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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2019

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving

Gathering

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

Prelude.....A time for silent reflection

Welcome and Announcements

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,
**we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of ☐ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn “Morning Has Broken”

ELW #556

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.

We also wish to thank Arlis Ballwahn for sharing information with regard to the La Crosse Area Synod World Hunger Committee. You will recall Arlis represents St. Paul's on this committee. Today's loose offering, as well as the offerings in the envelopes earmarked for Mission Sunday, will be donated to the ELCA World Hunger.

Please attend the pot-luck after church, regardless of whether you brought a dish to pass. There will be plenty to go around!! And, don't forget the drawing which will be held at 12:30pm. You may still purchase tickets.

The financial report for the first nine months of this year is as follows:

Offerings	\$48,289.
Expenses	<u>60,143.</u>
	(\$11,854.)

We do have money in reserve accounts to cover this deficit, but those funds will not carry us forever.

In preparation for the Wilton Community Christmas Concert, practice will begin on October 16th from 6:30–8:00 PM at the Faith Congregational Church. All are invited to participate in the choir.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You will notice we have placed shoeboxes in the narthex. Collection date is Sunday, November 24. You will also notice their request of a \$9.00 donation to cover the cost of shipping. Don't fret over this. If you wish to fill a shoebox, but feel the added expense of shipping is too much, just fill the shoebox. Or, if filling a shoebox puts too great a financial strain on you, consider donating \$9.00 to cover the shipping cost of one shoebox. If neither of these two options works for you, you might consider making a donation of \$6.00 to cover the cost of providing one child with a Bible and the materials for the 12-lesson course.

You may now contact Pastor Cathleen on a landline, #608-435-0097. This telephone itself is a "Caption Call". This means a written display of what you are saying is displayed for Pastor to read, and continue the conversation. Be patient, it takes a few seconds for your side of the conversation to be displayed. You may also leave a voice mail message.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Brad Lindberg, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Bev Graunke and Lila Speicher, Reader: Joel Arndt, Altar: Nalani and Greg Bever, Communion Server: Greg Bever

SENDING

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

Ushers:
Lori and
Joel Arndt,

Barb and John Ornes

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Linda Bauer, Helen ummerfield, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and Paul Babbitt, Pam Eaton, Kari Lydon, Cliff Herman, Jeff Sullivan, Dakota Holliday

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 6—OCTOBER 13

Today	Pot-luck following worship	
	Raffle Drawing	12:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 9	Confirmation	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 13	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Pastor Brad for leading us in worship this morning. He will be with us again next week. Pastor Cathy will return to Wilton on Tuesday, October 15.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: **Amen.**

*Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” ELW p.149

*Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

WORD

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

In-

justice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

A reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.
⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Psalm 37:1-9

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD,**

**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: God invites you to this table of bounty.
Come, the banquet is ready.

Distribution

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

"Lamb of God"

ELW p. 154

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.**

**Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW #705

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Christ is sending you. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

*Offertory Hymn "Create in Me" ELW #186

*Offertory Prayer

MEAL God our provid-
er, God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ* bring

**nothing into this world
and we can take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us,
which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

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" ELW p.153

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

who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who
succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of
the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus
our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as

my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers
night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be
filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first
in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure,
lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God
that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not
give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and
of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you

may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

Sermon

*Hymn "How Firm A Foundation"

ELW #796

Apostles' 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 OF INTERCESSION (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

*PEACE