

**“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 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Forgives as God Forgives”**

**“Order of Service”**

**Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord the Almighty (CW 234)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning;  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore [him](#).

**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:** 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. *Sing: Amen.*

**First Lesson:** Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. <sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

**Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – 103 (selected verses)**

Reader: Praise the Lord, O my soul,

**Congregation:** All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Reader: He forgives all your sins,

**Congregation:** And heals all your diseases.

Reader: He redeems your life from the grave,

**Congregation:** And crowns you with love and compassion.

Reader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

**Congregation:** Slow to anger and abounding in love.

Reader: He does not treat us as our sins deserve

**Congregation:** Or repay us according to our iniquities.

Reader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**Congregation:** So great is his love for those who fear him.

Reader: As far as the east is from the west,

**Congregation:** So far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**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 rise for the second lesson.*

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

**Second Lesson: Romans 14:5-9**

<sup>5</sup> One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

**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: Chief of Sinners Though I Be** *(CW 385)*

*(Please rise for the final stanza.)*

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me.  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me--wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart Comfort to the wounded heart;  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n.  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

**Sermon Theme:** “Forgive Others Just As Much As God Has Forgiven You”

1. Forgiveness of others has no limits. Verses 21, 22
2. Forgiveness of others is motivated by God’s forgiveness of us. Verses 23-27
3. Not forgiving others:
  - A. *Shows a lack of love. Verse 28*
  - B. *Shows a lack of mercy. Verse 29*
  - C. *Impacts others. Verse 31*
  - D. *Shows a lack of gratitude for what you have received. Verse 32*
  - E. *Interferes with the master’s relationship. Verse 34*
  - F. *Results in personal torment. Verse 34*
  - G. *Reflects a heart problem. Verse 35*

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup>“The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup>The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. <sup>28</sup>“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. <sup>29</sup>“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ <sup>30</sup>“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup>“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup>In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. <sup>35</sup>“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

**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**

**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)*

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

**Congregation:** 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, 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. *(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 – 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. (sung)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Congregational Response:** Amen. (sung)

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

**Closing Hymn:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (CW 334)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**"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 27, 2020**

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.  
**Organist:** Ms. Emma Schneck. Thank you.

**Next Week: October 4, 2020**  
**Organist:** Ms. Emma Schneck



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



**WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP’S**

<b><u>Monday, September 28</u></b>	<b>Food &amp; Materials Pickup for Students 11AM-4:00PM</b>
<b><u>Sunday, October 4</u></b>	<b>Bible Class – “The Beatitudes” Worship 10:30AM</b>

**October Calendar and Text Sheet** are included with this week’s bulletin.



**WLHS Open House**--Families and students in grades 6-8 are invited to Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House on Sunday, October 4. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. with a program at 6:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students have the opportunity to meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy faculty presentations.

PLEASE NOTE our annual Open House requires online registration for both in-person and virtual attendees. Register online at [wlhs.org/openhouse](https://wlhs.org/openhouse). In-person attendance is limited to the first 250 participants; please limit your group to essential attendees. If you are not part of the first 250, please select the Virtual Option to receive the private Zoom link invitation.

See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life!



Milwaukee Metro North Circuit **Fall Rally is cancelled due to Covid 19.**  
Please see Johnnie Patterson with questions or concerns.

### **Marriage Moments**

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. Congregations can upload them to their social media pages, encourage members to sign up for the e-mail, and use them as part of their marriage counseling or Bible study ministries.

Marriage Moments weekly devotions - *Coming in October!*

<https://welscongregationalservices.net/ministry-resources/marriagemoments/>



1,000,000. It is a big number. Yet, that is the goal—to share the gospel with one million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve 2020. The only way that goal is reached is if the army of saints that is the WELS works together. Each member, young and old, needs to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends, relatives, and neighbors.

A simple way to do that—invite them to come with you to your congregation’s Christmas Eve worship service. Christmas Eve has surpassed Easter as the worship service that unchurched individuals are most likely to attend. A recent survey found that 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service.

C20 (short for “Christmas 2020”) is a program produced by WELS Congregational Services to help our churches and members undertake this effort. Christmas will be here before you know it. Check out C20 now!

Find all of the resources for C20 at <https://welscongregationalservices.net/c20/>

**Christians—Models of Forgiveness**  
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

**God's Word for Today**

*One timeless truth that we review Sunday after Sunday is this: God, in his boundless grace and mercy, has forgiven me, a poor, miserable sinner. One of the special blessings of having Christian friends is that they, too, forgive. Today, in His Word God speaks to us about the correlation between being forgiven and being forgiving.*

**First Lesson (Genesis 50:15-21)**

1. Joseph wept as his brothers spoke to him. Were these tears of sorrow or tears of joy?
2. What comfort does the Christian find in verse 20?

**Second Lesson (Romans 14:5-9)**

3. What advice does Paul give for the maintenance of Christian harmony and charity in the church?
4. "Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's (v. 8b). Apply these words to your life.

**Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35)**

5. Put into practical terms the meaning of Jesus' command to forgive "not seven times, but seventy-seven times."
6. What makes the first servant's lack of mercy so revolting?
7. Paraphrase the parable's application as found in verse 35.

**Answers:**

1. Likely, both. There were tears of sorrow as it grieved Joseph to think that his brothers believed him capable of such retaliation. Also, his eyes welled with tears of joy over the evidence of his brothers' complete repentance.
2. God, in His love and providence, frustrates the evil intent of those who oppose us and turns the intended evil to work good in our lives, in this case, for the salvation of many.
3. Let him that eats not despise him that doesn't eat, thus looking down with contempt on the weaker brother and his scruples with regard to food. On the other hand, the one that refuses to partake of meat should not condemn him that eats, as though he were less spiritual. Thus, the warning against judging is substantiated in this, that God has accepted him. Do not pass judgment on a brother who is Christ's own.
4. The mind of the Christian, whether he partakes of certain foods or not, whether he observes certain days or not, is always directed to the Lord, because the whole life of the Christian, as well as his death, is devoted and consecrated to the Lord. Since his soul and body, thoughts and acts, are dedicated to the Lord, the believer will naturally think of God's honor first in all things.
5. Christ's answer is staggering! Jesus did not begin with an insignificant number, nor would he be tied down to any definite sum. No number can begin to show the greatness of forgiving love that is found in the hearts of Christians. There is no set number of times that we should forgive an erring brother and reinstate him in our good graces. Love and forgiveness go beyond petty calculations.
6. Moments after receiving an immeasurable present of mercy from the king, the servant hunted down, seized by the throat, and choked a fellow-servant who owed him an insignificant sum, then wreaked his vengeance upon him by casting him into prison.
7. Ignorance and forgetfulness of our own guilt leave us harsh and unforgiving toward others. But remember, God will be merciless to the merciless. Without exception, he wants us to be ready at all times to forgive from the heart, just as he in mercy has forgiven our enormous debt.