

“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 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christian day school please  
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**Worship Theme**

“Be Prepared for Jesus’ Coming”

**Order of Service**

**Opening Hymn:** Prepare the Royal Highway (*CWS 702*)

Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near;

let every hill and valley a level road appear.

Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story:

**Refrain:**

**Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God’s Word!**

**God’s people, see him coming: your own eternal king!**

**Palm branches strew before him; spread garments; shout and sing.**

**God’s promise will not fail you; no more shall doubt assail you: [Refrain]**

**Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king;  
your king, yet every nation its tribute too should bring.**

**All lands, bow down before him; all voices, thus adore him: [Refrain]**

**His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.**

**So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: [Refrain]**

**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)*

**The Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Pastor & Congregation:**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”

**Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 25 (selected verses)**

Reader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

Congregation: In you I trust, O my God.

Reader: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,

**Congregation: For they are from of old.**

Reader: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

**Congregation: According to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.**

Reader: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

**Congregation: For I am lonely and afflicted.**

Reader: Look upon my affliction and my distress

**Congregation: And take away all my sins.**

Reader: Guard my life and rescue me,

**Congregation: For in you I take refuge.**

**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 stand for the second lesson.*

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

**Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup>May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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

**Sermon Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes (CW 12)**

*(Please rise for the final stanza.)*

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the captives to release, In Satan's prison held.  
The gates of brass before him burst; The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.

**Sermon Theme: "Jesus, Our Righteousness Comes for Us"**

**Sermon Text: Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>34</sup> "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

**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.

**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 & 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. *(sung)*

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:** We lift them up unto the Lord. *(sung)*

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

**Congregation:** It is good and right so to do. *(sung)*

**Pastor:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *(sung)*

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. *(sung)*

**O Christ, Lamb of God** *(sung)*

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**

**Distribution Hymn:** Solo by Willie Mae Reynolds – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Song of Simeon** *(sung)*

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. *(sung)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

**Benediction**

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

**Closing Hymn:** Savior of the Nations, Come (CW 2)

Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God  
Was the Word of God made flesh, Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the virgin undefiled,  
Though by all the world disowned, Yet to be in heav'n enthroned!

From the Father's throne he came And ascended to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell -- High the song of triumph swell!

Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be Ever and eternally.

**"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 NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**Guest Preacher:** Pastor Michael Berg. Thank you.

**Organist:** Mrs. Lydia Prange. Thank you.

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

**Next Week: December 5, 2021**

**Organist:** Praise Band leads worship

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal



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

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| <b>Wednesday, December 1</b>  | <b>Advent Chapel 10:00AM</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, December 2</b>   | <b>Boys A &amp; B BB at St. Lucas 4:30PM</b>   |
| <b>Friday, December 3</b>     | <b>Boys A-Team Tourney at St. Marcus 8:05PM</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, December 4</b>   | <b>Boys A-Team Tourney at St. Marcus 11:00AM</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, December 5</b>     | <b>Bible Class 9:30AM<br/>Worship 10:30AM<br/>Praise Band Leads worship<br/>Call Meeting follows worship</b> |
| <b><u>LOOKING AHEAD:</u></b>  |  |
| <b>Sunday, December 19</b>    | <b>Christmas Carol Song Service<br/>Cherub Choir Sings for Worship</b>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday, December 22</b> | <b>St. Philip's Lutheran School Christmas Program<br/>6:00PM - "The Light Has Come"</b>                      |
| <b>Friday, December 24</b>    | <b>Christmas Eve Worship Virtual (link will be sent)</b>   |
| <b>Saturday, December 25</b>  | <b>Christmas Day Worship 9:30AM</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, December 31</b>  | <b>New Year's Eve – Virtual Devotion (link will be sent)</b>   |

**CALL RECEIVED**

Dear Members of St. Philip's Lutheran,

On Monday evening, October 25, Morning Star in Jackson was led by the Holy Spirit to extend a call to me to teach 2nd grade. What a humbling experience for me to prayerfully consider my current call at St. Philip's in Milwaukee and the call to teach at Morning Star. I am confident that the Lord's guidance and direction will lead me as I deliberate the two calls I now hold. Thank you for your continuing prayers in the upcoming weeks as I look at where I can best use my gifts to serve the Lord.

In Christ's Service,  
Kelly Wardell

**CALL RETURNED**

Dear Members of St. Philip's Lutheran Church,

On Sunday, October 31, 2021 I received a call from the Principal of St. Philip's Lutheran School in Milwaukee. It was a call to teach 8th grade at St. Philip's Lutheran School in Milwaukee. I am humbled that you have sent this call to me. As I took inventory of the gifts that God has blessed me with, had prayerful deliberation, and had the council of many people it led me to return the call to St Philips Lutheran Church & School.

I will keep your congregation in my prayers as you seek out a teacher. May God continue to bless your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Maki

**CALL ACKNOWLEDGED**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Philip's Lutheran Church,

On Sunday, your congregation extended a divine call to me to serve as 2nd grade teacher. I am thankful and humbled to have received this opportunity to serve the Lord. I look forward to learning more about your congregation and school. In the days to come I will be giving this my prayerful consideration, in consultation with members and servants from both calling bodies. As I prayerfully consider this call to serve, I ask that you keep me, my family and both congregations in your prayers.

May God bless your continued service to our Lord with peace and joy.  
Your sister in Christ,  
Amber Guthmiller



The word advent means “coming.” Christians celebrate the season of Advent as a time of preparation and reflection in anticipation of Christ’s coming to earth at Christmas.

The Advent wreath itself, a circle, represents the unending love of God. Evergreens adorning the wreath symbolize the hope of eternal life. The four candles set in the wreath represent the four Sundays until Christmas Day. Some traditions add a fifth candle, the Christ candle.

The lighting of the candles each week in Advent marks the growing anticipation for the birth of Christ, the Light of the World.

1. The Prophecy Candle: Also called the Hope Candle, this violet or blue candle symbolizes the Old Testament prophecies of Christ’s coming.
2. The Bethlehem Candle: Also called the Peace Candle, this violet or blue candle symbolizes the birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary in the town of Bethlehem.
3. The Shepherds’ Candle: Also called the Joy Candle, this rose-colored candle symbolizes the coming of the Savior into the hearts and lives of believers, like the shepherds and like us.
4. The Angels’ Candle: Also called the Good News Candle, this violet or blue candle symbolizes the final glorious coming of the Savior with all his angels on the Last Day.
5. The Christ Candle: This white candle symbolizes the day of Jesus’ birth, the coming we’ve been waiting for, the advent of Jesus, the Light of the

## **EVENTS AROUND THE AREA**

### **Prelude to Christmas 2021**

An annual favorite, Prelude to Christmas is a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas concert season. This year’s concert will take the form of a hymn festival, featuring selections from the last Sundays of the Church Year through Christmas as beyond. Included will be arrangements from prominent Lutheran composers John Behnke, Carl Schalk, Kevin Hildebrand, Charles Ore, and of course J.S. Bach.

November 28, 2021 at 2:00pm CST Live-streamed (details to come)  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 1052 White Rock Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186

**Choir Concert:** The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir and Chamber Choir present their **Christmas Festival Concert** December 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. and December 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at [wlc.edu/boxoffice](http://wlc.edu/boxoffice) or by calling 414.443.8802.

**Band Concert:** The Wisconsin Lutheran College Concert Band will present its **Winter Band Concert** on Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance Schwan Concert Hall. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at [wlc.edu/boxoffice](http://wlc.edu/boxoffice) or by calling 414.443.8802.

**Christmas at WISCO**—This Christmas season, the fine arts department at Wisconsin Lutheran High School will be providing three opportunities to attend sacred and secular music concerts.

**Winter Band Concert • Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m.**—featuring Concert Band. Tap your toes to secular Christmas tunes as well as familiar sacred pieces. Admission is free.

**Sacred Christmas Choral Concert • Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.**—featuring A Cappella, Freshman Choirs, Inspiration, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

**Winter Chamber Ensembles Concert • Saturday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.**—featuring small ensembles such as Wisco Kids, Inspiration Vocal Jazz, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbells, brass, woodwind, percussion, and more! Enjoy the secular and sacred Christmas tunes of the season. Admission is free.

**Be Prepared for Jesus' Coming**  
The First Sunday in Advent

**God's Word for Today**

*Advent refers to "coming." In these readings, Jesus comes first to supply us with a righteous, perfect life that God applies to us through faith. Then he comes through his Church to have that gospel affect the lives of others. And finally, he comes to remove us from the pain and problems of this world and share with him the perfect life with him in eternity*

**First Lesson (Jeremiah 33:14-16)**

1. Who is the "righteous Branch" that will sprout from David's line?
2. Who will be called "the LORD our Righteousness?"

**Second Lesson (1 Thessalonians 3:9-13)**

3. What is Paul asking the Lord to do within the Thessalonian congregation?
4. What is the underlying concern?

**Gospel (Luke 21:25-36)**

5. What will it be like as the Jesus returns to earth at the end of time?
6. What reaction will come from God's people?
7. Because of this, what should our daily lives be like now?

**Answers:**

1. In Jeremiah 23:5-6 the righteous branch is referring to Jesus and his saving presence on this earth. He is the King who has descended from King David's line. It is possible here that this same title is being given to the Christian church that grows out of a connection to Jesus.
2. Although this sounds so similar to the Jeremiah 23 passage, here the Church (Judah and Jerusalem) will receive the same name as Jesus. We will not only be labeled with his perfect Righteousness because it covers them, but will also be the place other people can find his righteousness through the gospel proclamation. *(Is this evident in our purpose?)*
3. Paul had already mentioned how the gospel produced among them great evidences of faith, hope, and love (1:3, 3:6). He not only looked for their inner life to become stronger but that it also overflowed to increasingly splash its love on everyone who would come into contact with them. *(Do people recognize this happening in you?)*
4. He wanted to know that their faith was alive and well and that they would be ready to join the "holy ones" when Christ returns to earth. *(Is this a priority for you?)*
5. It will be a terrifying time with disturbing happenings in the sky, on the earth, and with the sea that cause many to faint from fear. *(Does the world expect this?)*
6. When they see Jesus coming in his power and glory they will stand secure knowing this is the great time when Jesus completes his purpose for us and brings us to heaven to be with him eternally. *(Is this exciting for you and what you look forward to?)*
7. There is no room to be distracted with the anxieties or attractions of this world. We should always be focused and ready to stand before Jesus when he returns.