

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
April 29/May 2, 2021



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



**Opening Hymn**    474    *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (1, 3)*

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

## Invocation

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

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. <sup>27</sup>And 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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him

reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And 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?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And 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. <sup>40</sup>But 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.**

## **Epistle Reading — 1 John 4:1–21**

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. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and 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. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We 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.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In 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. <sup>10</sup>In 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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen

and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>By 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If 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. <sup>21</sup>And 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. <sup>2</sup>Every 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. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>If 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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By 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.*

## **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**      **700**                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      (1, 4)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## Sermon

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## The Service of the Sacrament

**Holy Communion . . .** Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not members of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, 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.**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.**

### **Distribution**

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

## Distribution Hymns

### 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.

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

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### 611 *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

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### 571 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares how we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood, your Baptism grants the highest good.

If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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## Post-Communion Prayer

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn     478     *The Day of Resurrection (1, 4)*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

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## *Serving the Lord in Worship*

**Pastors** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup and Rev. Mark R. Palmer  
**Organists** Mrs. Lorraine Doell and Mrs. Debbie Welch  
**Acolytes** Ethan McClone      Audrey Jacobs      James Engel

### *Prayers*

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Ruby Christensen, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Judy Manthei, Jim "Ace" Mueller, Rachel Olson, Charlie Rosin, Randy Simon, Jerry Steif, Rachel Wussow, and Harland Zehren.*



**Altar Flowers . . .** are placed to the glory of God by the *Confirmation Class of 2021.*

### **Confirmation Class — 2021**

*Josephine Anvelink*

*Race Anvelink*

*Alexander Ard*

*Addison Diemel*

*Baylie Diemel*

*Raina Dworniczak*

*Isiah Genz*

*Abbi Heller*

*Reegan Kocherer*

*Ayden Kohn*

*Benjamin Letter*

*Gunnar Majewski*

*Nicole Marquette*

*Taylor Rank*

*Benjamin Reisner*

*Ethan Schauder*

*Tatum Sporisky*

*Madison Ullmer*

*Owen Ullmer*

*Ryan Ullmer*

*Audrey Weier*

*Bryli Zulegar*

### *Announcements*

#### **Lutheran Hour . . . "Seriously?" (Jonah 1-4)**

A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah. Tune in next Sunday to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).

***Attended/Communed — April 21, 22 and 25, 2021***

Wednesday	4/21	11:00am	17/16
Thursday	4/22	7:00pm	100
Sunday	4/25	7:45am	157
Sunday	4/25	9:00am	60
Sunday	4/25	10:15am	<u>68</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>402/16</b>

**Online Services Livestream Views      146**

***Thank You!!!***

*The St. Paul Mission Circle sincerely thanks all for supporting our Bake Sale, and especially the ladies for their wonderful assortment of bakery and treats. The proceeds will be a blessing towards our commitments at St. Paul.*

**Altar Guild meeting . . .** will take place on Monday, May 3, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Dues for 2021 will be collected. Committees for June–November will be determined. More members are needed. Altar Guild is looking for new members who only serve two months out of the year.

**WRLHS Rummage Sale . . .** It's that time again for Wolf River Lutheran High School's Annual Rummage sale. Come out and join us for tons of treasures. Friday and Saturday, June 4 & 5, 11 & 12. Hours are 8am-4pm. We will also have a concession stand serving brats and burgers. Do you have items you want to donate? Please text or call Joan Genke at 715- 851-2741 for times for drop off or pick up. Looking to volunteer your time to help set up or work the rummage sale? Let Joan know. Thanks in advance for all your support for the school!

**Men's Club . . .** St. Paul Men's Club will not be meeting in the month of May.



## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/2</b>	7:45am Worship — Holy Communion (livestreamed) <b>9:30am Confirmation — Worship with Holy Communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/3</b>	6:00pm Bd of Trustees 6:00pm Bd of Parish Fellowship 6:30pm Altar Guild
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/4</b>	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/5</b>	8:15am Chapel (Grades 5–8) 9:00am Chapel (4K–Grade 4) 4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Youth & Youth Bd Meeting 7:00pm Bd of Elders
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/6</b>	1:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Worship
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/7</b>	4:00pm–7:00pm Flower Sale Plant Pickup
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/8</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/9</b>	7:45am Worship (livestreamed) 9:00am Worship (Mandatory Mask) 10:15am Worship



### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

<b>May 6</b>	Ajay Heller	
<b>May 9</b>	Jackson Krause	Kaylen Folkman

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

<b>May 6</b>	Sandy Staszak	
<b>May 9</b>	Karla Moede	Barb Wickman