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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2019

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

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

God of mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,
God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us all our trespasses
by taking our sins to the cross.
For freedom Christ has set us free:
Rejoice in this good news!
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn “O God of Every Nation”

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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.

steel blades work well)
FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a
rubber band
FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with
a rubber band
ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
ONE 2 ½” eraser
Containers are located in the narthex for your convenience in sorting
the items as you bring them.

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-
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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 11-18

Today	Worship	9 AM
	Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship	10 AM
Fri., Aug 23	Newsletter Deadline	9 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you be willing to be St. Paul's ELCA World Hunger Leader? The fall workshop meeting will be held on September 14, 2019, with the second meeting date to be set down the road. You will find the "job description" on the bulletin insert. Read it over and volunteer!!!

Please note the newsletter deadline of Friday, August 23.

Summer Salad Luncheon for the women of St. Paul's will be August 29 at 1:00 PM at the home of Louise Buchholz. The address is 25847 Minoan Ave. Bring a salad to share. Sandwich, beverage, and tableware provided. RSVP appreciated but not necessary.

Lutheran World Relief—School Kits

School supplies are now in stores at discounted prices!! The following are the necessary supplies needed for the backpacks (provided):

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper

ONE 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of **blunt tipped** scissors (safety scissors with embedded

*Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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*Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

A reading from Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let

the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the

Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander
about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

A reading from Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By

faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

**strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
and honor the earth you have made;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn “Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

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

SENDING
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*
Ra- chel and

Thadyn Conner, Reader: Karen Arzt,
Altar: Janelle Buchholz and Joanne Schachtely, Communion Server:
Karen Arzt, Ushers: Tim Deichler, George Dougherty, Justin Arndt, Bart Arndt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ed Bauer, Linda Bauer, Ian Hefner,
Helen Summerfield, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky
Smith, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and
Paul Babbitt, Sarah Osteboe

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

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”

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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: 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”

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**O God, in this holy communion
you have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy,
and fed us at your table.
Amid the cares of this life,**

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God

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

*Gospel Acclamation

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GOSPEL READING

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love

The gospel according to Luke 12:49-56

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what₅

stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Sermon

*Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This” **“ELW #666**

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.

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

FERING

*Offertory Hymn

“Create in Me”

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*Offertory Prayer

**Blessed are you, O God,
for the greening earth given for all,
for the talents we are given to share,
and for this bread and wine.
Transform us to be the body of Christ,**

**that, feasting on this food and drink,
our lives may reflect your generosity;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.