

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Bangor, Wisconsin

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday 'Repeat' Service: 7:00 p.m. (June Through August)
(Please stay tuned for information on Sun. School & Bible Classes)

10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2020

Personal Prayers For Worship: Pages 10-11 & 134-139 (front of hymnal)

Opening Hymn - 157

Liturgy – Page 38 (front of hymnal)

Scripture Lessons: Job 19:23-27 Psalm 16:8-11
1 Corinthians 15:50-58 John 11:17-27

(Please note responses after Epistle & Gospel Lessons – Page 40)

Hymn – 143

SERMON – John 11:17-44 – A LITTLE EASTER IN AUGUST

The Apostles' Creed – Page 41 (front of hymnal)

The Offering Will Be Brought Forward

Prayers - Lord's Prayer – Benediction

Closing Hymn – 152

WELCOME!

Whether you are here in person or following us on live stream during these days of COVID-19, we pray that you are blessed as you hear God's Word today. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register in the narthex. To learn more about the Bible's teachings or about becoming a member, contact the pastor (486-2754). LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the narthex. Services are also telecast downstairs for those with restless children.

GOD'S ACRE

You may recall that this past April 12th, we observed Easter in a way we had never observed it before...virtually...live streaming the service with as much joyful noise as a few voices and instruments could make amid the shut-down.

Today's hymns are Easter hymns! This is on purpose. With as many as are able to come to our sanctuary, we will celebrate "a little Easter in August."

We shall stand in a little graveyard in the village of Bethany and hear Jesus say: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish."

We shall watch as, with a loud shout, Jesus calls forth Lazarus from the grave!

In 1750, Thomas Gray wrote "*Elegy Written In A Country Churchyard*" -

"The boast of heraldry,
the pomp of power,
And all that beauty,
all that wealth ever gave,
Awaits alike the inevitable hour;
The paths of glory lead
but to the grave."

Rich and famous, poor and infamous, in ornate casket or pine box, all are laid to rest in the graveyards of earth.

The pyramids of the Pharaohs, the graves of Lincoln, Grant or Kennedy may be fancier than the humble holes into which most of us will be lowered – but these people are no less dead.

Often enough, years ago, Christians used to speak of "God's acre," especially in connection with graveyards owned by the church.

Burial in a church cemetery, of course, guarantees nothing, any more than standing in a garage makes you an automobile.

But the original idea is a comforting one, that the grave of a Christian is more than a mere burial plot.

By faith in Him who was once buried Himself and then rose again, the little plot of ground becomes "God's acre" in the best sense of the term.

A sure and certain hope sanctifies our final resting place, whether in a country churchyard, or amid the dust and ashes scattered across battlefields, or the remains sunk in ocean depths.

Over "God's acre," God's people can still gather over their own who died believing in Christ as their only Savior. They can know for sure, as Jesus Himself said, "that a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out" (*John 5:28-29*).

For Christians, “God’s acre” is but a temporary resting place for bodies which housed our souls, souls which are already rejoicing in the arms of God, souls which will be reunited with glorified bodies on that day when our living Redeemer (*Job 19*) shall come and call for the work of His hands (*Job 14*).

He who said in a cemetery long ago, “I am the Resurrection and the Life,” promises to make of our graves too nothing less than hallowed ground ...waiting for the trumpet call of God.

THIS WEEK:

Today - Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Mon. - ‘Repeat’ Worship Service: 7:00 p.m.
Tues. - Pastoral Circuit Meeting at West Salem: 10:00 a.m.
Sat. - Scrip Orders Due

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in memory of Bonnie Miller by loved ones.

CALL DELIBERATION – Please keep Pastor Jacob Haag of Redeemer Lutheran, Ann Arbor, Michigan in your prayers as he deliberates our Call to be the next pastor of St. Paul’s.

VOLUNTEERS! We have been told by the contractor that we can bring things back into the classrooms on Sat. Aug. 22 starting at 8:00 a.m. & Sun. Aug. 23 starting at 12:30 p.m. (if still needed) Able-bodied help will be very much appreciated! Many hands make light work.

MRS. PENNY ADICKES will be installed as our 1st & 2nd Grade Teacher at the start of both services on August 23rd.

A box for welcoming cards will be available.

LADIES AID meetings will be on hold until further notice. The Ladies Aid officers will continue to tend to any necessary details.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE & CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Volunteers will unload storage containers into classrooms (Sat. Aug. 22, 8:00 a.m. and Sun. Aug. 23, 12:30 p.m.) (**We will get out word if this changes.**) **In-person classes at school** are set to resume **Tues. Sept. 8. We happily welcome new students** to our school to the extent we are able to safely do so, and in accordance with the prioritization set forth in our school handbook. **Mrs. Penny Adickes will be installed** at the start of both services on Aug. 23. A box for welcoming cards will be available. **School registration will be available online again, and also at AN OPEN HOUSE for our renovated school on Sun. Aug. 30, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. at which any and all in our community are welcome.** The August Newsletter will contain information about **the fall schedule. Some things may be delayed until October.** (Choir & Ladies Aid are already on hold until further notice.) **Please stay tuned.**

we are making free masks available at the door, or you may use your own. The speaker in a religious gathering is not required to wear a mask.

IN THE NARTHEX – New edition of *Meditations* (take one for a shut-in ☺)

NOTE ON ALUMINUM CAN DROP OFFS AT SCHOOL

There is a **temporary halt on can drop offs** at St. Paul’s School. A new protocol and schedule will be set up when the new school opens. Thanks!

2020 Weekly Budget:	\$9,948.43	Budget To Date:	\$298,452.90
Received Last Week:	\$11,820.27	Received To Date:	\$275,122.08
(Offerings Received include online and memorial donations to General Fund)			
Attendance Last Week:	1st – 72	2nd – 43	Mon. 45
		Total:	160

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MASK MANDATE – Subsequent to Gov. Evers mask mandate for all public spaces