

“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 Mr. Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

Worship Theme:

“Preparing Our Hearts for Our Savior”

“Order of Service”

Opening Hymn: 12 – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

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: 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)*

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.

Sing: Amen.

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Malachi calls the promised Messiah "the messenger of the covenant" who is coming. No one will be able to survive being in his holy presence unless he is prepared. The Lord promises to send a messenger to prepare the way before him.

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 in 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.

Reader: 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.

Congregational Response *(sung)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please stand for the second lesson.

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

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

God, who brought us to faith, will continue to bless us and keep us in the faith until the day when Christ Jesus comes again.

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!**

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: 16 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry
(Please rise for the final stanza.)

Sermon Theme: "Prepare the Way for the Lord"
1. Listen to the voice of God's messenger. Verses 2, 4
2. Know that a change of heart is necessary. Verses 3, 5
3. See the salvation of your God. Verse 6

Sermon Text: Luke 3:1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶And all mankind will see God’s salvation.”

Our Offering to the Lord *(Please sign the Friendship Register at this time)*
During Offering: 542 – Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

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: 3 – Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates
 19 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Song of Simeon *(sung)*
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. *(sung)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Congregational Response: A-men. *(sung)*
Family Prayer
Benediction
Congregational Response: A-men, A-men, A-men. *(sung)*
Closing Hymn: 23, verses 1 & 2 – 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 9, 2018
Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman Thank you.
Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: December 16, 2018
Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman
Lay Reader: Mr. Jack Wright

Coming this week at
St. Philip’s Lutheran Church & School
Wednesday, December 12
Advent Worship 10:00AM

Friday, December 14 Girls & Boys A & B BB Games at St. Philip’s vs. Mt. Lebanon – Games start at 4:15PM

Sunday, December 16 9:30AM – Bible Class
 10:30AM – Worship Service
 Church Christmas Party follows worship

LOOKING AHEAD
Tuesday, December 18 - Ladies Bible Study 7:00PM at Hayley Moldenhauer’s home
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

<u>OFFERING UPDATE – This update will be included each week with the bulletin.</u>			
	<u>Week</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>July to Date</u>
	<u>11/26-12/2</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Budget	\$ 3,653.85	\$ 3,653.85	\$ 84,038.46
Actual	\$ 5,243.00	\$ 5,243.00	\$ 74,075.00
Over (Under)	\$ 1,589.15	\$ 1,589.15	(\$ 9,963.46)

2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the back of church. Please use your envelopes to ensure proper recording of your offerings. Your envelope number may have changed. If you did not receive envelopes please contact the church office at 414-263-1373. Thank you.
MY EOFFERING IS ALSO AVAILABLE. Check out <http://myeoffering.com>

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

Questions? Contact Johnnie Patterson
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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 **TODAY**, 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.](#) in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wls.wels.net.

SOCK DRIVE

The Junior Red Knights Volleyball Club is having a sock drive for the homeless. If you would like to donate "NEW" socks, a box will be located in the church narthex. All donations need to be turned in by December 21st. Questions – see Noelle Berg, 7th grade St. Philip's student.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The **Sacred Christmas Concert** will be held Sunday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *Sing We Now of Christmas - The Carols of Christmas*. A Cappella, Cantorei, Freshmen choirs as well as Jubilation Handbell Choir will perform, joined by instrumentalists. Both concerts are held in the auditorium at WLHS.

Wisconsin Lutheran High School

The 2019 WLHS boys' baseball camp is set to take place at Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Main Gym on Sunday, January 27th, February 3rd, and February 10th. There will be two sessions each day (Grades 2-4) from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm and (Grades 5-8) from 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm. The camp will focus on proper throwing mechanics, defensive skills, and developing the hitter's swing. Registration information is located on the Wisconsin Lutheran Junior Vikings Website (wlhs.org/jrvikings). Camp fee is \$40 - the deadline to register is January 13th, 2019.

ADVENT WREATH

On the first Sunday of Advent, the prophecy candle is lit, in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

On the second Sunday, an additional candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the Bethlehem candle, symbolizing Christ's manger.

On the third Sunday of Advent another candle is lit. This candle is customarily called the Shepherds' candle and it represents joy.

The fourth and last candle, often times called the Angel's candle, represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.