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astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for children throughout the world that you would keep them in your care. In Jesus name I pray. Amen



**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton WI
9:00 AM
August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Inviting People to Journey with Christ's
Family In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

**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

"Jesus, We Are Gathered"

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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 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

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PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

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

session each year? Well, we're going to that on September 13 this year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend

We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning, and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley, Aria & Hudson Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes, Maevis Shock; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Emma, Bryce, Marah, Bria, Ava, Katie & Benjamin Gruen; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Niedfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Franklin & Douglas Wides; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Emma Elder; Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon & Ellory Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson & Duke Sebranek, Violet Ford, Hunter and Jaxson Puhl; Eason Kelbel; Cole, Caleb & Connor Redding; Luke & Joelle Kroeger; Peyton Oelson, Greyson Resop; Dakotah Adams; Hudson Birkholz; Kendall & Kinsley Christopherson; Alayna, Alivia & Levi Wyttenbach; Brooke, Claire, Grace & Bree Olson; Kaisley, Kinley, Colston Thayer; Dominic Young; Avilynn McNamer; Ayla Arndt; Lainey Myers; Rylan & Tucker McCarthy; Brynlee Jones.

That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from

Those Serving Today

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Readers: Joel Arndt; Altar: Nalani & Greg Bever; Communion Servers; Volunteers

Our Prayers

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

CALENDAR

August 9	Worship	9:00 AM
	Council Meeting	10:15 AM
August 16	Worship	9:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to all who helped make VBS a great time this past week; Karla Richie, Barb Bever, Larry & Lorrie Bever, Dixie Arndt, Justin Arndt, Cooper Powell, Miranda Arndt, Ayawyn Conner, Kaye Dougherty, Greg Bever, Karen Sparling, Father B.

Rally Day

Remember when we had a picnic and played games in the park when summer break was over and Sunday school was back in

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

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel

A reading from Isaiah 55:1-5

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

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

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ **Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

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.

**Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW
#674**

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

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

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.**

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

A reading from Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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GOSPEL READING

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The holy gospel according Matthew 14:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

Karen Sparling
Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn
#479

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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