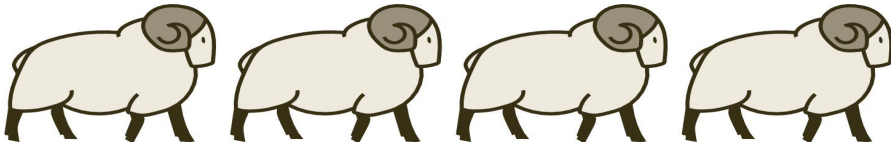


19th Sunday of Pentecost
September 29, 2024

THE NEED FOR



FOLLOWERSHIP

Do we need better leadership
or do we need better followership?

A worship series

St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

19th Sunday of Pentecost

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“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & School”

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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.

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Worship Theme

**THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST HAVE POWERFUL ALLIES**

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY

Green Berets. Rangers. SEALs. Delta Force. These special forces groups are part of the United States military. They are elite: highly trained with unique skill sets. Many of their important missions are carried out in total secrecy.

Two weeks ago, we acknowledged that we are in the middle of a massive spiritual war. Today, we thank God that we fight this war with the protection of special forces. Since the fifth century, Christians have observed the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. We commemorate that God has sent Michael, one of the great archangels described in Scripture, and countless of his fellow angels to protect and serve mankind. Let us rejoice that followers of Christ have powerful allies!

632 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

CW 632



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, and through your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; let me your child and heir re - main.
bless; your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

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

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

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**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.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



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



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



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



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



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



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Numbers 11:4–6,10–16,24–29

⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

¹⁰Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is how you are

going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent.

²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day - 19 *(Read responsively)*

Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God;

Congregation: the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Reader: Their voice goes out into all the earth,

Congregation: their words to the ends of the world.

Reader: The law of the LORD is perfect,

Congregation: refreshing the soul.

Reader: The commands of the LORD are radiant,

Congregation: giving light to the eyes.

Reader: They are more precious than gold;

Congregation: they are sweeter than honey.

Reader: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
Congregation: be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

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.**

Second Reading

James 4:7–12

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹²There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Micah 6:8

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
What does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 9:35–50

³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

³⁸“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

⁴²“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where

“ ‘the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819

Please rise for the final stanza.



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

- 5 Now no one can condemn me
or set my hope aside;
now hell no more can claim me,
its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
no guilt destroys my peace,
for Christ, my Savior, loves me
and shields me with his grace.
- 6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
no pain or poverty,
no earthly tyrant's anger
shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
you are my Savior true;
no fire or sword or thunder
shall sever me from you.
- 7 My heart for joy is springing
and can no more be sad;
my soul is filled with singing,
sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
is Jesus Christ, my King;
the heav'n I shall inherit
makes me rejoice and sing.

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Sermon Text – Mark 9:35-50 (Gospel)

Sermon Theme – “Principles of Greatness in God’s Kingdom”

Mark 9:35 – “Anyone Who Wants to Be First Must Be the Very Last”

Greatness: How to be the FIRST

1. **Whoever welcomes one of these little ones in my name. Verses 36-37**
2. **Whoever is not against us(me) is for us(me). Verses 38-40**
3. **Whoever gives a cup of water in my name. Verse 41**
4. **Whoever does not cause one of these little ones to stumble. Verse 42**

Greatness: How to be the LAST

5. **We sometimes need radical surgery. Verses 43-48**
6. **We will be salted with fire. Verses 49-50**

Gospel: Philippians 2:6 – (Jesus) being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage”

Stand

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.**

Offering

Please place your offerings in the box at the back of church.

Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:

<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection
among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us
and overcome at length.

- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

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Next Week: October 6, 2024

Lay Reader: Thomas McNeal

Praise Band leads worship

October Calendar and Text Sheet included with today's bulletin.

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

Monday, September 30 – Wednesday, October 2

WELSSA Accreditation Site Visit at St. Philip's Lutheran School

Tuesday, October 1

**Cross Country - Red Knight Meet
Milwaukee Lutheran High School**

Wednesday, October 2

Chapel 8:15AM

Sunday, October 6

**Bible Class 9:30AM
Worship 10:30AM
Praise Band leads worship**

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, October 20

**Baptism Sunday
K4 – 8th Grade Sing for Worship**



LWMS Metro North Fall Rally

10/26/2024

**8:00 AM – Registration and Breakfast
Morning Star Lutheran Church,
N171 W20131 Highland Road., Jackson, WI
Updates on Home and World Missions**



Where Success Means More

WLHS 6th-8th Grade Open House — Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 6. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. with a program at 1:00 p.m. Families and students in grades 6-8 are invited 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! Interested families should register to attend at wlhs.org/openhouse.

Fall 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 WLHS Student Council for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to the 2024-25 WLHS mission project to the WELS mission church in London and Lutherans for Life to aid in their mission work. Work days will be held on the following Saturday and Sundays starting October 5 & 6 through October 26 & 27, *excluding* October 12 & 13. Workers are limited to four hours per project. To request a team, E-mail workdays@wlhs.org and include your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

WLHS Theater Rummage Sale—Everyone is invited to the theater rummage sale on Friday, October 4 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 5, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the atrium at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Fill a grocery bag for \$10 and \$5 for subsequent bags. Items include costume pieces, street clothes, shoes, and more!

Viking Steel Community Band—WLHS Viking Steel is excited to announce the start of a community steel band! Viking Steel Community Band is open to both alumni of the program and any friends of Wisco who are interested in playing steel pan. Visit wlhs.org/vikingsteelcommunity to fill out an interest form.

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TO FRIENDS AND VISITORS

This is the house of God. In His Name we welcome each and every person. May His Word bring you closer to your Savior, assuring you of the forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus' death and resurrection.

If you are without a church home or have recently moved to the area, our pastor will be happy to call on you or answer your questions about church membership. If you are burdened with sorrow or trouble, we invite you to call on the pastor at any time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

St. Philip's congregation supports and maintains a Christian Day School for the thorough training of the whole child. We want each child to know, not only how to deal with this life, but to know their Savior and prepare for eternal life. The school is called St. Philip's Lutheran School and is located at 3012 N. Holton Street.

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Church Service – 10:30AM

Bible Class – 9:30AM