

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

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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.

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
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Worship Theme: When the Lord Comes Near He humbles His People

“Order of Service”

Opening Selection: Mary Did you Know?

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.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unending love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

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.

P: 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.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

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

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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 our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Spoken:* Amen.

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

¹“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 24 (selected verses)

Reader: The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it.

Congregation: The world, and all who live in it.

Reader: For he founded it upon the seas.

Congregation: and established it upon the waters.

Reader: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?

Congregation: Who may stand on his holy place?

Reader: He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Congregation: He will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Reader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors.

Congregation: That the King of glory may come in.

Reader: Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors.

Congregation: That the King of glory may come in.

Reader: Who is he, this King of glory?

Congregation: The LORD Almighty – he is the King of Glory.

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: Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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

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: “Prepare For Christmas With The 3 R’s”

1. **Remorse.** Verses 7-8
 - a. **Sorrow for a misunderstanding. “who warned you?”** (Verses 7, 9, 17)
 - b. **Sorrow for false pride. “we have Abraham as our father”** (Verse 8b)
2. **Rejoice.** Verses 15-16
 - a. **Recognize our need to change. “all were wondering in their hearts”** (Verse 15)
 - b. **Recognize who Jesus is. “mightier than I”** (Verse 16a)
 - c. **Recognize what Jesus does. “baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire”** (Verses 16b, 18)
3. **Rearrange.** Verses 8a, 10-14
 - a. **Question: “What then shall we do?”** (Verses 8a, 10-14)
 - b. **Answer: “Share”, “Be Fair”, “Don’t Bully”** (Colossians 3:12-14)

Sermon Text: Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” ¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. ¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.” ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

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

Please place your offerings in the basket at the back of church.

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

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

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel (CW 23, verse 1 & 2)

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

"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 5, 2021**

Praise Band: Erskin Henderson, Hayley Moldenhauer, Thomas Moldenhauer, Emma Schneck, and Jack Wright. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: December 12, 2021

Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal



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

- Monday, December 6 Boys A & B BB at St. Jacobi 4:30PM

- Wednesday, December 8 Advent Chapel 10:00AM

- Friday, December 10 Boys A & B BB HOME vs. Christ/St. Peter 4:30PM

- Sunday, December 12 Bible Class 9:30AM
Worship with communion 10:30AM

- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- Sunday, December 19 Christmas Carol Song Service
Cherub Choir Sings for Worship

- Wednesday, December 22 St. Philip's Lutheran School Christmas Program
6:00PM - "The Light Has Come"

- Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Virtual (link will be sent)
- Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30AM
- Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve – Virtual Devotion (link will be sent)

DECEMBER CALENDAR AND TEXT SHEET IS INCLUDED WITH TODAY'S BULLETIN

CALL ACCEPTED

Dear Members of St. Philip's Lutheran,

On Monday evening, October 25, Morning Star in Jackson was led by the Holy Spirit to extend a call to me. It has truly been a humbling experience for me to prayerfully consider my current call at St. Philip's in Milwaukee and the call to teach at Morning Star. The Lord has led me to accept the call to teach at Morning Star. I continue to pray for the wonderful ministry at St. Philip's Lutheran.

In Christ's Service,
Kelly Wardell

CALL RETURNED

Dear Fellow Members of God's Family at St. Philip's,

On November 14 I received a divine call to serve as the 2nd grade teacher at your school. After prayerful deliberation, I humbly return the divine call and will remain teaching at St. Martin's. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to consider this call. It has allowed me to prayerfully evaluate the ministry opportunities at two very fine congregations and assess my ability to serve in each situation. At this time, I am confident that the Lord is leading me to continue serving at St. Martin's.

Thank you for the many people who reached out during the last two weeks. I am so excited for your ministry at St. Philip's. I have said many prayers of thanks for the work you are doing in Milwaukee. May God's will continue to be done!

Your sister in Christ,
Amber Guthmiller

CALL RETURNED

Dear Members of St. Philip's Lutheran Church,

On Sunday, October 31st, you extended a divine call to me to serve as your third grade teacher. Over the past month, I have had the privilege of talking to many of you about your ministry in Milwaukee. I was pleased to hear about your passion for spreading God's Word to the people of your community. Truly God has blessed your ministry!

I have spent the past month praying and deliberating. I have also had conversations with family, friends, and the members here at Lord of Life. After prayerful consideration, I have decided to return the call to St. Philip's. It was a difficult decision, but I know God will continue to bless your ministry. You will be in my prayers as you continue your calling process.

Yours in Christ,
Nathan Deering

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AROUND THE AREA

Christmas at WISCO—This Christmas season, the fine arts department at Wisconsin Lutheran High School will be providing three opportunities to attend sacred and secular music concerts.

Winter Band Concert • Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m.—featuring Concert Band. Tap your toes to secular Christmas tunes as well as familiar sacred pieces. Admission is free.

Sacred Christmas Choral Concert • Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.—featuring A Cappella, Freshman Choirs, Inspiration, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

Winter Chamber Ensembles Concert • Saturday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.—featuring small ensembles such as Wisco Kids, Inspiration Vocal Jazz, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbells, brass, woodwind, percussion, and more! Enjoy the secular and sacred Christmas tunes of the season. Admission is free.

You're invited to the Seminary Chorus Christmas Concert!

Join the Seminary Chorus for their annual Christmas concert on December 12, 2021, at 3:00 and 7:00 pm in Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's auditorium. The 3:00 pm (central) service will be streamed live and recorded at [livestream.com/WLSLive](https://www.livestream.com/WLSLive). For over 150 years, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has been preparing pastors for the worldwide mission of WELS. These pastors go out with the same good news of the shepherds, telling people that a Savior has been born—and died and rose too. Join us to hear this good news presented in song. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

***Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auditorium
11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon, WI 53092***

JESUS CARES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Jesus Cares Students and Dania Gipson (our member) invite you to join them, as they share the GOOD NEWS of our SAVIOR'S BIRTH. Sunday, December 19th, 2021, at Abiding Word Lutheran Church, 9420 W Capitol Drive, Milwaukee at 2:00PM.