



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

****(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***

Announcements

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, John Acker, Judy Bever, Craig King, Mary Leis, Tracie Herman, Patrick Reardon, Dave Dechant, Jayden Shea.

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CALENDAR

Sun., May 28	Worship	9:00 am
Mon., May 29	Memorial Day Observed	
Tues., May 30	Memorial Day	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note we begin our “summer service” time next Sunday, 9:00 am!

We are pleased to offer our congratulations to Katie Gruen and MaKenzie Powell on their upcoming graduation from Brookwood High School. Katie is also the recipient of the St. Paul’s Scholarship. We will be serving cake and coffee in the church basement after service today. Please come and offer your congratulations in person.

We are also presenting bibles to our past graduates, including; Avery Arndt, August Arndt, Gracie Brandau, Kaden Brandau, Thadyn Conner, Krista Cook, Bryce Gruen, Emma Gruen, Kaylin Gruen, Madelyn Gruen, Natalie Stanek, and Brady Zimmerman

*Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through 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

Today’s reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the out-pouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord’s conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and

Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- ¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.
- ²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the
presence of God.**
- ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides
the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**
- ⁵In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
- ⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into
freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**
- ⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the
presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
- ¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the
poor.**
- ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
- ³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

Distribution

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

"Lamb of God"

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Embodied God,
**at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
Amen.**

Sending

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

*Benediction

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Pastor: Bill Horn; Organist: Nalani Bever;

Reader: Justin Arndt

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Second Reading

2 Chronicles 1:1-13

¹Solomon son of David established himself in his kingdom; the LORD his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.

²Solomon summoned all Israel, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, the judges, and all the leaders of all Israel, the heads of families. ³Then Solomon, and the whole assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for God's tent of meeting, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness, was there. ⁴(But David had brought the ark of God up from Kiriath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.) ⁵Moreover the bronze altar that Bezalel son of Uri, son of Hur, had made, was there in front of the tabernacle of the LORD. And Solomon and the assembly inquired at it. ⁶Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. ⁷That night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I should give you." ⁸Solomon said to God, "You have shown great and steadfast love to my father David, and have made me succeed him as king. ⁹O Lord GOD, let your promise to my father David now be fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this great people of yours?" ¹¹God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may rule my people over whom I have made you king, ¹²wisdom

and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like." ¹³So Solomon came from the high place at Gibeon, from the tent of meeting, to Jerusalem. And he reigned over Israel.

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

***Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia, Lord," **ELW p. 188**

GOSPEL READING

The holy gospel according to John 17:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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."

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

Sermon

Reverend Bill Horn

***Hymn**

"Borning Cry"

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**Recognition of Brookwood High School Graduates
Katie Gruen and MaKenzie Powell**

Presentation of Bibles to Past Graduates

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Merciful God, **receive our prayer**)

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

***Offertory Hymn**

"Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

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