## NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held on <u>Sunday, June 25</u>, <u>2023</u>, immediately following the worship service. The Church Council will make a presentation and seek guidance from the members with regard to replacement of the church steps and additional renovations. Discussion and <u>possible action</u> items:

- 1. Discuss and authorize construction.
- 2. Discuss and authorize a project cost, not to exceed a specific amount.
- 3. Authorization to seek financing.

### QUILTING

During the previous 5 years, St. Paul's has sent 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts were taken to the warehouse in Minneapolis. A previous bulletin has shown where some of the quilts ultimately may have gone.

Who made these 100 quilts for St. Paul's? The quilt tops were constructed by several women sewing at home. Then several women gather in the basement to put together a top, a lining, and a back by a method called tying. Five years ago there were 7-10 women involved. Sadly, the group has dwindled. When we resume in the fall, there likely will be only 3 "quilters". There is danger of the project being suspended.

Is anyone interested in joining this worthy project? We would hold a brief training session at a convenient time. This is really quite basic straight sewing, no patterns involved. Those who aren't sewers can help too.

Contact Louise Buchholz, Arlis Ballwahn or Carolyn Dougherty, if you have questions or are interested in the quilt project for Lutheran World Relief.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Wilton, WI Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023 Inviting People to Journey with Christ's Family in Spreading God's Love and Mercy

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

#### \*(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,  $\oplus$  one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

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

Sending

#### \*Benediction

\*Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW#858

#### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. C: Thanks be to God.

#### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Pastor: Bill Horn; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Kirstin Arndt

#### IN THE MILITARY

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

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Judy Bever, John Acker, Craig King, Mary Leis, Tracie Herman, Patrick Reardon, Dave Dechant, Jayden Shea, Erin Long.

#### CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18	Worship	9:00 AM		
	Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship	10:00 AM		
	Social Ministry—June & July Card	s 10:00 AM		
Father's Day				
E	Barbeque Chicken @Wilton Legion	10:30 AM		
Tues., June 20	World Refugee Day			
Sunday, June 25	Worship	9:00 AM		
-	Congregational Meeting	Immediately		
		Following Worship		

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

*Hymn	"This Is M	ly Father's World"	ELW #824		
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. <b>And also with you.</b>					
*KYRIE			ELW p.184		
*Canticle of I	Praise	"Glory to God"	ELW p.185		

\*Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (God, in your mercy, hear our prayer)

### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

### OFFERING

\*Offertory Hymn

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we they boun-ties thus, as stew-ards true re-ceive, And glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

## **First Reading**

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

# Exodus 19:2-8a

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;

### we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God's holy name.

<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

#### **Second Reading**

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

#### Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia. Lord,"	ELW p. 188
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#### **GOSPEL READING**

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

### The holy gospel according to Matthew 9:35-10:8

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them

authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment

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Sermon	Reverend Karen Sparling			
*Hymn	"I Love to Tell the Story"	ELW #661		
Apostles' Creed				
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