

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; Kendall & Kinsley Christopherson, Hudson Birkholz; 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 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 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
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026
10:15 AM
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

**(Indicates the 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.

Blessed Is the One

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes
in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes
in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your
Goodness in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitter-
ness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us
from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to
show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back
to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one
another. Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Meatball Dinner

Back by popular demand!!! Tickets are printed and please
do not leave today without tickets to sell. We will use the
profits toward the ADA bathroom in the basement. Please
don't just buy for your family. Talk to your friends and
neighbors and SELL, SELL, SELL.

CALENDAR

Sept. 10	Quilting	9:00 am
Sept. 13	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
Sept 20	Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship	11:15 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15am
	Anniversary Committee Meeting	11:15 am
Sept 27	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15am
	Council Meeting	11:15 am

IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Marilyn O'Rourke, Larry Arndt, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon Fronk, Brian, Ben Bender, Darlene Diekrager, Diane Hornburger, Mike Escutia, Daniel Paulson, Marie Jacobson, Linda Martin, Lenora Martin, Jenny Simpson Erickson, Chad Olson, Doug Path, Greg Brandau, Sharon Karis, Carson Johnson, Ruth Martin

We lift our prayers of thankfulness for the life of Kim Neal Nofsinger and sympathy for the family and friends who mourn his passing. A visitation will be held this afternoon at the Brookwood High School auditorium from 1:00-4:00 pm with a service to follow. Pastor Dawn Lindberg will officiate.

We also extend our sympathy to the Moses Lee family on the death of their wife/mother as a result of a buggy-car accident. The children in the buggy were injured and we pray to God for healing.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen Roscovious, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anniversary Celebration

We have some "sprucing up" to do on the outside of the church building. If you are willing to help paint trim, power wash, pull weeds, lay stone, wash windows, etc., please let Nalani know. November 15 is just around the corner!!

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 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

Before the Waters Nourished Earth



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

WORD

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

Flood and Promise

A reading from Genesis 6: 5-22;

⁵ The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶ And the Lord was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, “I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

⁹ These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress

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

Distribution

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

SENDING

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

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” ELW #545

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister:
Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Karla Richie;
Altar: Lori Brueggen & Amber Sebranek; Communion
Servers: Kirstin & Justin Arndt

OFFERING

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

ELW #397

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Words of Institution

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one, 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every

living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds according to their kinds and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹ Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.” ²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

A reading from Genesis 8:6-12

⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷ and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, ⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him

to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him.¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark,¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.¹² Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

A reading from Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, all flesh.¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I

have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Sermon

Karen Sparling
Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

ELW #779

***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 (Hear Us, O God, your mercy is great)