

“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.
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Worship Theme

TELL US A STORY

Much of what Jesus has to say to you and me is contained within his parables. Parables are simple little stories that contain profound truths about life and eternity. For the believer, a parable takes a challenging spiritual fact and makes it clear. However, since the parable conveys spiritual truth, for someone without faith, the story remains only that—a story. Therefore, our prayer for this worship series is that Christ would send us his Holy Spirit, so that we might receive the peace and power Jesus offers us in his parables. Tell us a story, Jesus!

THEME OF THE DAY

A STORY OF SPIRITUAL INSINCERITY

You have maybe heard the accusation or perhaps even made it yourself: “He’s so fake!” That charge claims someone’s friendliness or kindness is a sham. Such insincerity bothers us. We would generally rather someone be honest about how they feel about us than be fake. Through a story Jesus teaches us that God feels the same. God doesn’t want us to simply go through religious motions like some sort of show. He sees right through that. God’s desire is that our repentance would demonstrate sincere sorrow over sin. God wants us to see the grace and forgiveness he has shown us in Christ, and in response, to love him back deeply and sincerely.

“Order of Service”

Opening Hymn: CWH 607 – 10,000 Reasons

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

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.

Lord Have Mercy (sung)

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Amen.

C: Amen.

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.

Oh Taste and See (*sung*)

L: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good

C: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good.

L: Blessed are they who take refuge in him

C: Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

L: Your word, oh Lord, is eternal.

C: Your word, oh Lord, is eternal.

L: It stands firm in the heavens.

C: It stands firm in the heavens.

L: Your faithfulness continues.

C: Your faithfulness continues.

L: Forever

C: Forever

L: And ever

C: And ever

L: Amen

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor & Congregation: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The prophet Ezekiel gives a strong warning to Christians who have grown dismissive of their sin. God wants sincere repentance that leads to true obedience.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“ ‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

25A To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

Psalm 25A

Refrain



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,

for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good. *Refrain*

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress

and take away / all my sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-11

Moved by Christ's love and empowered by the Spirit, we sincerely attempt to imitate the selflessness and humility of Jesus.

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day:

Alleluia. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Alleluia.

Alleluia – sung response

L: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

L: These words were written and given to us

So that our hearts can hear

That Jesus opened the doors; He is the Christ, the Son of God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

L: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please rise out of respect for the gospel.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

Through a story Jesus teaches that sincere love for God involves not just saying what God wants to hear but doing what God wants done.

²³Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn: CWH 862 – Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word
(Please rise for final stanza.)

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:23-32

Context: Holy Week - cleansing the temple and condemning a fig tree

Lesson: REPENTANCE (Confession/Faith/Change)

Sermon Theme: “By What Authority?”

1. **Authority: Submission to Jesus’.** Verses 23-27

a) The demand, the dilemma, the defeat. (Pharisees)

2. **Obedience: Doing the Father’s will.** Verses 28-32

a) Empty words. (1st son)

b) Repentant actions. (2nd son)

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 box at the back of church.

Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:

<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: Standing on the Promises

**Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Standing, standing on the promises, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing on the promises, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

"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.

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Natasha McCants
Susan Berg
Gabriel Jasper

May we truly be thankful

Heavenly Father, as we look around us, you have once again shown us all your blessings. We know that you have provided much more than just our daily needs. We thank you for so generously giving us your Son, our Lord. Through him you have showered us with the blessings of forgiveness, a purpose in life, and eternal life in paradise—no strings attached. For all these blessings, may we truly be thankful, dear Lord. Amen.

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

TODAY – Grace in Action Rock Reset – Board of Education/Faculty 11:45AM

Wednesday, October 4 Chapel 8:15AM – Everyone is invited.

Thursday, October 5 Volleyball HOME vs. Christ, Big Bend 4:30PM

Sunday, October 8 Bible Class 9:30AM – “WORSHIP” led by Rev. Dr. Berg
Worship w/communion 10:30AM

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, October 15 Baptism Sunday, K4 – 8 Sing for worship 10:30AM
Open Board of Education Meeting 11:45AM

Friday, October 20 Table of Treats 4:00-6:00PM in gymnasium

Saturday, October 21 GIA Clifton Strengths Finder 8:30AM-12:30PM

October Calendar and Text Sheet is included with today’s bulletin.



Tables of Treats is taking place **Friday, October 20th**, from **4-6pm** in the school gymnasium. This will be a fun autumn event and a place for students to do some early trick-or-treating and a chance for church and school families to meet and mingle. If you are interested in participating by **decorating and hosting a table** or by donating **store-bought** baked goods, please contact Ms. Enstad or Ms. Chamberlain.

Students must be accompanied by an adult.



BAPTISM SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15th

Have your children been baptized? Have you been baptized? If not, our church is providing an opportunity for you and your family to do so and at no cost to you!

We have scheduled a Baptism Sunday for: **Sunday morning, October 15th, at 10:30am.**

St. Philip's Lutheran Church will be holding a special baptism service on that Sunday. We feel baptism is of most importance for children as well as for adults. Through it God brings His promise of love and forgiveness to all.

If you desire to be baptized along with your children, please contact Pastor Raymond Kimbrough at: 414-263-1373. Pastor will briefly meet with you to give you more information and instructions about this special baptism service.

Thank you and we look forward to serving you and your family.

In Christian love,
Pastor Raymond Kimbrough
414-263-1373



LWMS Metro North Fall Rally

10/28/2023

8:00 AM

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lannon, WI

Guest Speaker: Rev. Isaac Hayes

Ministry at St. John's on the Hillside in Milwaukee



News from Wisconsin Lutheran High School

WLHS Fine Arts "Brats 'N Bops"—On Sunday, October 15, from 5:00-7:00 p.m, the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Choir Associates will host an Oktoberfest-themed event in the WLHS cafeteria called "Brats 'N Bops." The evening will feature performances by the Wisco Kids Show Choir and Inspiration Christian Contemporary/Vocal Jazz Choir. Tickets for food items like brats, hot dogs, soft pretzels, root beer, and sweet treats will be sold at the door; all proceeds directly benefit the WLHS choral department.

WLHS Fall Fine Arts Showcase Concert—On Sunday, October 22, at 3:00 p.m, the WLHS Fine Arts Department will present their Fall Fine Arts Showcase Concert featuring the Concert Band, Freshman and A Cappella Choirs, Jubilation Handbells, Inspiration Vocal Jazz Choir, and Wisco Kids Show Choir. Join us as our student musicians use their gifts to celebrate God's special gift of music!



Upcoming Events at WLC

BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT: The Wisconsin Lutheran College Concert Band and the Wisconsin Lutheran Choir and Chamber Choir will perform **Fall Showcase Concerts** on **October 6 and 7**. The concerts will take place in the Center for Arts and Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at wlc.news/fall-showcase or by calling 414.443.8802.

I3 NETWORKING EVENT: Chad Williams, an author, speaker, and former U.S. Navy SEAL, will give the keynote at Wisconsin Lutheran College on **Thursday, October 12** during a networking breakfast for Christian business leaders. The event, which is \$70 per person, includes networking, a continental breakfast, and Williams' talk on "Forged by Adversity." Learn more or register at wlc.news/i3.

THEATRE PRODUCTION: The Wisconsin Lutheran College Theatre Department will present *Peter and the Starcatcher*, which upends the century-old story of Peter Pan, **October 19-22** and **October 25-28** in the Center for Arts and Performance. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students; learn more at wlc.news/starcatcher or call 414.443.8802.

Special Presentation on the New Songs of Christian Worship

On Saturday, October 14 at 3 p.m., the members of Nain Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI (WELS) are hosting a talk entitled "'Nice to Meet You!' Getting to Know the New Songs of *Christian Worship*." The presenter is Dr. Jeremy Bakken, Director of Worship and Sacred Music at Northwestern Publishing House. The lecture is free and registration is not required, but will help in preparation.

Visit nainlutheran.org/lectures for more information and to register. Snacks will be served.

Lutherans for Life

Treasure Life Event - You're invited to the Treasure Life Event fundraiser for WELS Lutherans for Life on Friday, October 13, at the Milwaukee Marriott West Hotel in Waukesha. The Luncheon is at 12:00 pm and the dinner is at 6:30 pm. You're invited to join us to see the impact of your pro-life ministry at WELS Lutherans for Life. These events highlight ministry successes, client stories, future ministry goals, and Steven Holland's story. Steven Holland is an author, recording artist, passionate worship leader, motivational speaker, national pro-life speaker, and founder of Broken Not Dead Ministries. Despite the brokenness Steven has experienced, he travels the country sharing his message of HOPE and RESTORATION for the BROKEN built on the gospel of Jesus Christ! These events are complimentary, but registration is required. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. All funds raised will directly support life-affirming help for abortion-vulnerable mothers, pregnancy support for women, parenting education, after-abortion support, and youth development. Find all the details and register at Treasure-Life.org.

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS" CLR's 40th Anniversary National Convention

Join Christian Life Resources (CLR) on Saturday, October 14 from 9:30 am-3:00 pm at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, 3399 Division Road, Jackson, WI for our annual National Convention. We will be providing the event in person, AND there will be a live-streaming option too. Our expert speakers will provide their subjects in a concise, prepared "TED Talk" format. Topics: witnessing; abortion; assisted suicide; human trafficking. God placed you here, in this place, and at this time. It is no accident. Isn't it time to do something? Onsite \$50 cost includes presentations, all materials, continental breakfast, catered lunch, and snacks. \$40 livestreaming virtual option to watch on your computer. More at: bit.ly/2023clrnc or call 800-729-9535 to register.

