



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family**

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. 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.

*\*(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.**

**Hymn                      "O Word of God Incarnate"**

**ELW#514**

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.**

**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

**HURRICANE IAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

Over the past several days, Hurricane Ian has been barreling through the southeastern United States, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake. We can help. Please consider making a direct donation one or more of the following organizations:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**Lutheran Immigration and Refuge Service**  
**PO Box 17467**  
**Baltimore, MD 21297-1467**

**American Red Cross**  
**PO Box 37839**  
**Boone, IA 50037-0839**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

There are boxes on the table in the narthex, along with information on suggested items to include as gifts. We have also placed an adhesive sticker on the box for your use in indicating which child (boy/girl) and age appropriate your gifts are for.

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.**

**\*Canticle of Praise**                      “This Is The Feast”                      **ELW p.149**

**\*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.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Word</b> <i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.^</i></p>
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**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.”*

**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 daybreak. <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**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

**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

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Gloria Meltesen, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, John Acker, Lois Reineke, Judy Bever, Craig King, Wynn Liersch, Mary Leis, Tracie Herman.

**IN THE MILITARY**

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

**CALENDAR**

Wed., Oct. 19	Confirmation	6:30 pm—7:30 pm
Oct. 23	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Communion Worship	10:15 am

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of David Waege by his siblings, Sharon, Doug, Dennis, and their families. David was laid to rest yesterday at St. Paul’s cemetery. Pastor Horn officiated at the service. May God comfort them at this time of great sorrow.

We also extend our sympathy to Jerry Von Haden and family on the passing of his mother, Marie. Marie’s funeral was held yesterday at Torkelson Funeral Home with the burial at Pilgrim’s Home Cemetery in Norwalk.

1 Corinthians 15:55

<sup>55</sup>**O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?** <sup>56</sup>The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

\*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

Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW #773

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Bill Horn; Organist: Nalani Bever;  
Reader: Justin Arndt

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 “Alleluia” ELW p. 151

GOSPEL READING

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust 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 holy 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** Reverend Bill Horn

**Hymn** **“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”** **ELW #669**

**\*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** (Hear us O God.  
You mercy is great.)

**\*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.**

**Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ^

**\*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.**