

## CALENDAR FOR MAY, 2021

Sat., 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Outdoor Work Day	9:00 am
Sun., 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Annual Meeting to follow	
Sun., 30 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service	9:00 am
Mon., 31 <sup>st</sup>	Memorial Day	
Wilton American Legion Post #508 Schedule for Memorial Day		

(Following times are approximate)

9:30 AM St. John's Catholic Cemetery  
9:45 AM Hillside Cemetery  
10:00 AM Highway 131 Bridge  
10:15 AM St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery  
10:30 AM South Ridge Lutheran Cemetery  
10:45 AM Cal Day Cemetery  
11:00 AM Dorset Ridge Cemetery

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, Justin Arndt (608-435-6336) (414-587-6642) or Nalani Bever,

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 16, 2021  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God\**

*Announcements, followed by the prelude  
A time for silent reflection*

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Judy Bever, Darlene and Paul Babbitt, Pam Eaton, Lisa Rhodes, Alrita Ornes, Tessa Klipstein, Bud Osteboe, Jim Finer, Jerry Nading, Rhett Flaten, Marty Arndt, Roger Wilchinski, Judy Lydon, Bob Schendel, Judy Arndt

### **IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris,  
Organist: Nalani Bever Reader: Justin Arndt

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 23, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend.

Items for the Annual Report should be to the office no later than Friday, May 14. Thank you. The report will be available on May 16.

### **What is the barn in the narthex??**

The emphasis for the 2020 Synod Assembly was to have been "Synod Barn Raising". Since the Assembly was not held last year, the Project has been extended into 2021. Each Congregation was given a barn cut-out to decorate and use as a goal. Our barn was painted and decorated by Ayawyn Conner. Thank you, Ayawyn. The cost of a "Family Farm" through ELCA Good Gifts is \$715. Each Congregation is encouraged to provide several "farms".

St. Paul's has to date raised enough to purchase 3 farms through the Christmas Angel Project, W-ELCA donation and personal contributions toward World Hunger. Can we do better? The 2021 Assembly will be held virtually in June. Please consider a donation for World Hunger. Each farm includes a cow, two goats, two pigs, a dozen chickens, seeds, tools and agricultural training.

Arlis Ballwahn, Hunger Leader

through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\*

Blessing of the Graduating Seniors  
Scholarship Presentation

August Arndt	Brookwood High School
Kaden Brandau	Brookwood High School
Deacon Erdman	Brookwood High School
Lailah Eckes	Brookwood High School
Krista Cook	New Lisbon High School
Emma Gruen	Royall High School

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

“This is the Feast”

P: This is the feast of victory of our God, Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
And honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the  
hymn of all creation;  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to  
God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

**Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and  
by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your  
Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our  
joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\**

**FIRST READING**

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

"Lamb of God"

**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, grant us peace.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,**

## OFFERING

Offering plates are located as you entered the church.

\*Offertory Prayer

God of love,  
**you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Lord God of pow’r and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## SECOND READING

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

### 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

*In this reading the church hears Jesus’ words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

## The gospel according to John 17:6-9

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn

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## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.)