



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton WI
9:00 AM
June 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Inviting People to Journey with Christ's
Family In Spreading God's Love and Mercy

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

**Indicates people should stand as they are able.
Welcome and Announcements*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

GATHERING

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

Hymn

"You Are Holy"

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity ☩ , one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Hymn

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

AGENDA: VOTE ON SIGN DESIGN AND FUNDING

Back Room a/k/a Cry Room

Open for business!!

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Those Serving Today

Ministers: All God's People; Synod Authorized Minister: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Readers: Miranda, Linus & Ava; Altar: Barb Bever & Karla Richie; Communion Server; Youth

Our Prayers

Linda, Gordy O'Rourke, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Marilyn O'Rourke, Larry Arndt, Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon Fronk, Brian, Ben Bender, Darlene Diekrager, Jack Arndt, Diane Hornburger, Mike Escutia, Daniel Paulson, Marie Jacobson, Lenora Martin, Jenny Simpson Erickson, Linda Martin, Andy Martin, John Arzt

CALENDAR

Today
Sat. July 4
Sun., July 5

Congregational Meeting Happy Birthday America Worship

9:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Joseph PCCW Fundraiser—Kendall— July 26, 11:30am—1:00 pm

The ladies are raising money for church projects in Kendall. They were so impressed with Rooster Andy's Catering but decided folks might be tired of chicken. So, their meal will consist of pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Per plate cost is \$13.00. I (Nalani) have tickets if you are interested. They have been supportive of our fundraisers, I hope we can return the favor.

CHRISTIAN LIFE, DISCIPLESHIP

THE GOSPEL IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

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1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
2. I've got the peace that pass - eth un - der - stand - ing,
3. I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,
4. For there is there - fore now no con - dem - na - tion.

Down in my heart, Down in my heart, Down in my heart;

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
I've got the peace that pass - eth un - der - stand - ing,
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,
For there is there - fore now no con - dem - na - tion.

Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

Text: George W. Cooke, 1848-1923
Tune: I'VE GOT THE JOY, Irregular, George W. Cooke, 1848-1923

Dear Lord Jesus;

We lift to you our children and grandchildren. We ask that your spirit will dwell with them according to your will, that they will grow in the knowledge of you and know they are dearly loved by you. We pray for your protection from deception by the evil one and his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning your direction for them. We also pray for all children throughout the world that you will keep them in your loving care. In Jesus name we pray.
Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

A reading from Luke 2:8-14

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (God of grace, **(hear our prayer.)**)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Offering Hymn

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- 1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2. And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

Prayer after Offering

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Words of Institution

SECOND READING

A reading from Colossians 3:2-14

² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
² Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 205

GOSPEL READING

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The holy gospel according Matthew 10:40-42

Glory to you, O Lord.
[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Youth Group	Miranda, Linus, Ava
Sermon	Karen Sparling
	Synod Authorized Minister
Hymn	“Lord I Lift You Name on High” ELW #857

***APOSTLE’S CREED**
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,