

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & 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 fill out the friendship register. 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christian day school please contact Mr. Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

**Worship Theme**

“Be Prepared for Jesus’ Coming”

**Order of Service**

**Opening Hymn:** Gospel Choir Selection

**Holy Baptism:** A’Myra Hulbert, daughter of Tamika Holmes

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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

**Confession of Sins**

**Pastor:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**Congregation:** Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

**Pastor:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**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)**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

L: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

L: Amen.

**C: Amen.**

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

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

**Oh Taste and See (sung)**

L: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good

**C: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good.**

L: Blessed are they who take refuge in him

**C: Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

L: Your word, oh Lord, is eternal.

**C: Your word, oh Lord, is eternal.**

L: It stands firm in the heavens.

**C: It stands firm in the heavens.**

L: Your faithfulness continues.

**C: Your faithfulness continues.**

L: Forever

**C: Forever**

L: And ever

**C: And ever**

L: Amen

**C: Amen.**

**The Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Pastor & Congregation:**

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*Jeremiah prophesies that the promised savior would come from David's family line.*

<sup>14</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”

**Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 25 (selected verses)**

Reader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

**Congregation: In you I trust, O my God.**

Reader: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,

**Congregation: For they are from of old.**

Reader: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

**Congregation: According to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.**

Reader: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

**Congregation: For I am lonely and afflicted.**

Reader: Look upon my affliction and my distress

**Congregation: And take away all my sins.**

Reader: Guard my life and rescue me,

**Congregation: For in you I take refuge.**

**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.**

**Alleluia – sung response**

L: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

L: These words were written and given to us So that our hearts can hear

That Jesus opened the doors; he is the Christ, The son of God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

L: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Please stand for the second lesson.*

**Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*St. Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians have been given saving faith. It is his prayer that the Lord keep them in the faith until they enter eternal life on the last day when the Lord comes again.*

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

**Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!** *(spoken)*

**Sermon Hymn: Hallelujah (Christmas Version)** - *Cloverton*

I've heard about this baby boy  
Who's come to earth to bring us joy  
And I just want to sing this song to you  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth  
The minor fall, the major lift  
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem  
Expecting child, they searched the inn  
To find a place for You were coming soon  
There was no room for them to stay  
So in a manger filled with hay  
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night  
To see this baby wrapped in light  
A host of angels led them all to You  
It was just as the angels said  
You'll find Him in a manger bed  
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

A star shown bright up in the east  
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three  
Came many miles and journeyed long for You  
And to the place at which You were  
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh  
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me  
This baby boy would grow to be  
A man and one day die for me and you  
My sins would drive the nails in You  
That rugged cross was my cross, too  
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah  
Hallelujah



**Sermon Theme: Jesus Prepares Our Hearts For Advent**

- 1. With an example from past history. Verses 36-39**
- 2. With an illustration of present reality. Verses 40, 41**
- 3. With the anticipation of future glory. Verses 42-44**

**Sermon Text: Matthew 24:36-44**

<sup>36</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Our Offering to the Lord**

**During Offering: Gospel Choir Selection**

**Family Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: 23, verse 1 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel**

**"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 DECEMBER 2, 2018**

**Praise Band:** Erskin Henderson, Carol Luehring, Rachel Luehring, Bethany Olson, and Jack Wright. Thank you.

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas Foster. Thank you.

**Next Week: December 9, 2018**

**Organist:** Mrs. Nicole Cottman

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal

**Coming this week at**

**St. Philip’s Lutheran Church & School**

**Wednesday, December 5**

**Advent Worship 10:00AM**

**50+ Ladies Bible Study 1:30PM**

**Sunday, December 9**

**Church Council 8:30AM**

**9:30AM – Bible Class**

**10:30AM – Worship Service with communion**

**AbnC Piano Studio Recital – 4:00PM**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sunday, December 16**

**Church Christmas Party after worship**

**Pot luck - Sign-up sheet in narthex**

**Sunday, December 23**

**Christmas Carol Concert Service – Gospel Choir Sings**

**Monday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve Children’s Service 6:00PM**

**Tuesday, December 25**

**Christmas Day Worship 9:30AM**

**Monday, December 31**

**New Year’s Eve Worship with communion 6:00PM**

**Sunday, January 6**

**Quarterly congregational meeting follows worship service**

**OFFERING UPDATE – This update will be included each week with the bulletin.**

	<b>Week</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b><u>11/19-11/25</u></b>	<b><u>November</u></b>	<b><u>2018-2019</u></b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,653.85</b>	<b>\$14,615.38</b>	<b>\$ 80,384.62</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$ 2,248.00</b>	<b>\$11,204.00</b>	<b>\$ 68,832.00</b>
<b>Over (Under)</b>	<b>(\$ 1,405.85)</b>	<b>(\$ 3,411.38)</b>	<b>(\$ 11,552.62)</b>

**WLHS Christmas Pops Concert**—Enjoy early Christmas merriment at the annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This concert features the WLHS Concert Band, A Cappella Choir, Inspiration, Wisco Kids Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbell Choir, and other instrumental ensembles. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Afterward, enjoy a reception of Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch.

**Koiné Christmas Concert**

Celebrate the birth of our Savior with Koiné at their Christmas concert on Saturday, December 8 at 5 pm at the Waukesha Expo Center. The concert will be a presentation of Koiné’s favorite Christmas songs, familiar hymns from their two Christmas albums, Anno Domini and Emmanuel Lux, and a few new surprise arrangements.

**Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary**

The Seminary Chorus, a 52-voice men’s choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced tickets sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located [11831 N. Seminary Dr.](http://11831.N.Seminary.Dr) in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at [wls.wels.net](http://wls.wels.net).

**Wisconsin Lutheran College**

**Choir Concert:** The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir and Chamber Choir present their **Christmas Festival Concert** November 30 and December 1 at 7:30 p.m. and December 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at [wlc.edu/boxoffice](http://wlc.edu/boxoffice) or by calling 414.443.8802.

**Band Concert:** The Wisconsin Lutheran College Concert Band will present its **Winter Band Concert** on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at [wlc.edu/boxoffice](http://wlc.edu/boxoffice) or by calling 414.443.8802.

***St. Philip’s Christmas Party!!!***

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!**

***CHRISTMAS PARTY***

***sunday, December 16, 2018***

**Immediately after service  
in the Gymnasium**



**POTLUCK**

**Everyone Bring a Dish to Share**

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