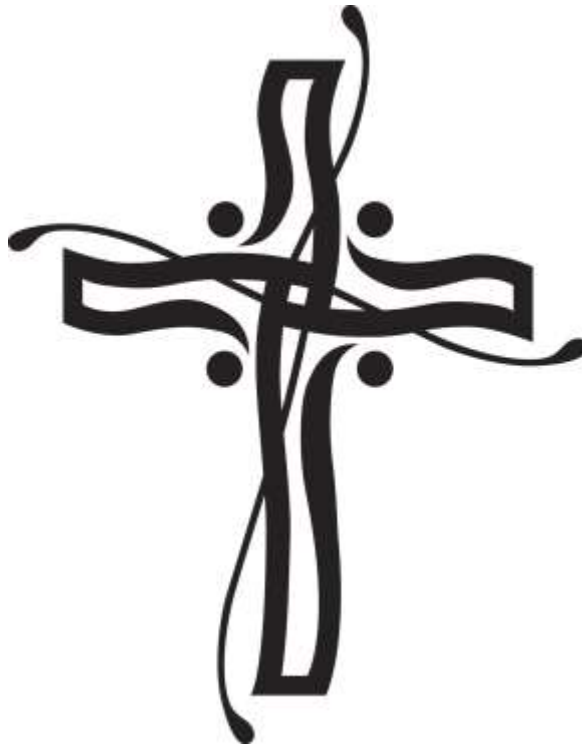


**September 24, 2023**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

## **Hymn: #575 By Grace I'm Saved**

*Stand*

### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession**

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

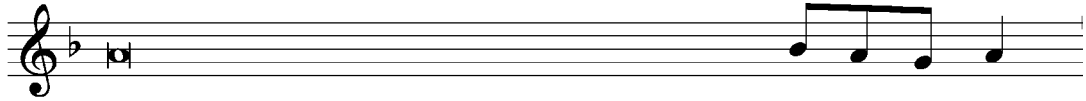
Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



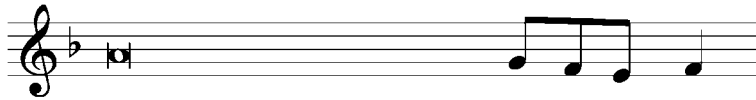
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

Tune: Kevin Becker

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## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



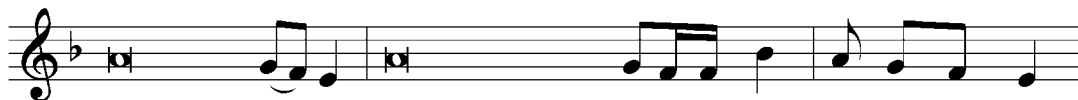
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



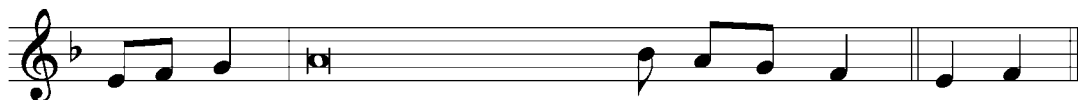
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Reading

*Romans 9:6-16*

6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. 7 Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. 9 For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

10 Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. 11 Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: 12 not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." 13 Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

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

*John 6:68*



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Matthew 20:1-16

3 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ 5 So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

7 “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

9 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 “These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

13 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

16 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day: #582 Not unto Us**

**Sermon**

*Stand*



## 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 in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, You called many sinners to faith in You. Still yet, You called those sinners to work in Your kingdom to bring the truth of Jesus Christ to all people. We thank You that You have called us with Your precious Gospel. Without this God-given faith, we would remain Your enemies. We also marvel that You have included us in Your kingdom work. We do not deserve such an honor, but You have lifted us to a startling degree. In all this, we are humbled by Your gracious love towards us. Help us to continue to accept the Word of Christ and not reject Him as did the people of His hometown.

We pray today especially for the end of poverty. We ask that You bless the whole world with the ability to be productive. May we never forget those who are far less privileged than us. Move many more to be charitable with their blessings so that all of Your sons and daughters may enjoy not only Your material blessings but also the joy of work, community, and family.

### *Special Intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife. Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

**Amen.**

### **Offering**

*Please place your offerings in the box at the back of church.*

*Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:*

<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

# The Sacrament

*Stand*

## **Preface**

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases marked by slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The text is: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men." The final note of the piece is a quarter note G, followed by a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.


*Be seated*

## Distribution Hymn: #558, Salvation unto Us Has Come

*Stand*

### Hymn: Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

CW 951



Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra-el.

Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev.

Tune: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. James E. Engel, 1925-1989

Text and tune: Public domain

## **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: #558, verse 10, Salvation unto Us Has Come**



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Natasha McCants

Susan Berg

## Announcements

### Coming this week at St. Philip's Lutheran Church & School

<u>Monday, September 25</u>	NO SCHOOL – Faculty Professional Day
<u>Tuesday, September 26</u>	Volleyball HOME vs. St. Paul, East Troy
<u>Wednesday, September 27</u>	Chapel 8:15AM – Everyone is invited.
<u>Thursday, September 28</u>	Volleyball HOME vs. Christ/St. Peter
<u>Friday, September 29</u>	Cross Country Meet – Cardinal Classic, Sussex Village Park
<u>Sunday, October 1</u>	Bible Class 9:30AM – “WORSHIP” led by Rev. Dr. Berg Worship 10:30AM Board of Education/GIA Rock Reset after worship 11:45AM

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, October 15	Baptism Sunday, K4 – 8 Sing for worship 10:30AM Open Board of Education Meeting 11:45AM
Friday, October 20	Table of Treats 4:00-6:00PM in gymnasium
Saturday, October 21	GIA Clifton Strengths Finder



**Tables of Treats** is taking place **Friday, October 20th**, from **4-6pm** in the school gymnasium. This will be a fun autumn event and a place for students to do some early trick-or-treating and a chance for church and school families to meet and mingle. If you are interested in participating by **decorating and hosting a table** or by donating **store-bought** baked goods, please contact Ms. Enstad or Ms. Chamberlain. **Students must be accompanied by an adult.**



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### **BAPTISM SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15th**

Have your children been baptized? Have you been baptized? If not, our church is providing an opportunity for you and your family to do so and at no cost to you!

We have scheduled a Baptism Sunday for: **Sunday morning, October 15th, at 10:30am.**

St. Philip's Lutheran Church will be holding a special baptism service on that Sunday. We feel baptism is of most importance for children as well as for adults. Through it God brings His promise of love and forgiveness to all.

If you desire to be baptized along with your children, please contact Pastor Raymond Kimbrough at: 414-263-1373. Pastor will briefly meet with you to give you more information and instructions about this special baptism service.

Thank you and we look forward to serving you and your family.

In Christian love,  
Pastor Raymond Kimbrough  
414-263-1373



### **LWMS Metro North Fall Rally**

**10/28/2023**

**8:00 AM**

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Lannon, WI**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Isaac Hayes**

**Ministry at St. John's on the Hillside in Milwaukee**



### **News from Wisconsin Lutheran High School**

**WLHS 6th-8th Grade Open House**—Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 1. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. with a program at 1:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students please join us to meet teachers, tour the school, and learn more about tuition assistance, scholarships, and the Choice Program. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life! Interested families should register to attend at [wlhs.org/openhouse](https://wlhs.org/openhouse).

**WLHS Fine Arts "Brats 'N Bops"**—On Sunday, October 15, from 5:00-7:00 p.m, the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Choir Associates will host an Oktoberfest-themed event in the WLHS cafeteria called "Brats 'N Bops." The evening will feature performances by the Wisco Kids Show Choir and Inspiration Christian Contemporary/Vocal Jazz Choir. Tickets for food items like brats, hot dogs, soft pretzels, root beer, and sweet treats will be sold at the door; all proceeds directly benefit the WLHS choral department.

**WLHS Work Days**—Do you have yard work or fall cleaning that needs to get done such as raking, hedge trimming, or window washing? Consider hiring hard-working members of WLHS student council for a few hours for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to the 2023-24 WLHS mission project to the Philippines and WELS Military Services to aid in their mission work. Work days will be held on any Saturday or Sunday starting September 30 through October 22. To request a team, please E-mail [workdays@wlhs.org](mailto:workdays@wlhs.org) and include your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

**WLHS Fall Fine Arts Showcase Concert**—On Sunday, October 22, at 3:00 p.m, the WLHS Fine Arts Department will present their Fall Fine Arts Showcase Concert featuring the Concert Band, Freshman and A Cappella Choirs, Jubilation Handbells, Inspiration Vocal Jazz Choir, and Wisco Kids Show Choir. Join us as our student musicians use their gifts to celebrate God's special gift of music!

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### **TO FRIENDS AND VISITORS**

*This is the house of God. In His Name we welcome each and every person. May His Word bring you closer to your Savior, assuring you of the forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus' death and resurrection.*

*If you are without a church home or have recently moved to the area, our pastor will be happy to call on you or answer your questions about church membership. If you are burdened with sorrow or trouble, we invite you to call on the pastor at any time.*

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*St. Philip's congregation supports and maintains a Christian Day School for the thorough training of the whole child. We want each child to know, not only how to deal with this life, but to know their Savior and prepare for eternal life. The school is called St. Philip's Lutheran School and is located at 3012 N. Holton Street.*

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**Church Service – 10:30AM**  
**Bible Class – 9:30AM**