

God bless America, land that I love
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night with a light from above
 From the mountains to the prairies
 To the oceans white with foam
 God bless America, my home sweet home
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EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE

Thank you to all who donated items as well as supported the event by purchasing items. We also want to thank the ladies who worked and helped in anyway. We made \$729.75 toward the sign fund. With the majority of items priced at twenty-five or fifty cents, that’s a lot of items. We’ll start collecting decorations for next year. So when you are decorating, keep us in mind.

CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 9	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Council Meeting	11:30 AM
	Friends of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner	
	Norwalk	4:00 PM —6:00 PM
Tues., Nov. 11	Veterans Day	
Sun., Nov. 16	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
Sun., Nov. 23	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Christmas Decorating	11:30AM
	Thanksgiving Service	5:00 PM



St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Wilton, WI
 10:15 AM
 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
**Inviting People to
 Journey with Christ’s Family
 In Spreading God’s Love and Mercy**

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

**(Indicates the 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 **“Jesus, Remember Me”** **ELW#616 x3**
 We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness
 Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
 who forgives all our sin,
 whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

Hymn “On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand” ELW#437

Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you
renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of
all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here,
and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

QUILTING

Dates have been set for tying quilts this Fall. We will meet on
Thursday November 20 and Thursday December 11 at 9:00 am in the
church basement. We welcome anyone to come and join us for a
morning of service and fellowship. If you have questions contact Arlis
(608-435-6406) or Louise (608-435-6435).

VETERAN’S DAY

Each year on November 11, Americans pause to honor the men and
women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.
Veterans Day stands as a solemn reminder of the courage,
dedication, and sacrifice of those who have defended the nation in
times of war and peace.

The origins of Veterans Day date back to the end of World War I, a
conflict once described as “the war to end all wars.” Fighting ceased
when an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany took
effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month
in 1918.

It is important to note that Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial
Day, which honors those who gave their lives in military service.
Veterans Day celebrates all who have served—living or deceased—
acknowledging their contributions to the freedoms Americans enjoy
today. Across the nation, parades, ceremonies, and moments of
silence bring communities together to recognize this shared gratitude.

Observing Veterans Day is more than an act of remembrance; it is an
invitation to learn, listen, and engage. Whether by attending a local
ceremony, recording a veteran’s story, or simply pausing in
gratitude, every American can take part in honoring the legacy of
service that has shaped the country’s history and continues to guide
its future.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Synod Authorized Minister:
Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Emily
Bever; Acolytes: Linus Arndt, Mia Anderson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Linda, Jeremy Munson, Larry Arndt,
Kristy Gwin Solovey, Gordy O'Rourke, Marilyn O'Rourke,
Carol Lydon Fronk, Nick Evans, Jack Arndt, Collin Niedfeldt,
Mark Drews, Jan Brandau, Jeri Bauer Weger, Jeff Bruce,
Patty Von Haden, Ben Bender, Pastor Bob Gerke,
Jim Summerfield, Brian, Darlene Diekrager.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen
Roscovious, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADA CUTLERY

The following items are all that remain of the Rada cutlery.

Party Spreader—\$4.00

Bagel Knife—\$4.00

Hani Stir—\$3.00

Cutting Board—\$2.00

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We're going out of our comfort zone this year and holding the
Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 23, with a tentative
time at 5:00 PM. The service will combine St. Paul's, Norwalk
Methodist, and Grace Haven Church from Ontario, with Grace
Haven hosting the service.

WORD

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

First Reading

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his
companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here,
in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his
vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see
God.*

A reading from Job 19:23-27a

- ²³ "O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the
violent.**
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from
those who rise against them.
- ⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

A reading from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

- ¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters,
² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way,

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

"Lamb of God"

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have
nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the
world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and
thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.**

SENDING

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

*BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✠
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever. **Amen**

Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon"

ELW #439

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"God Bless America" (X2) Lyrics on page 12

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,
that we should at all times and in all places.....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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Words of Institution

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one, 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

***Gospel Acclamation**

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*GOSPEL READING

Gospel:

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

A reading from **Luke 20:27-38**

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

Sermon Karen Sparling
Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn **“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” #ELW619**

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

***PRAYERS** (Hear us, Oh God. **Your mercy is great**)

OFFERING

Hymn **“Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW #512**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
**you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us
into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and
forever. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE