



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
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**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy
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Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God**

*Announcements, followed by
Prelude.....A time for silent reflection*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Gathering Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

FIRST READING

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out as God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

P: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

uncle's dairy farm. When Susie went off to UW-La Crosse, I was two years behind her and thoroughly enjoyed all those memories together, and attending St. Paul's on the weekends we spent on the farm."

Linda also shared some information about Susie that encouraged me to think about next Sunday, November 1, which is "All Saints Day." On that day, we remember our loved ones who were an important part of our daily lives while they were on earth, and who continue to live in heaven (and in our hearts).

Here is what Linda said about her sister, Susie, "We miss Susie, always. She was such a good soul, level-headed, fun-loving and positive. We try to keep her spirit alive with our own kind thoughts and unselfish actions. She was a "giver" and a wonderful big sister. Thank you for sharing your fond memories of her in your letter and, please know, she was wearing her "I am a Lutheran" necklace on her deathbed...never wanting to take it off."

Next Sunday, we will remember those persons on "All Saints Day," who touched our lives with their unique personalities and God-given gifts. Please join us at worship, as we remember the saints who have gone before us to their heavenly home.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, I would like to continue a story that I began for you back in June. The story started with an inquiry to you about my late friend Susan (Susie) Ristow Zewiske. Her obituary from 2014, listed St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilton as a suggested recipient of memorial gifts. I wondered what Susie's connection was to St. Paul's, and I asked you for your help in answering my question.

After sending the inquiry through one of my letters to you, Marty Arndt and Arlis responded that St. Paul's was Julaine Summerfield Ristow's (Susie's mother's) home church. Julaine had been confirmed around the same time as Marty, and he remembered Susie coming to church with her parents, grandparents, and siblings when they visited the family farm.

Last week, Susie's sister, Linda, posted an inquiry to the church Facebook page. I know Linda, because she is a couple years younger than Susie. Linda told me that "Patty Van Haden sent the letter to Julaine's cousin, Judy (née Buchholz) Bromley, who sent it to Julaine." After I responded to Linda's inquiry, Linda sent me an email with additional information about her family's connections to St. Paul's. She also set up a ZOOM meeting for her parents, Linda, and me to be able to have a wonderful visit! (Note: Linda gave me her approval to use her quotes in this letter.)

Linda said in her email that her grandparents, Earl and Blondena Summerfield, were members of St. Paul's. Linda's mother, Julaine, was baptized and confirmed here. Also, Linda's mother and father (Jerry) were married at St. Paul's! She went on to say, "As children, Susie and I (and also later our brother, Patrick), spent many summers and holidays in those beautiful hills and farmlands of Wilton at our grandparent's and

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

The holy gospel according to Matthew 22:34-46

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Bishop James Arends,
La Crosse Area Synod ELCA

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Confirmands by Council President Justin Arndt.

Jesus rose again on the third day. Sunday school, confirmation, my family, and my extended family at St. Paul’s have all helped me understand, as Lutherans, our beliefs in God. For that I am grateful.

Which leads me to hope. I now know that hope is the desire of future states. What you think will happen in the future. You have to have hope. Hope that you will be with him after your time on earth is done. Hope that God is real, and God wants a relationship with you, even when you sin and feel that you're not worthy. To me hope is the basis of all positive thinking. I pride myself in being full of hope and contain positive energy everyday, so that when Jesus comes again I can say I spent my last day on the earth with hope and positivity.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Carla Von Haden, Ruth Johnson, Judy Bever, Alrita Ornes, Dick Krause, Lisa Rhodes, Pam Liefke, Curt Brueggen, Deb Paeth, Lois Reineke, Tessa Klipstein.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale, Seth Tormoen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Bishop Arends, for sharing in our service this morning. We wish you health and happiness as you retire on December 31, 2020.

The Church Council will meet after service today to discuss services going forward. Plan on next week being a drive in service at 9:00AM.

It appears we can send crayons in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We have more than an ample supply. Give a holler and we’ll get them to you.

Shoeboxes are available after service. Please signal and we’ll get one or more to you. Don’t forget, we will need them back by November 23.

day he was born, but God was here longer than that. We should always know that we have someone to put our love and trust in which is Jesus.

Jesus loves us today, meaning he loves us right now. I believe that other people's perspectives could be different based on past experiences. As I have thought he was not on my side in tough situations, but I was wrong. Even though they may have thought he was not with them because times were tough, God took them through the right path and made it straight for them. He guides me and is with me through all of my tough situations I may go through. Such as when I got my surgery on my foot, I was worried and so knew things would be different. He made me feel safe in my surroundings and protected me. It felt like this would be forever, but I know that God will help through my situation.

Jesus has done lots of good in our everyday lives, that we sometimes do not even notice. If you ever have a bad day you can always pray to God. When we do not make the right decisions in life, Jesus helps us to find our path and keep it straight for us. He has forgiven our sins from when we were babies not knowing to talk until now when I am a freshman in high school. At the last moments of the day when things come to an end, I know that Jesus loves me as just as much today as always.

Marah Gruen

And now, faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. 1Corinthians 13:13. It may appear to be just one simple sentence, but the empowering meaning behind this verse goes way deeper. It tells us that yes faith and hope are great, but love is the greatest of all. God's love is comparable to no other. It simply is, for He loves us so much He sent his only son to save our sins. God loves everyone including criminals, sinners, and even non believers. He loves us all, and it's relieving to know that God always loves you.

Faith is mandatory for being a Christian. Now at the beginning of the year if you would've asked me what the difference between faith and hope was, I would have laughed and said there wasn't one. For you cannot have hope without faith, and you can't have faith without hope. But indeed there is a difference. Faith is what you believe in. I believe there is only one God. He created this Earth from scratch, and it was good. I believe he sent down his only son to save our sins, and I believe

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

To the Assembly:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

In your love, you speak to your church. Give courage and the bond of love to all who gather in your name, that this love turn toward our neighbors.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

adding another piece to God's perfect plan, and we are therefore helping to "perfect" it. This love, which is often so easy, so simple; is God's will, and God's plan. That is simply amazing! We can do what God wants us to do by sharing our kindness and spreading His love.

Unfortunately, our world is not always filled with love. Hurt and hate and sin can sometimes seem more common than love. But that is why it is so important to show our love, because the world needs more love. If you look closer, you will see how God is working. You will see His love being shared, and you will see how you can love too. But love is not always easy. Often, we fail, even on commandments as simple as this. It can be very hard to love our enemies and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But even if our love fails, God's love never fails. He forgives us every time.

I believe that being a Christian means having faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It means praying, reading the Bible, going to church, and asking for forgiveness. Being a Christian also includes following the Ten Commandments and learning what they truly mean. We also must fear and love God. Life can be busy and hard, but we always need to spend time with God; God IS the only way.

Good Christians do not stop there. We must also do God's work, as 1 John discusses, and try our best to love one another and be good people. That is God's will.

So I encourage you today, and every day, to see the love in God's good creation, to never forget the love the Creator will always have for you, and to find many more ways to spread God's love. Amen

Brooklyn Gruen

Hebrews 13:8 (NRSV) "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. "This passage stood out to me because it states that Jesus is always the same. He is the same for everyone, he loves all of us. He is very trustworthy, and people turn to him to put their faith in. He is always with us whenever we need him.

Jesus loves me yesterday, this means that Jesus is the same for all of us even when it was long, long ago, he died on the cross for all of us. This can also mean just yesterday. He has been with us since the 15

have grown closer to him as well. God is there for everyone even when we don't realize it. He is so amazing!

Ayawyn Conner

One of my favorite Bible verses is 1 John 4:12 (KJV) "No man hath seen God at any time, but if we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

This Bible verse is so important because it reminds us that, even though we cannot see God, we can still do his works. It is tempting to have doubt in things and ideas that we cannot see or prove. But the Bible says: "... blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29). None of us can really see God. Yet still, God is everywhere, even in me and you. Through the Holy Spirit, God dwells in us. The Holy Spirit provides and nourishes our faith. Faith is belief in what we cannot see. And faith is what saves us!

This verse tells us to do God's work, even if we cannot see God. There are so many ways to do God's work. His work can be something big, like devoting your life to becoming a pastor, or something smaller, such as filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. But 1 John preaches about perhaps the simplest way to do God's work: love.

We all have something or someone we love. I can see love everywhere; it is in every rainbow, every smile, every church hymn. God wants us to love one another. He created the world and saw that it was good; and loved it. Genesis 1:31 says, "And God saw everything He had made, and behold, it was very good." Like God, we should be able to see goodness in creation. God even gave us His son, Jesus, to save us, because His love for us is so great! Even as Jesus talked to the disciples at the Last Supper, He preached about love, saying; "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34

1 John 4:12 says, "...if we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us." God created everything, including love. Our love is His love. As a result, when we share our love, we are sharing and perfecting His love too. As humans, we will never be perfect, but God is perfect, and so is His plan! When we share our love, we are

In your love, you create our earth filled with living things of every kind. Sustain the intricate connections among plants, insects, animals, and organisms we don't even know or recognize. Bless the work of scientists who help us extend neighbor love to the natural world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, you guide with justice. Inspire leaders for truthful conversations and wise policies, that decisions are made for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, you tenderly care for your children and nurse them to health. Bring relief to all those who need healing, hope, or restoration this day especially Katie, Carla, Ruth, Judy, Alrita, Dick, Lisa, Pam, Curt, Deb, Lois, Tessa, Doug, Chris, Karl, those affected by the Coronavirus, and those we name aloud and in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, you accompany us in life's transitions. We pray for new parents, those grieving a loss, those who are retiring, and those embarking on new ventures, including those confirmed today. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the children in our midst. We pray that as they grow, they will hear your voice calling them into your service—in the church, in the world, for the sake of their neighbors. Help them to imagine being pastors and deacons, church council leaders, Sunday school teachers, mentors and community leaders. Give them courage to say yes to your call. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, we remember those who were dear to us and now rest in you. We give thanks for Martin Luther and all who seek to reform and renew your church. Give us courage to live out your gospel, revealing your love until our days on earth have ended. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

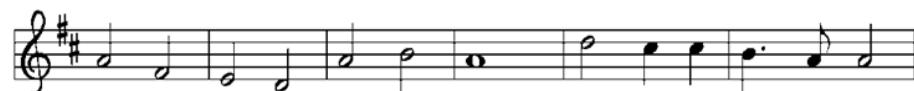
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

FAITH STATEMENTS OF CONFIRMANDS

Vanessa Anderson

What does faith mean to me? To me faith means trusting in the Lord. One of my favorite Bible verses is "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you" (Psalm 56:3 NRSV). I like this Bible verse because whenever I run into trouble and I am afraid I know he will be there to help guide me back to my path. Sometimes it is difficult to handle both sports and school but God always helps me through it. Faith is very important to me because I think we should all trust in him.

I think God has chosen a path for everyone. I believe he has a path for me, I might not always like what he has chosen for me, but he chose it for a reason. I know that God still loves us even when we make mistakes and go off our path. Sometimes we might face difficult challenges but he will help us overcome them and guide us in the right direction. Proverbs 3: 5-6 helps remind me of this. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths." I know that he loves me very much and I trust him because he does what's right for me.

He is always looking over us, even when we might think he is not watching, he is. He is all around us all the time.

He wants the world to be peaceful. He wants everyone to get along. If everyone tried to do one kind thing for someone else maybe weekly or even daily, we would have a much better world.

This summer my mom asked us each to do one kind thing for someone once a week, to help show our love for God. You don't always have to do something big for someone. For example I gave someone a compliment, held the door for someone, helped carry groceries to someone's car, and sent someone flowers for no reason.

I am so excited to become a confirmed member of this church. I will continue to come to church and worship him, and I will also continue to read the Bible. I will continue to grow in faith, and help spread the word about our amazing savior. He has provided so much for me including my amazing friends and family. Throughout my years of coming to church I have grown so much closer to him. I have read and heard many amazing stories of how he has helped others and how others

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
the shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last
and our eternal home.

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

P: Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

“Lamb of God”

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.**

**Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*