

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & 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,
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Worship Theme

“Ears Opened by God Enjoy His Good Gifts”

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: 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.

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.

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)*

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

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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.

The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor & Congregation: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(spoken)*

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 146 (selected verses)

Reader: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Congregation: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Reader: Do not put your trust in princes,

Congregation: In mortal men, who cannot save.

Reader: Blessed he whose hope is in the Lord his God,

Congregation: The maker of heaven and earth.

Reader: The Lord gives food to the hungry,

Congregation: The Lord sets prisoners free.

Reader: The Lord gives sight to the blind,

Congregation: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

Reader: The Lord watches over the outcast,

Congregation: And sustains the fatherless and widow.

Reader: The Lord remains faithful forever.

Congregation: He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

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)*

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 for the gospel lesson.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7: 31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ! *(spoken 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: Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound (CW 379)

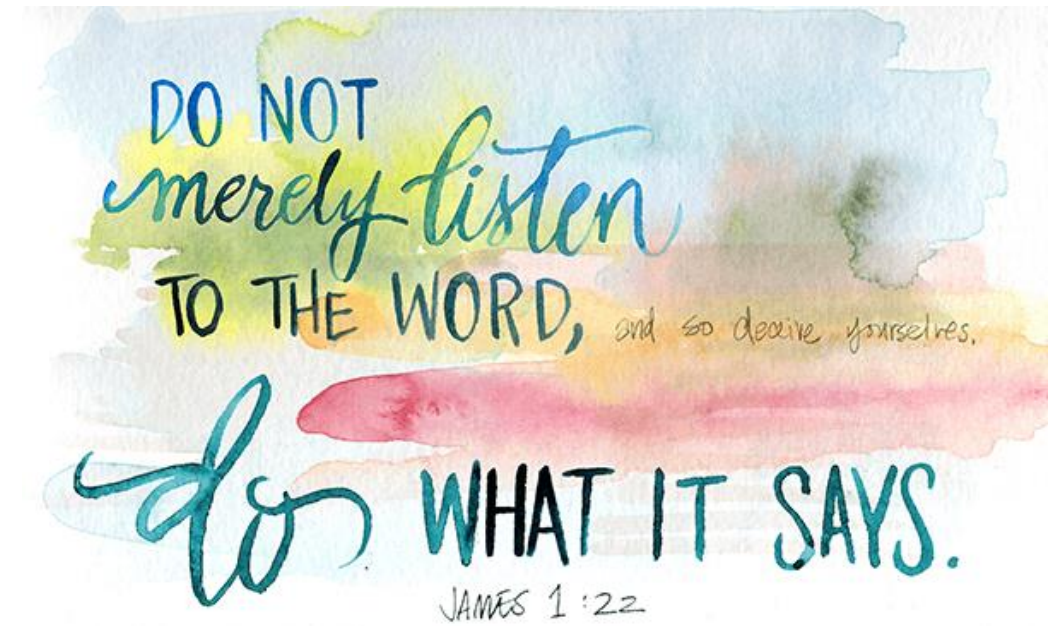
(Please rise for the final stanza.)

Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound-- That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.



Sermon Theme: “Hey Christian, Are You Listening?”

Problem: **“Hypocrisy”**

Our Motivation for Listening (verses 17, 18)

1. God gives good gifts.
2. God does not change.
3. God gives us faith.

Our Test for Listening (verses 19-25)

1. “Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry”.
2. “Be doers of the Word and not hearers only”.
3. The “mirror” test.

Our Application for Listening (verses 26, 27)

1. The hypocrisy of the tongue.
2. The faithfulness of the feet.

Sermon Text: James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. ²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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.

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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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. *(sung)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Benediction

Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn: All Night, All Day

**Refrain: All night, all day, angels watchin' over me, my Lord
All night, all day, angels watchin' over me.**

**Day is dyin' in the west; Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
Sleep, my child, and take your rest; Angels watchin' over me. REFRAIN.**

**Now I lay me down to sleep; Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
Pray the Lord my soul to keep; Angels watchin over me. REFRAIN.**

**Lord, stay with me through the night; Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.
Wake me with the morning light; Angels watchin' over me. 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

Organist: Praise Band Leads Worship. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: September 19, 2021

Organist: Mrs. Lydia Prange

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal



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

Tuesday, September 14

Volleyball Game HOME vs. Christ/St. Peter
A-Team only plays at 4:30PM

Wednesday, September 15

Chapel Service 10:00AM

Thursday, September 16

VB @ St. John's/Word of Life
4:30 - B-Team, 5:30 - A-Team
Board of Education 5:30PM

Sunday, September 19

Bible Class 9:30AM – “God’s People Gather”
We will meet in the 8th grade classroom
Worship Service 10:30AM

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, September 26

God’s People Gather Celebration Sunday

Sunday, October 17

Baptism Sunday, K4 – 8 Grade Sing for Worship

Saturday, October 23

LWMS Fall Rally at Atonement 8AM – 12PM



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St. Philip’s Lutheran Church & School website: www.stphilipsmilwaukee.com
School newsletters, church bulletins and numerous other items are available on the website.

NEWS FROM WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Grade School Football Tailgate—Join the families of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School for a fun night at Raabe Stadium (1401 N Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa) on Friday, September 24. As part of our PK-12 partnership, WLHS is sponsoring a tailgate party for our grade school families from 5:15-5:45 p.m. before the varsity football game against South Milwaukee, at 7:00 p.m. Boys and girls of all ages will get to run, pass, kick and catch on the turf of the Raabe Stadium field. Visit wlhs.org/tailgate to RSVP for this FREE event by Wednesday, September 22.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NPH Leadership Opportunity—Northwestern Publishing House is currently seeking an experienced business leader to serve as its President. This is a full-time, salaried position located at NPH’s office in the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha, WI. If you would like more information or are interested in being considered for this position, please visit nph.net/join-our-team or call Bill Ziche at 414-615-5778.

Job Opening at St. Lucas Lutheran School—If you or someone you know is reliable, flexible, and loves working with children, it may be the right time to join the team at Saint Lucas Lutheran School in Bay View. Saint Lucas is currently seeking a Full-Time Preschool Assistant Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information, please contact Mrs. Susan Zeitler, szeitler@saintlucas.org.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) has two employment opportunities available: Culinary/Prep Cook—to work in our cafeteria. This individual will assist in preparing meals for the students and setting up the serving line. Two years of experience is preferred, but we are willing to train. Candidates must have a basic understanding of nutrition, health, and safety requirements in food preparation. Being able to take direction is essential. Work schedule during the school session is Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Position requires hours during special events throughout the school year. Send resumes to Jeannie Goljenboom at jeannie.goljenboom@wisluthsem.org or call 262-242-8124.

Part-Time Communications Coordinator—This person will be responsible for coordinating and implementing strategies to communicate the institutional mission of WLS, and will craft key messages, communications, and publications for all audiences consistent with WLS’s strategic advancement initiatives. Special emphasis is given to informational/promotional/direct appeal writing and online publishing. This is a part-time position with a workload of 30 hours a week. Starting wage is commensurate with abilities and experience. Send resumes to Brian Treichel at brian.treichel@wisluthsem.org or call 262-242-8103.

Ears Opened by God Enjoy His Good Gifts

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God’s Word for Today

The sense of hearing is a wonderful gift from God. With this sense we can have an instrument that can receive the wonderful message of deliverance and salvation, as the people in the days of Isaiah did. When it comes to God’s Word, hearing is the beginning of taking action. Woe to the man who hears the Word of God but does not do what it says. Jesus once restored the hearing of a deaf-mute and thus proved his claim as the promised Messiah.

First Lesson (Isaiah 35:4-7a)

1. How did the words of verse 4 come true for Isaiah’s readers?
2. Of whom do the words of verses 5-7 remind you? Why? (see Matthew 11:5).

Second Lesson (James 1:17-27)

3. Where does every good gift come from?
4. How is the righteous man blessed?

Gospel (Mark 7:31-37)

5. Why does Jesus use sign language in healing the deaf man?
6. What’s the significance, “he spoke clearly?”
7. Why did Jesus not want them to tell anyone about the miracle that just had taken place?

Answers:

1. Isaiah foresees the destruction of Judah by the Babylonians and the ultimate captivity of his people. But they need to take heart, because God will bring vengeance upon Babylon and rescue his people back to their homeland. These events are a picture of what Christ Jesus would do in rescuing us from our captivity to sin and restore for us our home in heaven.
2. These are words that describe the coming Messiah, Jesus, who relieved the physical maladies of many people in his day in order to point people to his more precious work—the forgiveness of sins and the blessing of salvation. He has turned our spiritual desolation into a virtual garden paradise.
3. It is God’s nature to give good gifts to his children. In fact those are the only kinds of gifts he can give.
4. The Christian, because of Christ, will look to the Law as a joyful obligation. He will listen to it and strive to obey it. This will make him truly “religious.”
5. The poor man could not understand what Jesus was doing if he spoke to him. So Jesus used sign language to show the healing that he was giving him.
6. Jesus healed the man perfectly. He didn’t have to go to a speech therapist and learn how to pronounce words. No, Jesus healed with the ability to speak clearly.
7. Jesus did not want fame and popularity to slow or hinder his way to the cross.