



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026
9:00 AM
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

**(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.

“Change My Heart, O God”

(Refrain x2) ELW#801

***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 bitterness 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.

Hymn “Morning Has Broken” ELW #556

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

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 & Jo-
elle Kroeger; Peyton Oelson, Greyson Resop; Dakotah Ad-
ams; 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

Linda Martin, Lenora Martin, Jenny Simpson Erickson, Andy Martin, Chad Olson, Doug Path, Greg Brandau, Sharon Karis, Carson Johnson

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of John Perz, Joan Belsky, and Kim Neal Nofsinger.

IN THE MILITARY

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

CALENDAR

Sept. 6	Kendall Fest Parade	Noon
Sept. 10	Quilting	9:00 am
Sept. 13	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Rally Day Picnic	11:30 am

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!!

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.

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

WORD

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

FIRST READING

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

A reading from Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from

their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40

³³ **Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.**

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ **Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.**

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷ **Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.**

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ **Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.**

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

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

“Earth and All Stars”

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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: Barb
Ornes; Altar: Lori Brueggen & Amber Sebranek;
Communion Servers: Barb & John Ornes

IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Marilyn O’Rourke, Larry Arndt,
Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon
Fronk, Brian, Ben Bender, Darlene Diekrager, Diane
Hornburger, Mike Escutia, Daniel Paulson, Marie Jacobson,

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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!

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

Distribution

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SECOND READING

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

A reading from Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

The holy gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Sermon

Reverend Bill Horn

Hymn

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

ELW #359

***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)

OFFERING

***Offering Hymn**

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- 1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**
- 2. And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

OFFERING PRAYER