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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019

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

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” **ELW # 620**

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.**

Income	\$ 33,375.40
Expense	<u>(41,364.21)</u>
Deficit	(\$ 7,798.16)

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 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

Paul and Darlene Babbitt will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on August 2, 2019. To celebrate, an “anniversary card shower” is being thrown in their honor. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, please send your cards, notes, or even a favorite or funny memory to:

Paul and Darlene Babbitt
Springbrook Assisted Living
861 Critter Court Apt. 119
Onalaska, WI 54650

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, or Dan Buchholz 608-435-6126 or 608-487-6525 (cell).

Summerfield, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Eleanor Spohn, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and Paul Babbitt.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Lorayne Denter. Visitation will be held at St. Paul's from 4:00 PM—7:00PM today, and again tomorrow at 10:00 AM. The funeral will begin at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will be served following the interment.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 28—AUGUST 4

Wed., July 31	Education Committee Meeting	3:00 PM
Sun., Aug. 4	Wood Turtle Service in Community Center	9:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you to everyone from Vacation Bible School who donated food to the Wilton Food Pantry. It was very evident that you were willing to help your neighbor by the amount of food collected. Helping others is what our food pantry is all about, and your support for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.”

Sincerely,
Wilton Food Pantry

Wilton Wood Turtle Days are fast approaching. Bud Osteboe will be in the narthex after service with sign-up sheets for donating condiments or working a shift in the Turtle Sundae booth.

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. The “job description” is located on the bulletin insert. Read it over and volunteer!!!

The financial report for the first six months of the year reflects a deficit in offerings (income) to meet our expense.

*Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” ELW p.149

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

A reading from Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?”

²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the Lord said,

“If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place

for their sake.”²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.”²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”³⁰ Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”³² Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

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

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon
the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

*Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith,*⁴

“Lamb of God”

ELW p. 154

*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,
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 “What God Ordains is Good Indeed” **ELW #776**

Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE
SERV-
ING
TODAY

SENDING

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

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Joel and Lori Arndt, Reader: Kirstin Arndt, Altar: Nalani and Greg Bever, Communion Server: Dan Buchholz, Ushers: Jerome Von Haden, Leonard Arndt, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ed Bauer, Linda Bauer, Helen and Evan

**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.

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”

ELW p.153

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.

*the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resur-
rection, which is enacted in baptism.*

A reading from Colossians 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

The holy gospel according to Luke 11:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

Sermon

*Hymn “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

ELW #510

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”

ELW #186

*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.**