

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

November 5/8, 2020

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to the House of the Lord

In today's Gospel reading about a wedding celebration, Jesus makes at least two points about His return on the Last Day. One point is this:

The moment of His return is the end of the opportunity to believe.

Here's another point:

Many will be shut out from the eternal feast because they neglected their faith.

Even so, Jesus' grace never runs out, and He promises to keep us ready, alive in faith, through our hearing and meditating upon His Word.

And so we pray, "Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word!" God's peace to all who gather for worship this day.





1 Re - joyce, re - joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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Opening Versicles

This is the day which the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

Teach me Your paths.

Sanctify us in Your truth.

Your Word is truth.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**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.**

Old Testament Canticle

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the people,
proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

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.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Old Testament Reading — Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the

noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1–13

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Common Responory

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.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

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.**



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Sermon **“Bring a Little Extra”**

Matthew 25:1–13

Offering *Online or in the narthex*

Prayer of the Church

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for the Word

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Prayers



In Need of Healing . . . *Mike Babino, Elroy Block, Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Sue Krull, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Deb Schneider, Donna Seefeldt, Tom Sunnicht, and Marilyn Wudtke.*

We pray for . . . the family of *John Dobratz*, who was called to his eternal home on Monday, November 2, 2020, and given Christian burial on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Announcements

Flu Shots . . . Bellin Health will be holding a flu shot clinic here at St. Paul on Wednesday, November 11, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Call 715–758–2167 to schedule an appointment. Bring your insurance card.

November Bible Study

Mondays – 6:15pm, also Livestream or Online

Tuesdays – 7:00am

We finished Philipians. We are turning to 2 Peter. In chapter 3, he focuses on those who scoff at the idea of Christ's world-stopping return, and insists, "The Day of the Lord will come!" I'm looking forward to listening to Peter and joining you online. *Pastor Shoup*

College-Age Ministry Group . . . is in need of new and updated addresses for all college students. Please contact Bridgett Dingeldein at 715–853–7991 or Pastor Palmer with any information.

Attended/Communed — October 29/November 1, 2020

Thursday	10/29	7:00pm	74/ 57
Sunday	11/1	8:00am	113/ 89
Sunday	11/1	10:15am	<u>63/ 54</u>
		Total	250/200
Sunday	11/1	Livestream Views	281

Last Chance, Uncle Mike's Kringles . . . The 8th grade class is selling coupons for Uncle Mike's Kringles. The coupons are \$17, and they do not expire. Students will sell the coupons after Thursday night services and between services on Sundays **until November 8**. Start thinking Christmas! These coupons make great Christmas gifts! Please help support the 8th grade class.



The Lutheran Hour . . . "BIGGER" (Daniel 6)

Big problems call for faith in an even bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling tells how the God Who is bigger than our problems works through us to bring bigger blessings to the people around us. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Pastor Gerard Bolling on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	11/8	8:00am Worship (<i>livestreamed</i>) 10:15am Worship
Monday	11/9	6:15pm 2 Peter Bible Class (<i>livestreamed</i>)
Tuesday	11/10	7:00am 2 Peter Bible Class 8:00am Quilting 6:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	11/11	8:15am Chapel (Grades 5–8) (<i>livestreamed</i>) 9:00am Chapel (Grades 4K–4) (<i>livestreamed</i>) 4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Public School Confirmation 5:30pm – 7:30pm Bellin Health Clinic Flu Shots 6:00pm 5 th /6 th Grade Public School Confirmation 6:30PM SPYRT Feed the Flock
Thursday	11/12	1:00pm Ladies Aid 5:30pm Board of Parish Education 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
Friday	11/13	
Saturday	11/14	
Sunday	11/15	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion (<i>livestreamed</i>) 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

November 12
November 15

Ethan McClone
Charlotte Luepke James Engel

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

November 12
November 15

Patti Herrmann
Barb Swiecichowski Peggy Buchholz



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