

6th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

May 9, 2021

“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!

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
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Worship Notes: Per the City of Milwaukee mask mandate,

ALL people age 5 and older MUST wear a face mask to in-person worship.

Since the mandate DOES allow for face coverings to be removed while eating and drinking, we will continue to have communion on our regular schedule. We will be asking people to sit in every other pew. At dismissal please remember to exit the church and visit outside. We pray that the Lord will help all of us to have an uplifting worship experience gathered around His Word.

Worship Theme

“Love One Another”

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: What a Friend We Have In Jesus (CW 411)

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged – Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness – Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he’ll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

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

Congregation: Amen. (sung)

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.

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)

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: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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: Acts 11:19-26

The Word of the Lord spreads after the first great persecution in Jerusalem. The church at Antioch experienced substantial growth, especially among the heathen.

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews.

²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the

Lord. ²² News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 98 (selected verses)

Reader: Sing to the Lord a new song,

Congregation: for he has done marvelous things.

Reader: The Lord has made his salvation known

Congregation: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Reader: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

Congregation: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Reader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

Congregation: burst into jubilant song with music;

Reader: Make music to the Lord with the harp,

Congregation: with the harp and the sound of singing.

Pastor: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Congregation: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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 second lesson.

Second Lesson: I John 4:1-11

Congregation: Glory be to you, O Lord! *(sung response)*

John urges us to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God." The Spirit of God can be recognized in those who acknowledge that "Jesus Christ has come into the flesh." John also tells us to love one another, since God loved us by sending his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. ⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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

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 Hymn: 505 – Love Is the Gracious Gift

(Please rise for the last 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.**



Sermon Theme:

“Lessons Taught To Us by Our Christian Moms: 'Remain In Jesus' Love”

1. “Obey my commands”. Verse 10
2. “Make your joy complete. Verse 11
3. “Be willing to sacrifice SELF”. Verses 12,13
4. “Be a true friend. Verses 14, 15
5. “Produce fruit”. Verse 16
6. “Love each other”. Verses 9,17

Sermon Text: John 15:9-17

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

The Offertory: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. 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 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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation: It is good and right so to do.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

**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

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.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: And his mercy endures forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Response: Amen. *(sung)*

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn: 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 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 9, 2021**

Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: May 16, 2021

Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal



Mother's Day

Bless mothers everywhere

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of life you gave me through my mother. I also thank you for the time and love she has given me during my life. Bless mothers everywhere with love, patience, understanding, and strength to carry out their special work. Lead children everywhere to be thankful for their mothers. Keep families everywhere faithful to your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Monday, May 10

Material Pickup for Virtual Students 1:00-4:00PM

Sunday, May 16

Worship 10:30AM

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, May 23

Confirmation Sunday 10:30AM

Confirmands: Henry Schapekahm and Caralyn Wilson

Thursday, May 27

Last Day of School – Noon Dismissal

Friday, May 28

8th Grade Graduation – 6:00PM

Due to COVID restrictions, this event will be limited to our 8th grade graduates and their families only.

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

	Week	Month	July to Date
	<u>4/26-5/2</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Budget	\$ 3,490.57	\$ 3,490.57	\$ 157,830.19
Actual	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 156,776.89
Over (Under)	(\$ 920.57)	(\$ 920.57)	(\$ 1,053.30)



UPCOMING GRADUATIONS

Courtney Fudge, Grand Canyon University,
Master of Education in Educational Administration – March 3rd

Mariah Babinec, Concordia University – Wisconsin
Doctor of Physical Therapy – May 7th

Michael Allard – Martin Luther College,
Master of Science in Education - Leadership Emphasis – May 15th

Shelby Kimbrough – Alverno College,
Master of Arts in Education – May 17th

Artavia Reynolds (daughter of Charles Reynolds) – Mount Mary College
Master of Occupational Therapy – May 22nd

Skylar Abner – Wisconsin Lutheran High School – May 29th
Abigail Berg – Wisconsin Lutheran High School – May 29th

2021-2022 School Year Enrollment Process

St. Philip's fourth open enrollment period will be from May 1–20, 2021. All returning students must enroll during that time to be assured of a seat for the 2021-2022 school year! **We enrolled 90 students during the first three open enrollment periods.** 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 2021-2022

DON'T DELAY – OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS MAY 20, 2021.

If you have questions or need more information please contact Mr. Schapekahn at 414-659-4688 or Mrs. Allard at 414-659-4788.



Summer School at St. Philip's Lutheran School!!!!

Mark your calendars for St. Philip's Summer School Wednesday, June 30, 2021 – Wednesday, July 28, 2021! The Center for Urban Teaching (CfUT) is hosting a four week summer school program at St. Philip's which includes devotion, songs, and character building every day. Students will also focus on literacy and mathematics. The school day runs from 7:30AM-2:00PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and there is early dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch are served every day. There is no cost for summer school. All students must purchase a Summer School T-shirt for \$5.00. All students are encouraged to attend this wonderful opportunity at St. Philip's. Register online at

<https://cfut.org/enroll-in-summer-school-2021/>

After clicking the above link, scroll down on the page, choose St. Philip's, then click on ENROLL!

CALL ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Members of St. Philip's,

Thank you for the confidence and trust you have shown in extending a Call to me to serve as the 8th grade teacher at your school. Receiving a Call is a humbling experience. It's a God-given opportunity to evaluate where the gifts He has blessed us with can best be used to glorify His kingdom. I look forward to the opportunity to learn more about the ministry at St. Philip's through conversations and communications. Please keep my family in your prayers during this deliberation process, as well as the congregation that I currently serve. God's blessing to you and the work you are accomplishing as you serve those He has entrusted into your care.

In His service,
Mr. Justin Ohm

Love One Another
Sixth Sunday of Easter

God's Word for Today

What one word summarizes all of God's commands? Love. Luke tells us that the early Christians showed love for God and for others by preaching the Gospel boldly even in the face of persecution. The Apostle John teaches us that love for God and his Word compels us to carefully examine all teachings and churches in the light of Scripture. Jesus himself commands us to love one another as he has loved us.

First Lesson (Acts 11:19-26)

1. According to verse 21, what happened to the church despite persecution?
2. Believers were called Christians first at Antioch. What is the significance of being called Christians?

Second Lesson (1 John 4:1-11)

3. What are the "spirits" of which John speaks here?
4. Evaluate the following statement. "If we do not always show true love for others, it means that we are not true believers."

Gospel (John 15:9-17)

5. The world often portrays true love as weak and God's commands as burdensome. According to verse 11, why did Jesus command us to show love?
6. What is love?

Answers:

1. Because of the persecution of the Jews, many Christians were scattered and the Word of God spread to other regions. In Antioch, many non-Jews heard the Gospel and came to believe.
2. By bearing the name "Christians" we give testimony to the fact that we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the promised Savior of the world. We bear the name proudly. We also recognize that the life we live reflects upon him whose name we bear.
3. Moved by the Holy Spirit, we confess and teach God's Word in truth and purity. Those who do not are led by deceitful spirits, i.e., the devil and his angels. When John tells us to test the spirits he encourages us to test teachers and churches according to the truth of Scripture. If they go against Scripture—if they deny that Jesus is the Christ—then they are not from God.
4. If we believe in Jesus as our Savior, we will produce fruits of love. Being sinners, however, we will not always show perfect love. The fact that we don't always show love doesn't mean that we aren't believers; it just means that our faith still needs to grow. As believers, we won't use that fact as an excuse to not show love, but rather as a reason to grow in our faith through the use of the Gospel.
5. So that we might have his joy and that our joy may be complete. God does not give us his commandments to make our lives boring or more difficult, but rather because he knows that it is for our good. Following his commandments makes our lives happier.
6. Love is self-sacrifice in attitude and action. Love is the opposite of selfishness. Love does everything for the other person. Jesus gives us the ultimate example of love in verse 13: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."