

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Confirmation

May 15, 2022

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

www.stphilipmilwaukee.com

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

**Worship Theme**

**“The Risen One Inspires Us”**

Music from the Masters . . . motivational speakers . . . Chicken Soup for the Soul—  
people look for a boost from many sources. But one need only look to the risen  
Savior. He inspires us not through soothing songs or moving stories but through his  
perfect life and sacrificial death. Our risen Lord energizes us to live lives of love.

**Order of Service**

**Opening Hymn: Let Me Be Yours Forever (CW 596)**

Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.

Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation, To you I all resign,  
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.

O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

*Congregation please rise*

**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**

P: 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.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

**Pastor:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Oh Taste and See** *(sung)*

**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, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(sung)*

**First Lesson:** Joshua 24:15-18

<sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup> It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

**Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 145 (selected verses)**

Reader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,

**Congregation: His greatness no one can fathom.**

Reader: One generation will commend your works to another,

**Congregation: They will tell of your mighty acts.**

Reader: The Lord upholds all those who fall,

**Congregation: And lifts up all who are bowed down.**

Reader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**Congregation: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

Reader: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**Congregation: To all who call on him in truth.**

Reader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him.

**Congregation: He hears their cry and saves them.**

**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 second lesson.*

**Second Lesson:** 2 Timothy 3:14-16

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

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

**Sermon Hymn:** *Speak, O Savior; I am List'ning (CW 283)*  
*Please rise for the final stanza.*

Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.

Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!  
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.  
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.

Lord, your words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty needs.  
Lord, your words are bread life-giving; On your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unending.

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.



**Sermon Theme:**  
**"Confirmands, Remember the Lessons From the Lord's Vineyard"**

**A. The symbols: A Lesson About RELATIONSHIPS.**

- 1) The Son is the true vine. Verses 1a, 5a
- 2) The Father is the gardener. Verse 1b
- 3) The believer is the branch. Verse 5b

**B. The steps: A Lesson About RESPONSIBILITY.**

- 1) We must submit to pruning by the Father. Verses 2, 3 Hebrews 12:11
- 2) We must abide in the Son. Verses 4-6

**C. The success: A Lesson About REALITY.**

- 1) It results in bountiful fruit. Verses 5b, 8a
- 2) It results in successful prayer. Verse 7
- 3) It results in glorifying the Father. Verse 8

**Sermon Text: John 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

### 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>.

### General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### The Rite of Confirmation

Having studied the Word of God, Demarques JohnsonMartinez and Thomas Moldenhauer will publicly confess their faith in their Savior.

### The Rite of Confirmation – The Vow of the Confirmands:

#### **Minister:**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You can now exercise the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The Apostle Paul writing to the Romans says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

**M:** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**Confirmands: I do.**

**M:** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**C: I do.**

**M:** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

**M:** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**C:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**C:** **I do.**

**M:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**C:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

**C:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

**Prayer by Pastor**

**The Blessing from God – The Confirmation Certificate**

**M:** Confirmands, give your hand as a pledge of your promise, and kneeling, receive His word of blessing:

**Being Confirmed in the Faith**

**Demarques Luis JohnsonMartinez – Isaiah 40:31**

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Thomas Robert Moldenhauer - Hebrews 12:1b-2**

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**First Communion**

**Junior Choir Selection – “So High”**

As high as the heavens are above the earth.

As high as the heavens are above the earth.

So great is God’s steadfast love to them that fear him

So great is God’s steadfast love.... So high, so high.

As the heavens are higher than the earth

So are my ways higher than your ways

And my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Benediction**

**Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: God’s Word is Our Great Heritage (CW 293)**

**God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure we keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.**

**"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 MAY 15, 2022**

In honor of our confirmands, please help yourself to a cupcake.  
They will be set up in the school lobby.

**St. Philip's Junior Choir:** Directed by Ms. Sarah Enstad. Thank you.

**Organist:** Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you.

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

**Next Week: May 22, 2022**

**Organist:** Mrs. Lydia Prange

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal



**Coming this week at  
St. Philip's Lutheran Church & School**

**Wednesday, May 18**

**Chapel 10:00AM**

**Sunday, May 22**

**Bible Class 9:30AM**

**Worship with communion 10:30AM**

**Wednesday, May 25**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Service 6:00PM**

**K4 – 8 Sing for service**

**Thursday, May 26**

**Last day of school – NOON Dismissal**



**UPCOMING GRADUATIONS**

**Samyra Ryles – Germantown High School, June 5, 2022**

If you have an upcoming graduation this spring please notify the church office. We would like to recognize all of our St. Philip's graduates both from high school and college.

**Why do I want to be a member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church?  
What do I promise to God and St. Philip's Lutheran Church?**

**Demarques JohnsonMartinez**

I want to be a member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church because I want to say loyal to the place that made me what I am today. I also want to walk the path of Jesus and my peers that have chosen to live a God-pleasing life.

I promise to attend church anyway I can either by Facebook or by coming in person.

**Thomas Moldenhauer**

I have the desire to be a confirmed member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church for these reasons. I believe in God the Father and that He created me in His perfect image. I also believe that God made me to be perfect, but I fail to be perfect countless times every day. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and took the burdens of every person in the world on His back when carrying the cross. I also believe that through confirmation and the Lord's Supper I will receive Jesus' body and blood, and will be cleansed of my sins. Lastly, I believe in the Holy Spirit, who planted the seed of faith in my heart when I was baptized, and guides and leads me to want to grow my faith every day.

As a church member I promise to be a role model to everyone, and to regularly attend church and demonstrate my faith in many ways. Through confirmation I will be more connected with God. Taking the Lord's Supper is something I want to definitely take part in because it is an assurance from God that I as a child of God and believer in Christ am forgiven from all my sins. This doesn't mean it is okay to sin, but gives me peace of mind that God loves me, and forgives me no matter what I do. I also know that being confirmed will be a milestone in the journey of spreading God's word to everyone who may need it.

I chose the confirmation verse Hebrews 12:1b-2 "And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." As a runner I connect with this verse because you need determination, grit, and most importantly, perseverance to be a successful athlete. This relates to my faith because I need to stay connected to God to persevere through trials in my life. This verse can always lead me through my difficulties and be a good passage to lean on in rough times.

**WLHS Prism Concerts**—Wisconsin Lutheran High School presents its annual Prism concerts on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 22, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. These popular concerts are a celebration of the fine arts and generally sell out quickly. **Tickets go on sale starting Monday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.** and are available online at [wlhs.org/prism](http://wlhs.org/prism). Advance ticket sale prices are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children through grade 8. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children through grade 8; however, these shows sell out fast!

**LeRoy Reed Memorial CLR Golf Outing**—Christian Life Resource’s sixth annual charity golf outing benefiting their ministry is scheduled for Friday, May 20, at the Ironwood Golf Course (W270N6166 Moraine Drive, Sussex). 10 a.m. registration/range and 11:30 a.m. shotgun start. Event cost is \$100 (\$360 discounted foursome) and includes lunch and buffet-style dinner. Four-person scramble format with 18 holes of golf with cart, free-range balls and other contests including hole-in-one, putting contest, longest drive, and closest to the pin. To register, visit [christianliferesources.com](http://christianliferesources.com) or call 414-376-0594.

**Kingdom Prep Founding Class Graduation**—Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School announces the graduation of the Founding Class of 2022 on Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. The service will take place in the Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School gymnasium (2520 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa). Doors open at 9 a.m.; general seating available.

**WELS Bargain Center Needs Donations**—The WELS Bargain Center exists to provide low cost necessities to the Milwaukee community, with proceeds given to area WELS ministries, including Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service, New Beginnings, The Point of Grace, Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries, and Lighthouse Youth Centers. Because of increased business at the store, they are in need of donations! Household items, clothing, shoes, craft items, linens, etc. can be donated directly at the store, 8401 W. Lisbon Ave. from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (Sorry, they cannot take furniture.) If it’s easier for you to bring items to the Grace church office, Carolyn is willing to take them to the Bargain Center on a Saturday. Thank you for your prayers and donations!

## CATECHISM REVIEW

1. **Martin Luther**  
When was his reformation? October 31, 1517  
Catechism: “A book to aid parents and pastors in teaching their children that the only way of salvation is faith in Jesus Christ.”
2. **The Bible**  
What is the purpose of the bible? - To lead all people to know and believe in Jesus as their personal Savior from sin.
3. **The Ten Commandments** (Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5)  
What purpose does the law serve? a) curb, b) mirror, c) guide
4. **The Apostle’s Creed**  
What is a creed? A statement of what a person or group of people believes and teaches.
5. **Holy Baptism** (Matthew 28:19)  
What is a sacrament?  
A sacred act which Christ established for all Christians to do.  
A sacred act in which Christ gives us forgiveness, new life and eternal life.  
Why do we baptize children? Because God commands it.
6. **Holy Communion** (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)  
What four things do we receive in Holy Communion? bread, wine, body, blood  
What is “close communion”?  
Allowing only those of our fellowship who can properly examine themselves to partake of it.
7. **The Ministry of the Keys and Confession** (Matthew 16:19; Matthew 18:18,20; John 20:23)  
When are we to use the binding key? When someone doesn’t repent.  
When are we to use the loosing key? When someone does repent.
8. **The Lord’s Prayer** (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)  
Prayer – “A heart to heart talk with God.”