

4th Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and School”

Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough

Principal: Jason Schapekahm

Welcome, Friend!

You Have Come To The Right Place!

Jesus Loves YOU!

WELCOME

Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again in the future. Please sign the friendship register located in each pew. We would like to express our gratitude to you for visiting St. Philip’s Lutheran Church. For more information regarding St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373. For information on our K4 – 8th grade Christian day school please contact our Principal, Jason Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

Worship Theme:

“The Risen Christ is Our Good Shepherd”

“Order of Service”

Opening Hymn: 508 – Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(sung)*

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Congregation: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *(sung response)*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The Absolution: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: A - men. *(sung)*

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

Prayer and Praise *(sung)*

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

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus 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; receive our prayer

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

For you only are holy; You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A – men.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(sung)*

The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor & Congregation: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Sing: Amen.*

First Lesson: Acts 4:23-33

When the church in Jerusalem heard that Peter and John were ordered not to preach Christ, they prayed that God would give his apostles the boldness to speak the Word to the world, even in the face of danger. The Lord answered their prayer.

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 23 (selected verses)

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd,

Congregation: I shall not be in want.

Reader: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

Congregation: He leads me beside quiet waters.

Reader: He restores my soul,

Congregation: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Reader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

Congregation: For you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

Reader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Congregation: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Reader: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

Congregation: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reader and Congregation:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Congregational Response (*sung*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please stand for the gospel lesson.

Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18

Congregation: Glory be to you, O Lord! (*sung response*)

Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. In contrast to the hired hands, who abandon the sheep when danger threatens, Jesus lays down his life for his sheep.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the

sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ! (sung response)

The 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 fully 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 worshipped 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.

Sermon Hymn: Gospel Choir Selection

Sermon Theme: “A Jesus Kind of Love”

Love defined – Verse 16

- 1. The Hypocrisy of Love. Verse 18**
- 2. The Truth of Love. Verses 19-20**
- 3. The Confidence of Love. Verses 21-22**
- 4. The Command of Love. Verses 23-24**

Sermon Text: I John 3:16, 18-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters..... ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Our Offering to the Lord (Please sign the Friendship Register at this time)

During Offering: 436 – Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

General Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Supper

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper: Communicants are encouraged to use the prayers on pages 11 and 156 in the front of the hymnal. **Participation in the Lord’s Supper:** The Lord’s Supper is described in I Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. For this reason, we ask that all communicants be repentant, confirmed members of the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation: It is good and right so to do.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us your peace.

Amen.

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

K4 – 8 School Children – “Take and Eat” *(Children will sing from the balcony.)*

REFRAIN: (Congregation may join in the refrain if they so desire.)

Take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

Vs.1

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;

I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

REFRAIN

Vs.2

I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;

I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

REFRAIN

Vs.3

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin, I am the gate that guards you night and day.

You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

REFRAIN

Vs.4

I am the cornerstone that God has laid; A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;

You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest; Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

REFRAIN

Vs.5

I am the light that came into the world; I am the light that darkness cannot hide;

I am the morning star that never sets; Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

REFRAIN

Vs.6

I am the first and last, the Living one; I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song; You are my bride, come to the marriage feast.

REFRAIN

Gospel Choir Selection

Song of Simeon

Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your Word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: And his mercy endures forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Response: A-men. *(sung)*

Family Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn: Gospel Choir Selection

"Our Mission Statement"

(Our Purpose as a Church)

Our mission here at St. Philip's Lutheran is outlined for us in Matthew 28:19: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' Making disciples includes proclaiming God's Word in its truth and purity, strengthening the faith of those under our care, and reaching out to the people of our community, (including our unchurched friends and relatives). Let us pray for and work together toward this goal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
THE WEEK OF APRIL 22 2018**

Choir: St. Philip's Lutheran School Children. Thank you.
St. Philip's Lutheran Gospel Choir. Directed by Natasha McCants-Scott. Thank you.
Organist: Mrs. Bethany Olson. Thank you.
Lay Reader: Mr. Jason Schapekahm. Thank you.

Next Week: April 29, 2018

Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman
Lay Reader: Mr. Erskin Henderson

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Tuesday, April 24 Ladies Bible Study 7:00PM at the DeRuiter's home

Wednesday, April 25 Chapel 10:00AM
50+ Ladies Bible Study 1:30PM

Thursday, April 26 K5 – 3rd Grade travel to Luther Prep School for Children's Theater – "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"

Friday, April 27 NO SCHOOL – Faculty Professional Day

Saturday, April 28 LWMS Spring Rally at St. John's, Mequon 8AM-12PM

Sunday, April 29 Church Council 8:30AM
Bible Class 9:30AM
Worship 10:30AM

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, May 6 Quarterly Congregational Meeting follows worship service
Please contact Mark Moldenhauer, Congregation Chairman, prior to April 29th if you have new business for the meeting. The 2018-2019 church and school budgets will be presented for approval.

Sunday, May 6 ABC Music Studio Spring Piano Recital 2:00PM in church
(Mrs. Bethany Olson's piano students)

Summer School at St. Philip's Lutheran School!!!!

Mark your calendars for St. Philip's Summer School Wednesday, June 27, 2018 - Thursday, July 26, 2018! The Center for Urban Teaching (CfUT) is hosting a four week summer school program at St. Philip's which includes devotion, songs, and character building every day. Students will also focus on literacy and mathematics. The school day runs from 7:30AM-2:00PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and there is early dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch are served every day. There is no cost for summer school. All students must purchase a Summer School T-shirt for \$5.00. All students are encouraged to attend this wonderful NEW opportunity at St. Philip's.

CALL RECEIVED

Dear members of St. Philip's Lutheran Church,
I am writing to inform you that while I was in Australia, I received an email, on April 15, informing me I received a divine call to our sister congregation, St. Paul's in Columbus, OH. The call to St. Paul's consists of teaching third and fourth grades. I am very humbled to hold two calls and ask you to keep me in your prayers as I deliberate both. I welcome any conversations you want to have with me via email. I am confident the Lord will lead me to a decision where my talents and abilities can best serve Him.

Be Bold, Be Strong,
Jessica Martinez
St. Philip's Lutheran School
Third and Fourth Grade Teacher