pm Church Council
 7:00pm Choir

Thursday **5/16** 1:00pm Mission Circle
 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion

Friday **5/17** **St. Paul Track and Field Day**



Saturday **5/18**



Sunday **5/19** ***The Festival of Pentecost***
 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion
 9:00am Graduate Breakfast
 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
 (Graduate Recognition)

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

May 16 Sandy Staszak

May 19 Sheila Bahr Barb Wickman

All Things St. Paul



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor
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