

1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & 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 or 414-254-6093.

For information on our K4 – 8th grade Christian day school please
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Worship Notes: Per Governor Evers' mask mandate announced July 30,

ALL people age 5 and older MUST wear a face mask to in-person worship.

Since the mandate DOES allow for face coverings to be removed while eating and drinking, we will continue to have communion on our regular schedule. We are monitoring this situation very closely and will keep you updated if anything changes. It currently expires in March of 2021, although the City of Milwaukee Mask Mandate may last longer. We will be asking people to sit in every other pew. At dismissal please remember to exit the church and visit outside. We pray that the Lord will help all of us to have an uplifting worship experience gathered around His Word.

Worship Theme:

“Jesus Defeats the Devil”

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (CW 451)

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm,

through the night, Lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone, At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

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 unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Congregation: Amen.

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

Praise Song: *(Congregation sings response)*

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;
It stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor & Congregation: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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: Genesis 22:1-18

God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his only son. Abraham is willing to surrender the son he loves, showing that he fears God.

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ²Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.” ³Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” ⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham answered, “God himself will

provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. ⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. ¹²“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” ¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” ¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 6 (selected verses)

Reader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,

Congregation: Or discipline me in your wrath.

Reader: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint,

Congregation: O Lord, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

Reader: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me;

Congregation: Save me because of your unfailing love.

Reader: I am worn out from groaning.

Congregation: My eyes grow weak with sorrows

Reader: Away from me, all you who do evil.

Congregation: For the Lord has heard my weeping.

Reader: The Lord has heard my cry for mercy,

Congregation: The Lord accepts my prayer.

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.

Please rise for the gospel lesson.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:12-15

Christ defeats Satan at the beginning of his public ministry; this victory is a prelude to the defeat of Satan's power on Mount Calvary. Jesus then begins preaching the good news.

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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

Sermon Hymn: In Christ Alone (CWS 752)
(Please rise for the final stanza.)

**In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

Sermon Theme: "When the Walls Come Tumbling Down"

1. "Formerly" there was DISUNITY:
There are walls that separate us. Verses 11, 12, 19a
2. "But now" there is PEACE:
Jesus has destroyed all the walls. Verses 13-18
3. "Consequently" there should be UNITY:
All Christians are now one people. Verses 18-22

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands) — ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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>.

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing (Congregation please remain standing)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies;

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,

Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee.
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand
True to our God, true to our native land.

"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 FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: February 28, 2021

Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal



Coming this week at

St. Philip's Lutheran Church & School

Monday, February 22nd

Food & Material Pick-up for Virtual Students 1:00PM-4:00PM

Wednesday, February 24th

Lenten Devotion – Virtual Worship Only – Pastor will email link

HANDS OF BETRAYAL (Judas) – Luke 18:9-14 – Pastor Merten

Sunday, February 28th

Worship with communion 10:30AM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – PERSON OF THE WEEK

CALL ACCEPTED

Dear St. Philip's Family,

Eric and I would like to thank you all for your prayers on our behalf. What a tremendous blessing you are! After much prayerful deliberation, the Lord has led me to accept the divine call to teach 3rd grade at Risen Savior East Campus. Please know that we did not make this decision lightly. We love St. Philip's, and it saddens us to leave you. However, it seems as though God has different plans for us at this time. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve with you for so many years. You will be in our prayers as you begin to seek out the servant the Lord is already preparing for you. We are confident that the Lord will continue to bless your work here as you share the gospel with his precious lambs. We humbly ask that you remember Risen Savior in your prayers as they expand their ministry to reach more families. For in Christ we are all one body and "from him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16)

With love,
Mrs. Nicole Cottman



All of our Midweek Lenten Services will be virtual. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter will all be in person worship opportunities.

Pastor Kimbrough will email the link prior to the service. It will also be posted to our website and Facebook.

Midweek 2 – Hands of Betrayal (Judas) John 13:21-30 – Pastor Merten

Midweek 3 – Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter) John 18:4-11 – Pastor Kimbrough

Midweek 4 – Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas) Mark 14:55-65 – Pastor Merten

Midweek 5 – Hands of Brutality (Soldiers) Matthew 27:27-31 – Pastor Kimbrough

Midweek 6 - Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate) Matthew 27:15-26 – Pastor Wenzel

Palm Sunday – Hands of Praise (Disciples and Crowds) Mark 11:1-11 – Pastor Kimbrough 10:30AM

Maundy Thursday - Hands of Humility (Jesus) John 13:1-5, 12-17 – Pastor Berg – 6:00PM

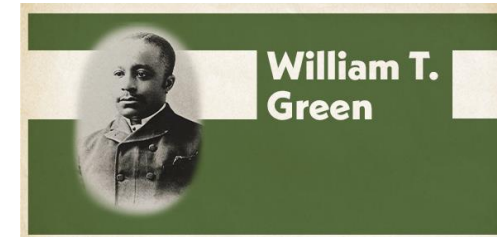
Good Friday - Nail-Pierced Hands (Jesus) Luke 23:32-34 – Pastor Kimbrough – 6:00PM

Easter Sunday - Life-Giving Hands (Jesus) John 20:19-23 – Pastor Kimbrough 10:30AM

Milwaukee's Black Community

Despite this harsh climate, Wisconsin's black communities continued to grow. One was in Milwaukee, where the African-American population rose from 304 in 1880 to 980 in 1910. In December 1889, Milwaukee's black leaders called a state convention that demanded an end to legal segregation in public places and state employment.

One its organizers, William Green, became the first black graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and a prominent attorney for black Milwaukee residents. Between graduating in 1892 and his death in 1911, he argued for civil rights in the press and in the courtroom.



William Green 1860 - 1911

African-American attorney and civil rights activist. Born in Canada in May, 1860, Green came to the U.S. in 1884 and within a few years was a leader of Milwaukee's black community. In 1889, after an instance of blatant discrimination, he was among those who organized a civil rights convention that created the Union League of Wisconsin and started the lawsuit Howell vs. Litt, which ruled that discrimination by race was illegal. Green is thought to have drafted the state's first civil rights law in 1891 (it passed in 1895, and became the foundation for modern civil rights legislation in Wisconsin).

Green was the first black graduate of the Univ. of Wisconsin Law School (1892), and until his death was the only black lawyer in Milwaukee and the only African-American member of the Wisconsin Bar Association. He was the first black attorney to argue a case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. His legal work involved everything from murder and assault to worker's compensation and constitutional issues.

In 1912, the Wisconsin Bar Association Proceedings published this short note: "Wm. T. Green died December 3, 1911, aged 48 years [sic]. He graduated from the Law School of the University of Wisconsin in 1892, and practiced his profession at Milwaukee. He was the only negro lawyer in our ranks. He represented practically all of his race in their trials and tribulations both in the criminal and civil courts and was a worker for the betterment of conditions among his people. He was a Republican and a frequent delegate to the conventions of his party."