21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

"St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church and 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. 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 contact the Principal Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

Worship Notes: Per Governor Evers' mask mandate announced July 30, 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 are monitoring this situation very closely and will keep you updated if anything changes. It currently expires November 21st, although the City of Milwaukee Mask Mandate may last longer. 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: "Our God Invites Sinners to Participate In His Blessing"

"Order of Service"

Opening Hymn: To Your Temple I Draw Near (CW 226)

To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here. Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord. While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue, That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend. Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.

While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name, Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.

From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

<u>Pastor:</u> In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. <u>Congregation:</u> Amen.

Confession of Sins

<u>Pastor:</u> 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.

<u>Congregation:</u> 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. <u>The Absolution:</u> 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: A - men. (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. A – men.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. (sung)

The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

<u>Pastor & Congregation:</u> Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Spoken)

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Psalm of the Day - Responsive Reading - Psalm 23 (selected verses)

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd, Congregation: I shall not be in want.

Reader: He makes me lie down in green pastures, Congregation: He leads me beside quiet waters.

Reader: He restores my soul,

Congregation: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Reader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no

evil,

Congregation: For you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

Reader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Congregation: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Reader: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

Congregation: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-13

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

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

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: 565 – There Still Is Room

(Please rise for the last stanza.)

There still is room! His house is not yet filled; Not all the guests are there. Oh, bring them in! Their hunger shall be stilled With bread, yes, bread to spare. Go, call them from the lanes and byways, From winding roads and crowded highways. There still is room! There still is room!

There still is time! The Master's voice still rings, And all his heralds plead: "Oh, hide beneath the shelter of his wings Against the time of need."

The gracious call is still extended; The day of grace is not yet ended.

There still is time! There still is time!

Now is the time! How fast the moments fly! How soon each hour is gone! You virgins, hear and heed the midnight cry; Look for the break of dawn. The Bridegroom comes; prepare to greet him. Rise! Trim your lamps! Go out to meet him! Now is the time! Now is the time!



Sermon Theme:

We've Been Invited to the Wedding Feast of the King: "Stop Making EXCUSES!!!"

Scene #1: The First Invitation and Refusal. Verses 2, 3
Scene #2: The Second Invitation and Refusal. Verses 4 - 7
Scene #3: The Third Invitation and Acceptance. Verses 8 - 10
Scene #4: The Guest Without a Proper Garment. Verses 11 - 14

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5 "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. 13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

<u>The Offertory:</u> 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.

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)

<u>Pastor:</u> Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. <u>Congregation:</u> It is good and right so to do. (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

<u>Pastor:</u> 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: Instrumental Selection

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.

<u>Pastor:</u> 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. (sung)

Closing Hymn: May the Grace of Christ our Savior (CW 326)

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

So may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, Gathered here in blest communion, By the power of his Word.

Now with all the saints in heaven Thanks and praise to you we sing, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, our triune King.

"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 OCTOBER 25, 2020

<u>Organist:</u> Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you. **Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: November 1, 2020
Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck
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November Calendar and Text Sheet are included with today's bulletin



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

Monday, October 26 Food & Materials Pick-Up 11AM - 4PM

Sunday, November 1 Bible Class – "The Beatitudes" (Copies in narthex)

Worship with communion 10:30AM

NOW HIRING AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

Cleaning Help

The seminary is looking for part time cleaning help 15-25 hours a week, flexible to the applicant's schedule. Applicant needs to have attention to detail and self-motivated. Contact Dennis Sprenger, Buildings & Grounds Director if interested. dennis.sprenger@wisluthsem.org

Supper Cook

This individual will be responsible for preparation, service, and cleanup of the supper meal for the student body. Work schedule during the school session is Monday-Thursday 1:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Position may require hours during special events throughout the school year. Contact Brian Treichel, Business Manager at 262-242-8103 for an application.