

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

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## *Deer Hunters' Service*



### **Opening Hymn 811**     *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted,  
Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted!  
Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise  
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

You forest leaves so green and tender  
That dance for joy in summer air,  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,  
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God's praise alone.  
Join me to make His glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion,  
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,  
Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite  
Declare the wonders of His might.  
Creator, humbly I implore You

To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King.

## **Confession and Absolution page 151**

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 29; antiphon—Psalm 42:1**

As a deer pants for flowing streams,

**so pants my soul for you, O God.**

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.**

The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
**the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**  
He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**  
The voice of the LORD  
**flashes forth flames of fire.**  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**  
The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
**and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**  
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
**the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**  
May the LORD give strength to his people!  
**May the LORD bless his people with peace!**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
**so pants my soul for you, O God.**

## **Kyrie page 152**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Amen.*

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You crown the fields and forests with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

## Old Testament Reading — Genesis 9:1–7

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup>Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. <sup>4</sup>But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. <sup>5</sup>And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. <sup>6</sup>“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. <sup>7</sup>And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem on the earth and multiply in it.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading — Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more

shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia and Verse    page 156**

**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. Mark, the eighth chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to You, O Christ.*

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth**

**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,**

**very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father,**

**by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

**and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

**and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**

**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn**      **688**      *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake*

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,  
    “All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
    Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,  
Take My example for your guide.

“I am the light, I light the way,  
    A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
    I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.

“My heart abounds in lowliness,  
    My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words My lips express,  
    With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,  
To God I yield, on Him I call.

“I teach you how to shun and flee  
    What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
    From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
    And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
    In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain  
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

**Sermon**

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

### The Service of the Sacrament    page 160

*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.

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### The Words of Our Lord

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Pax Domini**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*Amen.*

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Anthem**    *It's All in the Hands of God*

**Hymn 623**     *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

**Hymn 801**     *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
    Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
    Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
    How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
    How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” **Refrain**

## **Post-Communion Canticle — Thank the Lord** page 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

### **Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn**    **869**    *With the Lord Begin Your Task*

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended,  
In His name then close your eyes; be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer, praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev’ry care; He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter’s might, with His presence cheer you.

With your Savior at your side, foes need not alarm you;  
In His promises confide, and no ill can harm you.  
All your trust and hope repose in the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows how to stem disaster.

If your task be thus begun with the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run, toward the promise pressing.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere while you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share in the mansions yonder.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask, until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done to Your praise forever.

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