

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

“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.
For information on our K4 – 8th grade Christian day school please contact our
Principal, Jason Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.
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Worship Theme

Faith in Active Obedience to the Lord’s Will

“Order of Service”



There are two new items in front of church that have been anonymously donated to enhance our worship, a paschal candle to draw attention to the baptismal font and a crucifix to point us to the center of our worship: Christ crucified. Below are descriptions of both:

The Paschal Candle is a single candle which symbolizes Christ as the Light of the World. It is lit during the Easter Season, at baptisms, and at funerals. Each of these times or events have a deep connection between Christ’s resurrection and his followers. St. Paul says that we die and rise with Christ in baptism (Rm. 6:1-3). Our sinful natures die, we are made alive in Christ, and promised our own resurrection. Thus the paschal candle (Paschal means Passover, the Jewish holiday during which Jesus died and rose and has come to be the name for Easter in Orthodox Churches), is placed in a prominent place during the Easter season, by the casket/urn at funerals and by the baptismal font when not in use. Paschal candles also have on them the alpha and omega (Rev. 22:13), five "nails" which symbolize the five wounds of Christ, and the year.

A crucifix is a cross with the body of Christ on it. It is a striking reminder of the culmination of the salvation story, the crucifixion of Christ with all of its pain and horror. This is the center of our faith as St. Paul declares, “We preach Christ crucified” (1 Cor. 1:23). This makes little sense to human philosophy or reason as St. Paul continues, “a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles”. Why follow a dying God? But this is the whole point. We trust what God says and did, not just what we see and rationalize. We see a horrific death but we hear about salvation in that death. Finally, we are made aware of a love that we cannot find anywhere else: God died for us!

Opening Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love For Us



1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Pastor: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Congregation:

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Congregation:

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Pastor:

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

*The cantor sings the first refrain and verses.
The congregation joins on the following refrains.*

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

Refrain

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

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.

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 116 (selected verses)

Reader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice,

Congregation: He heard my cry for mercy.

Reader: Because he turned his ear to me,

Congregation: I will call on him as long as I live.

Reader: The Lord is gracious and righteous,

Congregation: When I was in great need, he saved me.

Reader: For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

Congregation: My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Reader: How can I repay the Lord?

Congregation: For all his goodness to me

Reader: I will lift up the cup of salvation

Congregation: And call on the name of the Lord.

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!

These words are written that we may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please rise for the gospel lesson.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

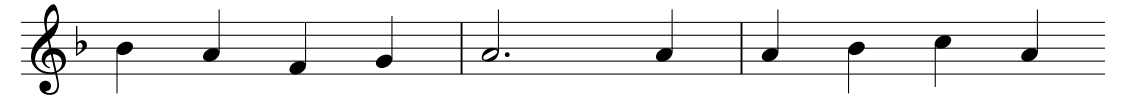
Hymn of the Day

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

(Please rise for the final stanza.)



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
place with - in the hands of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

Sermon Theme: "The Law of Love"

- 1. It does not show favoritism. Verses 1-5, 8-10**
- 2. It translates faith into actions. Verses 14-18**

Sermon Text: James 2:1-5, 8-10. 14-18

¹My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.
²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ¹⁵Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

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 basket at the back of church.
Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:
<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.*

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn: In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

"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 19, 2021

Organist: Mrs. Lydia Prange. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: September 26, 2021

Organist: Mrs. Nicole Cottman



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<https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipsLutheranSchool/>

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

OFFERING UPDATE – This update will be included each week with the bulletin.

	Week	Month	July to Date
	<u>9/6-9/12</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Budget	\$3,584.91	\$ 7,169.81	\$ 39,433.96
Actual	\$3,377.29	\$ 7,126.99	\$ 33,868.45
Over (Under)	(\$ 207.62)	(\$ 42.82)	(\$ 5,565.51)



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

Tuesday, September 21

Cross Country Meet at Milwaukee Lutheran High School

A & B Volleyball Games HOME vs. St. Paul, Cudahy/Zion 4:30 & 5:30PM

Wednesday, September 22

Chapel 10:00AM

Cross Country Meet at Crown of Life, Hubertus

Thursday, September 23

A & B Volleyball Games at St. Lucas 4:30 & 5:30PM

Sunday, September 26

Bible Class 9:30AM

Worship with communion 10:30AM

"God's People Gather Celebration"

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, October 17

Baptism Sunday – Please contact Pastor Kimbrough if you are interested in having your children or yourself baptized.

WLHS 6th-8th Grade Open House—Wisconsin Lutheran High School is offering both in-person and virtual options for Open House this year. Please register online at wlhs.org/openhouse. Our in-person Open House will take place on Sunday, October 3. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a program at 6:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students please join us to meet teachers, tour the school, and learn more about tuition assistance, scholarships, and the Choice Program. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life!

WLHS Work Days—Do you have yard work or fall cleaning that needs to get done such as raking, hedge trimming, or window washing? Consider hiring hard-working members of the WLHS student council for a few hours for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to the 2021-22 WLHS mission project to Malawi and Grenada to aid in their mission work. Workdays will be held on any Saturday or Sunday starting September 25 & 26 through October 30 & 31, excluding homecoming weekend, October 9 & 10. To request a team, please email workdays@wlhs.org and include your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) the work could be completed.

The Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society presents:

St. Paul's Land Journey to the Appian Way

a free lecture by Dr. Glen L. Thompson

Sept 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Reichel Lecture Hall, FM15, Wisconsin Lutheran College

and live online on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95853883105>

After his shipwreck and wintering on the island of Malta, the prisoner Paul sailed to the Italian port of Puteoli, still 150 miles from Rome. Although Acts 28:13-15 gives only the briefest of descriptions of his land journey, the text does make it clear that he arrived in Rome on that most famous of roads, the Appian Way. However, the Appian Way passes 20 miles to the north of Puteoli. Using the results of several trips to Italy, archeological publications and even Google Maps, Dr. Thompson will describe the ancient routes available to Paul's party. We will then follow Paul along the road he most likely walked to reach the Appian Way.

Dr. Glen L. Thompson holds a M.Div. from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and a M.A. and Ph.D. in ancient history from Columbia University. From 2002-2011 he was a Professor of History at Wisconsin Lutheran College. He then assumed the position of Academic Dean and Professor of New Testament and Historical Theology at Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong until his retirement last year. His early research centered on the first four centuries of Christianity and has since expanded into early Christianity in China and the Roman road system used by St. Paul. Together with Dr. Mark Wilson, he has led students on numerous trips to Turkey, Greece, and Italy. His research seeks to identify the exact paths of the Roman roads, resulting in several scholarly articles. His book on Paul's journey to Rome in Acts 28, co-authored with Dr. Wilson, will appear in 2022 from Lexham Press.

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.