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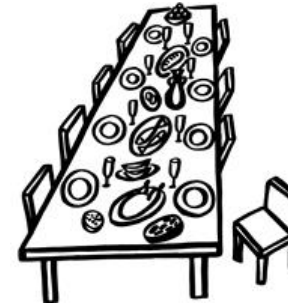
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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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

“Gather Us In”

ELW #532

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.

- 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

Containers are located in the narthex for your convenience in sorting the items as you bring them.

“Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Mission Malawi well project. The well project would be nothing without the kindness of churches and donors such as yourself. We are blessed to have received your gracious gift. Thank you so much.”

/s/ Emma and Claire Herek

(The council donated \$500.00 from the Turtle Sundae profits to the Mission Malawi project. Claire and Missy Herek shared information about the well project with the children at VBS.)

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).

Sun., Sept. 8	and Antique Auction Church Council	8:30 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
Sun., Sept. 15	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	(Blessing of School Kits and Backpacks during worship)	
	Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship	11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are a number of activities happening at Sugar Creek on September 7, in addition to the quilt and antique auction. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board if you are interested in checking out the events of the day.

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 on the bulletin insert. Read it over and volunteer!!!

Thank you to Louise Buchholz for hosting the "salad" luncheon this past Thursday. If you weren't able to attend, you missed a great time of fellowship, and a fantastic salad selection!!

The Sunday School students will assemble the school kits during Sunday School on September 15, and bring them to the sanctuary for a blessing. We also ask that they bring their school backpacks to be a part of the blessing as well. We will package the kits for shipment on October 6, 2019.

We can still use the following items for the school kits:

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener

C: **Amen.**

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

*Prayer of the Day

**O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST READING

WORD

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

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

A reading from Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD

and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with

them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and

**through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Benediction
 Sending Hymn "Light Dawns on a Weary World" **ELW #726**
 Dismissal:
 P: Go in peace. Christ is sending you. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

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

isters: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Louise and Bob Buchholz, Reader: Leonard Arndt, Altar: Arlis and Larry Ballwahn, Communion Server: Kirstin Arndt, Ushers: Bob Buchholz, Brian Buchholz, Ed Ross, Justin Arndt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ed Bauer, Linda Bauer, Lois Schultz, Helen Summerfield, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and Paul Babbitt, Pam Eaton, Kari Lydon, Cliff Herman.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1-15

Wed., Sept. 4 Confirmation 6:30—8:00 PM
 (held in church office)
 Sat., Sept. 7 Sugar Creek's Annual Quilt 10:00AM—2:00PM

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.

“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;**

adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God’s gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken

The gospel according to Luke 14:1, 7-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told

them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that ⁵

when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Sermon

*Hymn "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"
(Refrain 2x, Verse, Repeat)

ELW #523

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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

*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.
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.