



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
16th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 2022  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

*\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)*

*Announcements*

### **Gathering**

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

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.  
**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**

Turn us in a new direction.  
Show us the path that leads to life.  
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn**

**"Gather Us In"**

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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.**

Prayers for the Children

We ask that all members join the Women of the 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, Gracie Brandau; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley & Aria Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Kennedy & Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, & Kaylin Gruen; Emma, Bryce, Marah & Bria Gruen; Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Brady Zimmerman; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Tyler Brandau; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Emma Elder, Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Angel Brueggen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson Sebranek, Rylan McCarthy, Ellery Tormoen, \*Olivier (Compassion Child).

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 deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for all children everywhere, that you would keep them in your care. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen

## CALENDAR

Today	Council Meeting	After Worship
Wed., Sept. 28	Confirmation	6:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Sat., October 1	Blood Drive	7:00 AM-11:30 AM
Sun., October 2	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Communion Worship	10:15 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VILLAGE-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

The ladies of the W-ELCA group will be participating in the village-wide rummage sale being held on October 7 & 8. Be thinking of items you might wish to donate. You are welcome to bring your items with you to church and leave them in the basement on the tables nearest the doors. Should you have furniture items and need assistance in transporting them to church, just give Nalani a heads up and arrangements will be made.

Help is needed by W-ELCA for the Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. If you can help, please contact Bev Graunke (435-0099) or Arlis Ballwahn (435-6406). Just an hour or two would be appreciated. Rummage hours are from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. The men of the church should also feel welcome to volunteer to help.

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**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### Word

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

### First Reading

*In the year before Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, when the siege had already begun, Jeremiah, imprisoned in the king's palace, purchased a piece of land. The purchase of the land is a sign of hope that God will restore the people to life in the land after the exile.*

### Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3a</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. <sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and

weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

#### **Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—  
<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**  
<sup>3</sup>For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly plague.  
<sup>4</sup>**God’s wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath  
them;  
God’s faithfulness will be your shield and defense.**  
<sup>5</sup>You shall not fear any terror in the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
<sup>6</sup>**nor the plague that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.**  
<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.  
<sup>15</sup>**They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.**  
<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

#### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the abundant table,  
**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **Sending**

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

\*Benediction

**Sending Hymn**

**“Canticle of the Turning”**

**ELW #712**

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: George Pursley; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Leonard Arndt; Altar: Barb and John Ornes  
Communion Servers: Volunteers

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, John Acker, Judy Bever,

#### **IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty,  
Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ<sup>^</sup>

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 152

\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 153

\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see

Distribution

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

"Lamb of God" ELW p.154

## Second Reading

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

### 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia"

ELW p. 151

## GOSPEL READING

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

**The holy gospel according to Luke 16:19-31**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

**Sermon**

Reverend George Pursley

**Hymn**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

## \*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** (God of grace, **hear our prayer**)

## \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.*

## Offering Prayer

Gracious God,  
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
Amen.**