

“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. Please fill out the friendship register. We would like to express our gratitude to you for visiting St. Philip’s Lutheran Church. For more information regarding St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373. 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

“Don’t Underestimate Jesus and His People!”

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: Gospel Choir Selection

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: 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. Amen. *(sung)*

**First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*The church of every age should, according to reason, perish. And to be sure, if it were up to the merit of her members or the whim of the world, she would perish in an instant. But it is not up to men. God himself renews her, sustains her, strengthens her, and gives her fruit. Her ultimate goal and glory is the glory of her Lord, who keeps his promise that all may know that he alone is the Savior.*

<sup>22</sup>“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.” ‘I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’”

**Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 92 (selected verses)**

Reader: How great are your works, O Lord

**Congregation: How profound your thoughts!**

Reader: The senseless man does not know

**Congregation: Fools do not understand.**

Reader: That though the wicked spring up like grass

**Congregation: And all evildoers flourish,**

Reader: They will be forever destroyed

**Congregation: But you, O Lord, are exalted forever.**

Reader: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,

**Congregation: They will flourish in the courts of our God.**

Reader: They will still bear fruit in old age,

**Congregation: They will stay fresh and green,**

Reader: Proclaiming, "The Lord is upright,

**Congregation: He is my rock, and there is no wickedness 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 rise for the gospel lesson.*

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:26-34**

*How lowly is the sowing of seed in the dirt; how wondrous the result! How insignificant, almost invisible, the mustard seed; how magnificent its growth! The lowly Word is preached and life comes to the dead soil of the human heart. The lowly Word grows into the magnificent planting of the Lord and performs its function to the glory of God in the world. We do not understand it; we do not always see it. But the Lord speaks, and it is done!*

<sup>26</sup> He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup> Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. <sup>32</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.” <sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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

**Sermon Hymn: Gospel Choir Selection**

**Sermon Theme: “We Can Face Both Life and Death with Confidence”**

**1. When we realize that we are living in a tent** (the old body).

Verses 1a, 2a, 3–4a, 6–8

**2. When we eagerly anticipate eternal life** (the new body).

Verses 5:1b, 2b, 4b–5, 6-8

\*\*\*\*\*Our pledge to God. Verse 9

\*\*\*\*\*Our accountability to God. Verse 10

**Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. <sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> We live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**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.**

**Gospel Choir Selection**

**Our Offering to the Lord** *(Please sign the Friendship Register at this time)*

**During Offering:** Gospel Choir Selection

**Family Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

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

**Gospel Choir Selection**

**"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 JUNE 17, 2018**

**Gospel Choir:** Thank you. The St. Philip’s Gospel Choir is directed by Natasha McCants-Scott. Musicians – Bethany Olson & Erskin Henderson. Thank you.

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Mark Moldenhauer. Thank you.

**Next Week: June 24, 2018**

**Organist:** Mrs. Bethany Olson

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal

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

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

Juneteenth Day Celebration – St. Philip’s Lutheran School will have a booth!!  
See announcement on the next page.

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**

Bible Study 9:30AM  
Worship Service with communion 10:30AM

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sunday, July 29**

Church Picnic at Gordon Park – Area #1 with shelter

**FATHER’S DAY PRAYER**

**We give thanks for earthly fathers**

Almighty God, our Holy Creator, because of your love and mercy in Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven. You have given us the right to live eternally as your holy children. We give thanks for the earthly fathers you have given to each of us. If my father still lives, lead me to respect and honor him. If we are now fathers, grant that we may take seriously the great responsibility to be faithful teachers and guides in your way for our children. Forgive us when we fail. We pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who followed perfectly the will of his Father in heaven and rescued us sinners.  
Amen.

***Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.***  
**Proverbs 4:1**

***Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4***

**OFFERING UPDATE – This update will be included each week with the bulletin.**

	<b>Week</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b><u>6/4 – 6/10</u></b>	<b><u>June</u></b>	<b><u>2017-2018</u></b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$3,580.82</b>	<b>\$7,161.63</b>	<b>\$ 179,040.87</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$3,247.00</b>	<b>\$6,727.00</b>	<b>\$ 169,147.50</b>
<b>Over (Under)</b>	<b>(\$ 333.82)</b>	<b>(\$ 434.63)</b>	<b>(\$ 9,893.37)</b>

**JOIN US ON TUESDAY AT JUNETEENTH DAY ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE**

**Where:** King Drive, between Burleigh and Center Streets

**Hours:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Admission:** Free

St. Philip’s booth will be located on the 2700 block of Martin Luther King Drive between Hadley and Center. We will have a white tent and banners with our name on them. Please stop by and say hi! If you are interested in helping staff the booth please contact Mrs. Berg, Mr. DeRuiter or Mr. Moldenhauer. We would love to have some of our church families assisting with this event. The event begins with a parade at 9:00AM and wraps up by 5:00PM.

*“Juneteenth” is a contraction of the annual date of June 19. It is a big day in African American communities around the country, for it commemorates the day when slavery was finally ended in the states of the old Confederacy that lay west of the Mississippi River. It was on June 19, 1865, that Union General Gordon Granger, one of the heroes of the Battle of Chickamauga, landed at Galveston harbor and issued the proclamation of freedom. The rejoicing and feasting that night is echoed each year, and will again take place in our neighborhood along King Drive.*

*In some ways, Juneteenth Day is even more memorable for African Americans than July 4, Independence Day. The Revolutionary War may have brought freedom from England, but it didn’t bring freedom for most of them. The curse of race-based slavery was to persist for 84 more years. Thus Juneteenth Day has become an unofficial Black Independence Day.*



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### **The Point of Grace is Hiring**

The Point of Grace (TPOG) Campus Ministry is searching for a candidate to fill the new part-time position of Ministry Administrator. This position will work with students and partner churches to administrate ministry operations, so if you are looking to share the gospel with young adults, consider applying. Candidate must be a WELS member in good standing and will work 20-25 hours per week on a flexible schedule. For a full job description and more information, contact Daniel Schroeder at daniel@tpog.net or 414-963-2047.

### **Customer Appreciation Event**

Visit NPH Christian Books & Gifts Store on Friday, June 22nd, from 1:00-4:00p, and Saturday, June 23rd, 9:00a to 1:00p, for their Customer Appreciation Event. To thank you for your support of the retail store, guests will receive additional discounts on clearance items and enter a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Refreshments will also be served. Learn more at [www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net)!

### **Summer Discovery Day**

High School students and their parents are invited to attend Wisconsin Lutheran College's Summer Discovery Day on Tuesday, July 10th. To register, visit [www.wlc.edu/pcw](http://www.wlc.edu/pcw).

### **Summer Arts in the Park**

Come out and celebrate the beauty of Wisconsin summer weather on the lovely campus of Wisconsin Lutheran College. All performances are free and take place outdoors on the campus courtyard located between Bluemound Road and Wisconsin Avenue at 89th Street. They are proud to partner with Chick-fil-A and Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt for concessions that will be available at each event. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. WLC is an alcohol-free campus.

Schedule of events: Bobby Way and the Fabulous Wayouts,  
Thursday, June 28th – 6:30p

## **Don't Underestimate Jesus and His People!**

### **God's Word for Today**

*On Independence day people celebrate the growth and power of the nation. Yet there is a more powerful kingdom that has grown up from humble beginnings. It is the kingdom of God, which often makes unnoticeable progress in conquering hearts for Christ. Yet stepping back to look at it you can see its tremendous growth. Those who are part of it will be longing for the final outcome when they are "clothed" with immortal life away from the struggles of the world.*

### **First Lesson (Ezekiel 17:22-24)**

1. What will he do with the "top of the cedar tree?"
2. What will the new tree attract?

### **Second Lesson (2 Corinthians 5:1-10)**

3. Why does Paul call this life (his body) "a tent?"
4. What difference will that make in our lives?

### **Gospel (Mark 4:26-34)**

5. How does Jesus help us understand the kingdom of God with the illustration of the growing seed?
6. What else do we learn about the kingdom of God from the mustard seed?

### **Answers:**

1. God uses the picture of breaking off the top of a cedar tree and planting it to vividly prophesy the miraculous success of his people. They would start off insignificant and small. But this kingdom of God would grow more powerful than the nations around because Jesus will be at its core.
2. This kingdom of God would have a worldwide influence. People with every kind of background from all over the world will find safety and shelter in its "branches." (See the parable of the mustard seed—Matthew 13:31-32)
3. Our bodies on this earth are not our permanent dwelling but just temporary (like a tent). We groan with the pains and struggles of our bodies, but know that God has given us more—eternal life! The more we understand what is coming up, the more we will long for it. How much is this a part of your daily perspective?
4. Because we know confidently look ahead to the judgment, we make it our goal to please him and do all for the glory of God. Christian living is not a matter of rules and regulations but joyful response to the gospel as we join in unfolding God's effect on the world.
5. The growth of God's kingdom is God's work as he provides consistent progress toward bearing fruit for the final harvest. The seed of the gospel unfolds God's ruling activity in people in often-unnoticed development. Can you look back and see the progress God has made in your faith life?
6. The kingdom of God in a big world sometimes seems small and insignificant, but it grows to be the largest. The parable emphasizes the extraordinary power and growth of the gospel as it brings growth to the church where all peoples can find its benefit ("perch in its shade").