

February 4, 2024
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St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

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Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough

Principal: Jason Schapekahn

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 contact our
Principal, Jason Schapekahn at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

THEME OF THE DAY

Jesus is Revealed by Blotting Out Our Sin

God’s Word for Today

In the Gospel appointed for this day, the teachers of the law are shocked that Jesus would be so presumptuous as to forgive someone’s sins. “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” they thought to themselves. Of course, Jesus is God, and he reveals his divinity by blotting out our sin. Only he could do that. And now, as his followers, we forgive others just as in Christ God forgave us (Eph 4:32).

“Order of Service”

Opening Hymn: CW 633 - Speak O Lord

Stand

Throughout the service, the congregation speaks (or sings) the parts printed in bold.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor & Congregation:

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:18-25

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. “Yet you have not called on me, Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, Israel. You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense. You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses. “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day – 103D - The LORD Is Kind

Refrain

The LORD is kind and mer-ci - ful, the
LORD is kind and mer-ci - ful.

Verse

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all my be - ing,
bless his name; bless the LORD, and for -
get not his ben - e - fits.

Verse

2 He par-dons all your in - iq - ui-ties and com - forts your
sor - rows, re - deems your life from de - struc - tion and
crowns you with his kind - ness.

Verse

3 Mer - ci - ful, mer - ci - ful, and
 gra - cious is our God; slow to an - ger, a -
 bound - ing in kind - ness.

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Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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!

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 40:31

Alleluia. Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn: CW 721 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(Please rise for the final stanza.)

Sermon Text: Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel Lesson)

Sermon Theme: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus!”

1. The crowds in the house. Verses 1, 2
2. The 4 men carrying a paralytic. Verses 3, 4
3. The enemies. Verses 6, 7
4. The Friend we have in Jesus. Verses 5, 8-11
5. The result of friendship with Jesus. Verse 12

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 box at the back of church.

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

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

General Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn –CW 850 – It Is Well with My Soul

"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.

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Mrs. Hayley Moldenhauer

Mr. Thomas Moldenhauer

Mr. Jack Wright

In Our Prayers

Joyce Vernon

Kitty Henderson

Natasha McCants

Susan Berg

Gabriel Jasper

Next Week: February 11, 2024

Piano: Mrs. Nicole Cottman

Lay Reader & Liturgy: Mr. Jack Vogel



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

TODAY – Annual Congregational Meeting follows worship.

Please plan to stay and here updates about our church and school.

Wednesday, February 7 Chapel 9:30AM – Led by WLHS – Mr. Gottschalk

**Sunday, February 11 Bible Class 9:30AM
Worship with communion 10:30AM**

LOOKING AHEAD:

Thursday, February 15 Board of Education Open Meeting 5:30PM

**Sunday, February 18 Black History Sunday
Worship – 10:30AM
K4 – 8 Sing for Worship
Food and fellowship follows worship**

February Calendar and Text sheet is included with today's bulletin

OPEN ENROLLMENT – FEBRUARY 1-20, 2024

The first open enrollment for St. Philip's Lutheran School and the Milwaukee Parental Choice program for the 2024-2025 school year began February 1, 2024, and will continue through the end of the day on February 20, 2024. St. Philip's Lutheran Church members with children or grandchildren who are between the ages of 4 and 14 are encouraged to contact Mr. Schapekahm, Pastor Kimbrough, Mrs. Allard or any of our teachers for more information. We have seats available at all grade levels and would love to have our congregation children as students at St. Philip's Lutheran School. For more information and/or to set up an appointment to enroll please call Mr. Schapekahm at 414-659-4688 or Mrs. Allard in the school office 414-263-7614. <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

CALL ACCEPTED

Dearest Members of St. Philip's Lutheran Church and School, my SP family,

As many of you know I received a call three weeks ago to Pilgrim Lutheran in Menomonee Falls to be the director of the ECM and to teach 4K. Taking all things into consideration, through much prayer and thoughtful deliberation, the Lord has led me to accept this call. God's timing is not always ours, and God's plans for us often become apparent when we least expect it. I had no thoughts or intentions of leaving St. Philip's, and this was an incredibly hard decision to wrestle with. St. Philip's has been a wonderful place to serve and has been such a blessing to our family in so many ways. These last 7 years have shaped me, blessed me, and helped me to grow as an educator and a person. I will miss so many aspects of the ministry and work here. I will continue to keep SP in my prayers, and ask for the Lord's continued blessings upon the work and ministry here. I ask for your prayers and blessing as I make this big change, and I pray that God will send SP the people it needs.

Your sister in Christ,
Amanda Berg

Last Sunday the voters of the congregation issued two calls.

Mrs. Jamie Johnson – Upper Grades, currently serving at Arizona Lutheran Academy
Mrs. Emily Symons – Kindergarten, currently serving at St. Peter's, Sturgeon Bay, WI

Please keep these women in your prayers as they deliberate their calls.



CONGRATULATIONS

2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance – No Absences, No Tardies

Domonique Smith – K4	Akila Finch-Spruell – 3 rd	Alyana Moldenhauer – 4 th
Josiah Norman – 4 th	Messiah Norman – 4 th	Livia Schapekahm – 4 th
Taylor Hopper – 5 th	Kashnic Davis – 7 th	Calahan Moldenhauer – 7 th



2023-2024

ST. PHILIP'S SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

HIGHEST HONORS – 4.0

4th Grade – Alyana Moldenhauer

HIGH HONORS 3.50 – 3.99 GRADE POINT

2nd Grade - Shawntrell Mixon

3rd Grade - Nyla Washington

4th Grade - Autumn Luna, Livia Schapekahn, Harmoni Sharp

7th Grade - Calahan Moldenhauer

HONORS 3.00 – 3.49 GRADE POINT

1st Grade - Chase White-Moore

2nd Grade - Shyla Branch, Carter Doss

3rd Grade - Ranett Lee

4th Grade - Aleyah Maxwell, Josiah Norman

6th Grade - Deyuana Dent, Simone Maxwell

7th Grade - Cyrus Fairfield

8th Grade - Jordan Maxwell



Kid's Carnival—Step right up and try your luck at more than 45 fun games! Wisconsin Lutheran High School hosts the Kid's Carnival on Sunday, February 18, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Children age 3 through third grade are invited to play games, meet live animals, and participate in other fun activities. Each \$2 purchase receives 10 play tokens, or \$5 wristband gets you 10 tokens and admission into the bounce house in the multipurpose gym. Carnival tokens and wristbands can be purchased at the door, or online at wlhs.org/carnival. Parents and grandparents are admitted free of charge.

Wisconsin Lutheran High School Spaghetti and Songs—On Friday, March 1, the WLHS Choral Associates will host "Spaghetti and Songs," an evening of dinner and entertainment featuring Wisco Kids Show Choir and Inspiration Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Dinner is served 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meal is "all-you-can-eat" and includes spaghetti with red sauce or chicken alfredo, garlic bread, salad, beverages, and desserts. Tickets can be purchased at the door; \$10 for adults and \$7 for students through high school. Children three-and-under eat free.

Wisconsin Lutheran High School Presents Disney's *The Little Mermaid*— Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World." Performances are Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 3, at 1:00 p.m. **Tickets go on sale Friday, February 9** and may be purchased online at wlhs.org/musical. Presale tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$7 for children (through eighth grade). For more information, contact WLHS Central Office at 414-453-4567.

4th & 6th Grade Make a Splash—On Thursday, March 14, 4th and 6th graders and at least one parent/guardian (mandatory) are invited to attend the annual "Make a Splash" event at Springs Water Park (formerly Country Springs Water Park) in Pewaukee. A formal parent presentation will take place from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and students are welcome to use the water park from 4:30-9:00 p.m. Visit wlhs.org/splash to register for this complimentary event.

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First Lesson (Isaiah 43:18-25)

1. What encouragement does the Lord have for us? (v 18)
2. What complaint did the Lord have about the people of Israel?
3. What wonderful reminder does the Lord have for us? (v 25)

Second Lesson (2 Corinthians 1:18-22)

4. What had made the Corinthians suspicious of St. Paul?
5. What reassurance does Paul want to give them?
6. Explain: "No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ."

Gospel (Mark 2:1-12)

7. What problems did the man in the Gospel have?
8. How does Jesus solve his problem?
9. How does Jesus prove his authority to forgive sins?

Answers:

1. He encourages us to forget our former sins and to realize that in Christ we are freely forgiven.
2. They brought him hollow sacrifices and paid him lip-service rather than offering him their hearts.
3. Our Savior blots out our transgressions and remembers our sins no more. He does this, not because we have earned it, but for his own sake.
4. He had changed his travel plans (cf. 2 Co 1:15-17, 23). When he did this, the Corinthians suspected that Paul's word was not trustworthy.
5. He wanted to reassure the Corinthians that he had spoken truthfully about Jesus. Jesus never talks out of both sides of his mouth.
6. Paul means that every promise that God the Father makes through Jesus Christ is a promise that will be kept, no "ifs, ands," or "buts" about it.
7. He was paralyzed, and when he came to Jesus for healing the house where Jesus was teaching was filled to capacity. The man's friends eventually lowered him through the roof. Most of all, the man was a sinner in need of forgiveness.
8. Jesus solved the man's greatest problem by saying, "Son, your sins are forgiven." In their thoughts, the teachers of the law accused Jesus of blasphemy.
9. Jesus proved his authority to forgive sins and revealed himself as the Savior by giving the paralyzed man the ability to walk.

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TO FRIENDS AND VISITORS

This is the house of God. In His Name we welcome each and every person. May His Word bring you closer to your Savior, assuring you of the forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus' death and resurrection.

If you are without a church home or have recently moved to the area, our pastor will be happy to call on you or answer your questions about church membership. If you are burdened with sorrow or trouble, we invite you to call on the pastor at any time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

St. Philip's congregation supports and maintains a Christian Day School for the thorough training of the whole child. We want each child to know, not only how to deal with this life, but to know their Savior and prepare for eternal life. The school is called St. Philip's Lutheran School and is located at 3012 N. Holton Street.

School Office Phone: 414-263-7614

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Church Service – 10:30AM

Bible Class – 9:30AM