3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

"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!

<u>WELCOME</u>

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

> Worship Theme "Jesus is Our Long-Foretold Savior"

> > Order of Service

Opening Hymn: Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul (CW 238)

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose favors are divine.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let his mercies lie Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die.

'Tis he forgives my sins; 'Tis he relieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my sicknesses And makes me young again. He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'rers rest; The Lord has judgments for the proud And justice for th' oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known, But sent the world his truth and grace By his beloved Son.

<u>Pastor</u>: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **<u>Congregation</u>**: **Amen.** *(sung)*

Confession of Sins

<u>Pastor</u>: 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.

<u>Congregation:</u> 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: Amen. (sung)

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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. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you. (sung)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor & Congregation: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (sung)

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-6

Speaking through the prophet Isaiah 700 years before he took on human flesh, Jesus explains that he was anointed, or chosen, by God to proclaim the good news of salvation to sinners.

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on

them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. ⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. ⁵ Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. ⁶ And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

<u>Congregation</u>: Thanks be to God. (spoken response)

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 19 (selected verses)

Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God.
Congregation: The skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Reader: Their voice goes out into all the earth.
Congregation: Their words to the ends of the world.
Reader: The law of the LORD is perfect.
Congregation: Giving joy to the heart.
Reader: The commands of the LORD are radiant.
Congregation: Giving light to the eyes.
Reader: They are more precious than gold.
Congregation: They are sweeter than honey.
Reader: By them is your servant taught.
Congregation: In keeping them there is great reward.
Reader: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Congregation: Be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my redeemer.

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 rise for the gospel lesson.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:16-30

In the synagogue in Nazareth in Galilee, Jesus reads a prophecy from Isaiah about the promised Messiah and announces that he is the Lord's Anointed, the fulfillment of the prophecy.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. ²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown.²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

<u>Congregation:</u> Praise be to you, O Christ! (Spoken response)

Sermon Hymn: Love is the Gracious Gift (CW 505) (Please rise for the final stanza.)

Love is the gracious gift of your goodness; Love is the patient fruit of your care; Love is the gentle work of your Spirit, Who is the source of love ev'rywhere.

You loved me first, Lord, sending me Jesus. Then I responded, trusting your Son. Now you invite me to love my neighbor, Showing your true love to ev'ryone.

Love means forgiveness, patience, and kindness; Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude. Love endures all things, bearing, believing; Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.

Love in a marriage, love freely given, Love of a husband, love of a wife – Made to continue, blossom, and flourish, Grow ever deeper throughout this life.

Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly, Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed, Love and submission one to another As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.



- 1. Love is essential. Verses 1-3
- 2. Love is practical. Verses 4-7
- 3. Love is permanent. Verses 8-13

Sermon Text: I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, ^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The 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.

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

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

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.

<u>Pastor</u>: The Lord be with you.
<u>Congregation</u>: And also with you. (sung)
<u>Pastor</u>: Lift up your hearts.
<u>Congregation</u>: We lift them up unto the Lord. (sung)
<u>Pastor</u>: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
Congregation: It is good and right so to do. (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

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

<u>Pastor</u>: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **<u>Congregation</u>: Amen.** (sung)

O Christ, Lamb of God (sung)

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

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.

<u>Pastor</u>: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **<u>Congregation</u>**: And his mercy endures forever. (sung)

Prayer of Thanksgiving Congregational Response: A-men. (sung)

Benediction Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

<u>Closing Hymn:</u> Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (CW 334)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

"Our Mission Statement" (Our Purpose as a Church)

Our mission here at St. Philip's Lutheran is outlined for us in <u>Matthew 28:19:</u> '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 JANUARY 23, 2022

Organist: Mrs. Lydia Prange. Thank you. Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: January 30, 2022 Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal



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

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 Chapel 10:00AM Thursday, January 27, 2022 Boys A & B BB Games HOME vs. Risen Savior Games start at 4:30PM Sunday, January 30, 2022 Bible Class 9:30AM

Worship Service 10:30AM



5th Grade Extravaganza - Sunday, February 6

On Sunday, February 6, starting at 5:30 p.m., WLHS invites 5th graders and their families to the 5th Grade Extravaganza. This complimentary event includes dinner, fun, and entertainment. Students and parents have a chance to learn about our caring, Christian environment, superior academics, award-winning co-curriculars, generous tuition assistance, and the amazing opportunities that WLHS offers. Plus, your child could win a pair of Beats wireless headphones by Dr. Dre! Additionally, vote for your favorite 5th grade flag design at the Extravaganza. The winner of the flag design contest will receive a free pizza and ice cream party for his or her classroom! To register for this exciting event, click here.

2022-2023 School Year Enrollment Process

St. Philip's first open enrollment period will be from February 1–21, 2022. All returning students must enroll during that time to be assured of a seat for the 2022-2023 school year! New students may also enroll at this time. All parents must sign-up on-line and then wait for an email from DPI with instructions on how to complete your child or children's enrollment at St. Philip's Lutheran School.

https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/

ENROLL FOR 2022-2023

DON'T DELAY – OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS FEBRUARY 21, 2022.

If you have questions or need more information please contact

Mr. Schapekahm at 414-659-4688 or Mrs. Allard at 414-659-4788.

2021-2022

ST. PHILIP'S SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

HIGHEST HONORS 4.00 GRADE POINT

<u>2nd Grade</u> – Alyana Moldenhauer, <u>3rd Grade</u> – Jaydenn Caldwell, Alicia Haynes

5th Grade – Calahan Moldenhauer, 8th Grade – Thomas Moldenhauer

HIGH HONORS 3.50 – 3.99 GRADE POINT

1 st Grade -	Nyla Washington
2 nd Grade -	Harmony Griffin, Tyree Hopper, Ariel Jenkins-Webster,
	MaKia Kleimola, Autumn Luna, Aleyah Maxwell, Josiah Norman,
Messiah Norman, Livia Schapekahm, Harmoni Sharp, Maleah Whitelow	
<u> 3rd Grade -</u>	Tayjah Davenport, Yaliza Lara, Morgan Shareef
<u>4th Grade -</u>	Deyuana Dent, Kaliyah Mack
<u>5th Grade -</u>	Kashnic Davis, Cyrus Fairfield
<u>6th Grade -</u>	India-Armani Jenkins-Webster, Jordan Maxwell, King Wheeler
<u> 7th Grade -</u>	Oliver Schapekahm
<u>8th Grade -</u>	Demarques JohnsonMartinez, William Phommarat

HONORS 3.00 – 3.49 GRADE POINT

2 nd Grade -	Deavion Petty
<u> 3rd Grade -</u>	Aalianna Barki, Taylor Hopper
4 th Grade -	Ethan Johnson-Raffeet, Simone Maxwell, Ronald Woods
5 th Grade -	Tiara Nolden Ellison, Deon Petty
6 th Grade -	Jordan Campbell, Lamar Johnson
7 th Grade -	Sophia Berg, Beautiful Jenkins
<u>8th Grade -</u>	Desirae Beach-Waters



Love as I Have Loved You

Adapted from a devotion by WELS Congregational Services Director Jon Hein

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

I sort of wish Jesus hadn't said that. I would have preferred him to say, "If you are wearing a cross or if you go to church, everyone will know you are my disciple." Though I know people who wear a cross or go to church and don't follow Christ. Others think wearing a cross or attending church somehow makes them better than others. Instead, as a mark of discipleship, Jesus picked a task that is, in a sense, so easy even a three-year-old can do it. So easy. And yet...showing Christian love...also so, so, so hard.

What makes it so hard when Jesus asks us to love? A couple things. First, we know that in God's eyes, love is more than an emotion—it is an action. Say I see a homeless man and, because I'm kindhearted, I feel bad for him. That kindly feeling does nothing to fill his belly.

That leads to a second reason why showing Christian love is so hard. We know the length to which God would have those actions go. The standard for love is Christ himself. And he is awfully loving. John chapter 13 begins with Jesus taking off all his outer clothing, wrapping a towel around his waist, pouring water into a large bowl, and—one-by-one—washing the disciples' dirty feet. Man! You need help moving furniture in your office. I'm there. Your car needs a jump. I got the cables and am happy to help. Your feet stink. . . brothers and sisters, if I'm being honest, I might draw the line there. Not Jesus. Jesus' love never draws lines. On the evening of that same Maundy Thursday, Jesus predicted Peter's denial. He excused Judas to go and betray him. Jesus didn't have any expectations that people would ever be as loving to him as he was to them. He just showed love, without expecting any payback.

In 1 Corinthians 13 Jesus says things like, "Love is patient; love is kind; love never fails; love keeps no record of wrongs." To show the type of selfless, sacrificial love that Jesus showed . . . to demonstrate love that draws no lines, that knows no limits. . . . that's too much. When we think like that, we need to remember that Jesus does not say, "a new suggestion I give you." He also does not say, "a new helpful tip I leave for you." He says this is the will of the Lord and King that you love one another as I have loved you.

But here's the thing with Jesus. . . every single time he asks us to do something, he also gives us the ability. Flawed and foolish humans sometimes ask the impossible. Your boss might demand that a task be completed by a certain day and time. And you may want to say, "Dude, unless you have the ability to magically make days have 30 hours instead of 24, there is no way that gets done on time." Jesus is not flawed. He's not foolish. When he asks us to do something, he gives us the power to do it.

Christian love gains an audience for the gospel. When unbelievers look at believers, they see a radical love within them. They experience it. They want to know more. It is going to take more than wearing a cross or going to church for others to see you are a disciple of Jesus. Think of the inmate who is convinced everyone has given up on them, or one who has recently been released and is struggling mightily to adapt. Has Christ empowered you to give a love that draws no lines and knows no limits to this person? God grant it among us all. Amen.