

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

**“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.**

**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 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christian day school please contact our  
Principal, Jason Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.**

**Worship Theme:**

**“True Freedom”**

**“Order of Service”**

**Opening Hymn:** Every Morning Mercies New (CW 580)

**Ev'ry morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew;**

**Ev'ry morning let us pay Tribute with the early day.**

**For your mercies, Lord, are sure; Your compassion will endure.**

**Still your kindness and your love Ev'ry day our sins remove;**

**Daily, far as east from west, Lift the burden from the breast;**

**Give unbought to those who pray Strength to live for you each day.**

**Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail.**

**And as we confess our sin And the tempter's pow'r within,**

**Feed us with the bread of life; Fit us for our daily strife.**

**As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns,**

**Teach us still to turn to you; With your light our souls renew.**

**Then shall we our voices raise In unfailing prayer and praise.**

**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.**

## The Prayer of the Day

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Pastor & Congregation:** O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Sing: Amen.*

## First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-19a

In the days when the judges ruled,<sup>1a</sup> there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. <sup>3</sup>Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup>and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— <sup>13</sup>would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!" <sup>14</sup>At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth

clung to her. <sup>15</sup>"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. <sup>19</sup>So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem

## Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 32 (selected verses)

Reader: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,

**Congregation: Whose sins are covered.**

Reader: When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me,

**Congregation: My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Reader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you,

**Congregation: And did not cover up my iniquity.**

Reader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**Congregation: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Reader: You are my hiding place.

**Congregation: You will protect me from trouble.**

Reader: Many are the woes of the wicked,

**Congregation: But the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.**

**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!**

**These words are written that we may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Please stand for the gospel lesson.*

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” <sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

**Sermon Hymn: Oh, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink** *(CW 405)*

*(Please rise for the final stanza.)*

**Oh for a faith that will not shrink  
Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of poverty or woe.**

**That will not murmur nor complain  
Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain  
Can lean upon its God;**

**A faith that shines more bright and clear  
When tempests rage without,  
That, when in danger, knows no fear,  
In darkness feels no doubt.**

**Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.**

**Sermon Theme: “What Does It Mean To Be FREE?”**

The Christian's Lifestyle: “Not Legalism, Not License, but Liberty”

1. Legalism – a mixing of “faith” and works
2. License – “faith” with an absence of works
  - a) Do not indulge the sinful nature. Verses 13-21
3. Liberty – “faith” demonstrated by works
  - a) Christ has set us free. Verse 1
  - b) Live by the Spirit. Verses 16-18, 22-26

**Sermon Text: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.....<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup> The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. <sup>16</sup> So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. <sup>17</sup> For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. <sup>19</sup> The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions – and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

### 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>.

### Prayer and Lord's Prayer

#### Benediction

Congregational Response: A-men, A-men, A-men. *(sung)*

Closing Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land *(CW 619)*

God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save By thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies;  
On him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!

### "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 3, 2022

Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Caleb Wilson. Thank you.

#### Next Week: July 10, 2022

Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal

July 2022 Calendar and Text Sheet is included with today's bulletin



Coming this week at  
St. Philip's Lutheran Church & School  
Worship with communion 10:30AM

Sunday, July 10

#### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday, July 31

Church Picnic after worship. Picnic will be held in the church parking lot. Hamburgers, hot-dogs, corn, chips, cookies, water and soda. All items will be individually wrapped for safety. More details will be provided soon.

Sunday, August 21

New Faculty Installation –  
Mr. Ben Edmundson & Ms. Celia Fulton



*If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.*

Matthew 21:22

### **A prayer for July 4th**

Thank you, dear Lord, for preserving our nation through each and every problem we have faced. Thank you for faithful soldiers who gave themselves so that we might enjoy freedom and speak your Name openly. Forgive us for our sin and give us hearts ready to serve you and exalt you before the nations.

Blessed is the nation whose god is Jehovah! Amen.

### **WELS News**

**150th Anniversary Celebration**—Join fellow brothers and sisters in Christ on Sunday, July 10, 2022 for the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America. A service and presentation will be shared, starting at 2 p.m., featuring Professor Em. Dr. Mark Braun and Pastor Peter Prange. The celebration will take place at St. John's on the Hillside, located at 804 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee. All are invited to attend!

**WELS/ELS Singles Retreat at Camp Phillip**--*Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day?* Attention all WELS/ELS singles--you are invited to join other single WELS/ELS individuals to the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat, Nov. 11-13, 2022 at Camp Phillip (W9944 Buttercup Ave., Wautoma, WI) for a weekend of fun and fellowship, including mixer activities, meals, hiking, archery, board games, campfires and more! For more information about the event or to register, check out [wels-els-singles.com/2022-retreat](https://wels-els-singles.com/2022-retreat).

**Kingdom Prep: Seeking Drivers!** Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School is seeking individuals to support their driving ministry, transporting students to and from internships while engaging in Gospel-centered conversations. Transportation offers their students the opportunity to engage in meaningful work and discover their gifts and talents within the vocational work place. Part-time position; approximately \$15/hour and/or gas stipends available, and beginning as soon as possible. Contact Sydney Giovinazzo at [sydney.giovinazzo@kplhs.org](mailto:sydney.giovinazzo@kplhs.org) if interested.



Independence Day, the Fourth of July, is a day for Americans to rejoice in the precious gift of freedom. It is a day to pay tribute to the men who were instrumental in making it happen. We remember those who lived by the determination, "Give me liberty or give me death." We acknowledge the wisdom of statesmen who wrote into our constitution such a host of political, personal, and religious freedoms that we can scarcely imagine what life without such privileges would be like. Truly, we have been richly blessed! We do well to set aside a day to remind ourselves what we possess in a free country.

But there is also an element of danger in Fourth of July patriotism—one might almost say, Fourth of July religion. We tend to think of America as a Christian nation. Our coins bear the motto, "In God We Trust." Is our freedom perhaps a payoff for our trust in God? Is freedom an inherent right of children of God? Do Paul's words to the Galatians lend support for that idea? Not if we look carefully at what he is saying.

### **Free in Christ**

When Paul wrote, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free," he was writing to people who had very few of the political and personal freedoms we enjoy. He was writing to people who had fallen under the military and political domination of the Romans and had been incorporated into their empire as the province of Galatia.

What then is Paul speaking of when he says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free"? Paul was not a political activist. When he came to Galatia, he did not agitate for "rights," or organize resistance groups, or train "freedom fighters." He simply preached the gospel. "I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" was true of Paul wherever he went. Paul preached the message of Christ's perfect life and his innocent death in the sinner's stead.

### **Free from God's law**

A just and holy God rightly expects perfect holiness and complete obedience from his creatures. He demands it and is justly angry with all who do not show that perfection. But what was impossible for us weak and frail sinners, what we could never do for ourselves, that Christ has done for us. He took our place. He lived the perfect life we could not live. He died the death we sinners should have died. For us he fulfilled God's requirements—and thus set us free from those requirements.