

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & 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.

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

Worship Theme

“The Christian Answers Doubt With Faith”

Order of Service

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Pastor: 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. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Romans 9:1-5

St. Paul has a pastor's heart for his own people. Many blood-descendants of Abraham have rejected their Savior, Jesus Christ, in spite of all the rich blessings of Old Testament grace. The apostle wishes he could take their place under God's judgment. God forbid that we should despise the richer blessings of the New Testament fulfillment!

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 73 (selected verses)

I am always with you, O Lord,
You hold me by my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
And afterward you will take me into glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

The disciples are terrified at the sight of Jesus walking across the water toward their boat. Fears are dispelled by Jesus' words, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Faith is emboldened at Jesus' invitation, "Come!" And the arm of the almighty is never too short when little faith trembles, "Lord, save me!" The life of a Christian is often riddled with fears, doubts, and distractions. But even a "little faith" finds strength in the gracious promises of the almighty Son of God. When the storms of life pass, we too worship Jesus with a deeper confidence: "Truly you are the Son of God."

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

Sermon Theme: "What Are You Doing Here?"

(How depression affected the prophet Elijah)

1. The ministry of Elijah. Verses 9-14
2. The mending of Elijah. Verses 15-18

Sermon Text: I Kings 19:9-18

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at

the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”
¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”

Our Offering to the Lord

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

General Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Holy Communion

When Communion is celebrated, it will be offered at the end of services. This allows those who do not wish to commune to be dismissed. Individual cups will be available at each Communion service. Ministers will do everything they can to mitigate contact.

"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 JULY 12, 2020

Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you.

Next Week: July 19, 2020

Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman



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

Sunday, July 19

Worship 10:30AM

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, August 16

Confirmation – Noelle Berg & Caleb Wilson

Sunday, August 23

Teacher Installation Sunday

Continuing Our Mission and Ministry

Our church still has ongoing ministry to conduct. We assume you will want to continue giving your offerings to the Lord. You may send your offerings in the mail (3012 N Holton Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212). Online giving is also available from our website or click this link: <https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

Important Notice for All St. Philip's Families

Open enrollment for St. Philip's Lutheran School and the Milwaukee School Parental Choice program for the 2020-2021 school year began again on July 1, 2020, and will continue through the end of the day on July 20, 2020. St. Philip's Lutheran Church members with children or grandchildren who are between the ages of 4 and 14 are encouraged to contact Mr. Schapekahn, Pastor Kimbrough, Mrs. Allard or any of our teachers for more information.

We still have openings in all grade levels, although some grades are very close to capacity. Please share this information with family or friends. Remember that it is necessary to enroll for Choice through an online application. After completing the online enrollment, you will need to bring in the necessary documentation to the school office that is requested at the end of the online application. This documentation may include residency information and/or tax documents. Please contact the school office with any questions.

CALL ACCEPTED

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This last May, I was issued the Divine Call to serve as 6th grade teacher for St. Philip's Lutheran School. It is with an eager heart and joyful spirit that I humbly accept this wonderful, new position.

Although I have never been a faculty member at St. Philips, I truly believe that I am already a part of the St. Philip's family. When my husband, John, and I arrived in Milwaukee, we were both received with open arms; you brilliantly shined with the love of God as you sought to make us feel welcomed. What a beautiful blessing to become a part of a congregation that so faithfully reflects God's grace! In accepting my new Call, I feel like I am coming home.

Thank you for your kindness and support as I strive to serve you and to serve God. I look forward to getting to know you more deeply while worshipping and working alongside you.

Your Sister,
Grace Marquardt

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God's Word during the week. WELS has started offering devotions developed for the entire family to use. Each devotion is complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

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Connecting WELS members

Connection is more important now than ever. The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod offers many ways to connect members through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

REOPENING ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Here are some of the "safety" and "worship changes" we've taken:

- We may open windows to get good airflow and ventilation. We may prop doors open to limit touching surfaces going in and out.
- Worship folders will be given to you by the ushers as you enter church. Our ushers will have masks and gloves on and will offer assistance as needed.
- Worshippers are encouraged to stay at home if they are at risk or do not feel well. Current guidelines suggest if anyone in the house has a fever, the whole family stays home. **If you feel unwell, experience fever, or are at high-risk for COVID-19, please stay home and worship with us virtually.**
- We'll wave and smile to one another instead of the usual handshakes and hugs. Hand sanitizers will be available at the entrance.
- A limited number of facemasks will be available; please bring your own if possible. Mask use is preferred, but not mandatory. **We will not be mandating masks.** However, we acknowledge that the [CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings](#) in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. If the idea of face coverings not being mandated in worship makes you uncomfortable, please continue worshipping with us online. Your feelings and concerns are perfectly legitimate.
- Worshippers are asked to arrive close to the Service time and plan on leaving right after the Service. While we enjoy our time gathering in the entryway, any fellowship is encouraged to take place outside.
- We have removed all items off the tables and wall racks in the narthex (for now). This was done so there are less things for hands to touch to prevent the spread of germs and for easy cleaning. If you need anything, please ask an usher for assistance.

- People who reside together do not have to practice social distancing from each other in the pews. However, we ask all different households to maintain the safe social distancing requirement of 6 feet when finding a pew to sit in as well as in the rest of the building. Let's all try to sit in every 3rd pew.
- Hymnals have been removed from the sanctuary. All the hymns will be printed in the bulletins.
- After each worship service, we (the ushers, and perhaps a few others) will sanitize doors, pews, communion tables, and tables in the narthex and anything else that was touched during the service.
- **There will be no bible class, food, or coffee provided by the church.** Members are welcome to bring their own coffee. The goal is to take responsible and reasonable measures to reduce any potential transmission of germs.
- **Greeting routines will be adjusted.** We're not looking to patrol or limit loving greetings and fellowship, but we need to be considerate at all times and in every interaction.
- **When Communion is celebrated, it will be offered at the end of services.** This allows those who do not wish to commune to be dismissed. Individual cups will be available at each Communion service. Ministers will do everything they can to mitigate contact.

Please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 262-415-5434 or 414-254-6093 with questions regarding any of the above procedures. Thanks.