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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 2019  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

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**Gathering**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God\**

*ude.....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.**

*Pre-*

**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 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" **ELW #579**

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.**

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.

We also have additional school supplies which are on a table in the basement. Plastic pencil boxes are also available. Please feel free to add these to your shoeboxes.

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.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, Justin Arndt (608-435-6336, 414-587-6642) or Nalani.

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ELCA embarked on a goal of raising \$198 million over a 5 year period from 2014-2019. At the close of the campaign on June 30, more than \$250 million was contributed. The four priority areas of this campaign were: congregations, hunger and poverty, global church and leadership. The Impact Report from the ELCA is on the counter by the mailboxes.

Do you enjoy singing? Then get off the couch, come on up to Faith Congregation on Wednesday evening, and join the community choir. We are planning a Christmas concert on December 15, at the Wilton Community Center.

Weather permitting, we will paint the swimming pool bathhouse next Sunday afternoon as our "God's Work, Our Hands" project. We'll gather after service for a short lunch of bar-be-que, chips, and dessert. Then on to our project. The Packers do not play until 7:00 PM on Sunday night and the Vikings are off after playing on Thursday night.

Please note the November/December newsletter deadline of October 28.

### 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

\*Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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\*Prayer of the Day

**O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

A reading from Genesis 32: 22-31

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until day-break. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said

to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man

said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.”<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”<sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

### Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

### SECOND READING

*Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite*

Benediction

Sending Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”

**ELW #840**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loves us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris Organist: Nalani

### SENDING

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

Bever,  
Greeters:  
Lila

Speicher and Bev Graunke, Reader: Ayawyn Connor, Altar: Nalani and Greg Bever, Communion Server: Karen Arzt, Ushers: Lori and Joel Arndt, Bard and John Ornes

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Linda Bauer, Helen Summerfield, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and Paul Babbitt, Pam Eaton, Kari Lydon, Cliff Herman, Jeff Sullivan, Dakota Holiday, Alan Vlasak, Spencer Arndt.

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

### CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 20—OCTOBER 28

Today	Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship	11:30 AM
Wed., Oct. 23	Confirmation	6:30—8:00 PM
	Community Choir Practice @ Faith	6:30—8:00 PM
Thurs., Oct. 24	Quilting	9:00 AM
Sun., Oct. 27	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	“God’s Work, Our Hands”	12:30 PM
Mon., Oct. 28	Nov./Dec. Newsletter Deadline	10:00 AM

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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## **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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come, take your place at the feast.

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ*

“Lamb of God”

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## **\*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.**

*opposition.*

A reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

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## **GOSPEL READING**

*Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow’s pleas. Jesus is calling God’s people to cry out for justice and*

*deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

The gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Sermon

\*Hymn "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" **ELW # 580**

### **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**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

#### **OFFERING**

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

\*Offertory Hymn

"Create in Me"

**ELW #186**

\*Offertory Prayer

**God our provider,  
we 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: