

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

“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,
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 September 28, although the City of Milwaukee Mask Mandate
may last longer. We are going to try to start singing again. We pray that the Lord will
help all of us to focus and not be distracted, but enjoy a meaningful, uplifting worship
experience gathered around His Word.

Worship Theme

The Church is Militant: First the Cross, Then the Crown

“Order of Service”

Opening Hymn: Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap with heav'nly joy;
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally.

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: 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. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. (*sung*)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor & Congregation: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*sung*)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? ¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹"I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel."

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 121 (selected verses)

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

Congregation: Where does my help come from?

Pastor: My help comes from the Lord,

Congregation: The maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot slip.

Congregation: He who watches over you will not slumber.

Pastor: Indeed he who watches over Israel,

Congregation: Will neither slumber nor sleep,

Pastor: The Lord watches over you,

Congregation: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all harm,

Congregation: He will watch over your life.

Pastor: The Lord will watch over your coming and your going.

Congregation: Both now and forevermore.

Pastor 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 gospel lesson.

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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: Onward Christian Soldiers

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see his banners go!**

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!**

**Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. [Refrain]**

**Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided; all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. [Refrain]**

(Please rise for the final stanza.)

Onward, then, ye faithful, join the happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages saints and angels sing. [Refrain]

Sermon Theme: **“Proper Motivation for Godly Living: God’s Grace and Mercy”**

Our Relationship with God. Verse 1

Be a “Living Sacrifice”

Our Relationship with Ourselves. Verse 2

Be a “Transformer” Not a “Conformer”

Our Relationship with Others. Verses 3-8

Find Your “Function” In the (Church) Body

Sermon Text: **Romans 12:1-8**

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

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.

General Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Supper

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper: Communicants are encouraged to use the prayers on pages 11 and 156 in the front of the hymnal. **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. *(spoken)*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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. *(spoken)*

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 – Please follow the direction of the ushers.

We will be using a continuous flow of serving communion, the blessing will be given after everyone has communed.

Distribution Hymn: Instrumental Selection

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. (spoken)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Response: Amen. (spoken)

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn: We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called to service, To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others With God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, And let our song be heard;
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

"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 13, 2020

Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman. Thank you.

Next Week: September 20, 2020

Organist: Ms. Emma Schneck



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

Monday, September 14

Breakfast & Lunch Pickup for Students 11AM-4:00PM

Sunday, September 20

Worship 10:30AM



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St. Philip's Lutheran Church & School website: **www.stphilipmilwaukee.com**
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The start of a new school year always brings change and challenges; however, virtual learning and coronavirus concerns have added a significant layer of stress to an already stressful time of year. St. Philip's recognizes that the emotional needs of its students are as important as their academic needs, especially in our world today. In order to help meet the emotional and behavioral needs of our students, St. Philip's welcomes back Mrs. Laura Reinke, a counselor from Christian Family Solutions, to help address these needs. Mrs. Reinke is able to provide virtual counseling so students can connect easily from home. If your child is frustrated with online learning, struggles to keep focused long enough to complete homework, is often angry, sad, has difficulty sleeping or has any other behaviors that make it difficult to function during the day, reach out to your child's teacher about how to connect with Mrs. Reinke, or contact her directly at 262-415-7722 or at lreinke@wlcfs.org.

Job Openings at WLHS

Wisconsin Lutheran High School is seeking to hire a Graphic Design and Digital Media Specialist and a Data and Gift Services Specialist. For a full job description for either position or to submit a resume, please contact Becky Glass at hr@wlhs.org.

Supper Cook

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is looking to hire a Supper Cook. This individual is responsible for preparation, service, and cleanup of the supper meal for approximately 50 students. Work schedule during the school session is Monday-Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The position may require hours for special events throughout the school year.

Candidate must have a basic understanding of nutrition, health and safety requirements. Two years of experience in food preparation is required. Strong communication and people skills and the ability to take direction are essential. Contact Brian Treichel, Business Manager, at 262-242-8103 for an application or submit your resume to brian.treichel@wisluthsem.org.

Northside Lutheran Ministries Fund Appeal

Continue keeping Northside Ministries in your prayers and consider supporting them through donations of food and clothing. Donations can be dropped off at their physical location (2533 W. North Ave) or sent to their P.O. Box:
Northside Lutheran Ministries
P.O. Box 13063
Milwaukee, WI 53226

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

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Our Devotion Is to God and His Church

The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

God's Word For Today

God and His Church are under attack on many fronts today, so we ask, "How can the Church remain strong?" The soundest encouragement comes from God himself, who urges us to cling to his unfailing promises and devote ourselves to lives of service.

First Lesson (Jeremiah 15:15-21)

1. What was the essence of Jeremiah's lament?
2. As He did on many occasions with the Old Testament prophets, how did God respond?

Second Lesson (Romans 12:1-8)

3. How do we "offer our bodies as living sacrifices"?
4. How do our special gifts and abilities find their application in congregational life?

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-26)

5. Why did Jesus say He "must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things"?
6. Explain Jesus' sharp rebuke to Peter.
7. According to verse 25, what is real "life"?

Answers:

1. Jeremiah had devoted himself with all seriousness to God's calling, yet he felt isolated, he was scoffed at, and his message fell on deaf ears. At the heart of his lament was whether God was really faithful to His promises.
2. In a gentle reproof, God reassured his servant Jeremiah that if he turned from his course of discontent with the Lord, he would use Jeremiah as a powerful instrument in sharing his Word and sustain him against all the enemies of the gospel.
3. We do not view our bodies as our own personal property to use or abuse as we see fit. Rather, our physical body and all its members are to be devoted to the service of God. We do that when we bring our Christian life into conformity with the holy will of God, not to merit salvation, but as a willing obligation to him at all times and in all things.
4. God gives an assortment of ordinary and extraordinary gifts to the members of His body, the Church. Some possess executive skills, others the aptitude to preach and teach, and still others the ability to apply God's Word to various circumstances of life. May we use these gifts with passion, cheerfulness, humility, and gratitude, always to God's glory!
5. A divine obligation was resting upon Jesus; it was a necessity which he had taken upon himself to fulfill the will of his heavenly Father by his death for all mankind.
6. Peter had offered a well-meant, but all-together meddling interference with the business of Christ. His thoughts were not in line with God's will and work. It lacked the wider vision necessary in the kingdom of God. In calling Peter "Satan," Jesus was accusing Peter of tempting him to do wrong. Understandably, he commanded "Get behind Me!"—for far be it from Jesus that he should ever prefer Peter's foolish, carnal wisdom over the will of his heavenly Father.
7. He who aims to find in this world all that his heart desires will by that fact lose the real life—true, abounding, and everlasting—which is found in and with Christ Jesus.