

Lenten resources. Using ELCA Hunger VBS materials. Invite a resource person to speak on Hunger.

- Provide information on how individuals can contribute to ELCA World Hunger on a regular basis and make hunger contribution envelopes available.
- Be a contributor to ELCA World Hunger.
- Become familiar with hunger resources and the work of ELCA Hunger. (This can be done by attending workshops and visiting the synod and national ELCA websites.)

*The Synod Hunger Subcommittee is committed to helping you with your ministry as a Congregational Hunger Leader. We welcome your input and invite you to contact us if you need help or advise. Thank you for agreeing to be a Hunger Leader for your congregation.*

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019

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

*Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.*

### **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 "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" **ELW # 520**

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.**

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## La Crosse Synod Congregational Hunger Leaders

### Job Description

*In a 2017 Resolution, the La Crosse Area Synod agreed to establish a network of Hunger Leaders from each congregation which will work with the Hunger Subcommittee and pastors. We have updated the job description to give you a better picture of what Hunger Leaders are asked to do.*

World Hunger Leaders in the congregations should be willing to:

- Serve for at least one year. (We encourage you to set up a committee to work with you!)
- Attend training and resource workshops sponsored by the Synod Hunger Subcommittee. (These are usually held twice a year - in early fall and then again during the winter or early spring.)
- Receive and share resources from ELCA World Hunger and the Synod with your pastor and congregation.
- Assist your congregation and pastor in planning and carrying out a World Hunger emphasis to fit your church.

This could include doing such things as: Sponsoring a World Hunger Sunday. Setting up a Giving Tree at Christmas time using the Good Gifts catalog from ELCA Hunger. Collecting "noisy offerings" for hunger. Displaying and updating an educational bulletin board on Hunger. Using ELCA Hunger Advent and

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 a 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 back page of the bulletin. Read it over and volunteer!!!

St. Paul's recently received a Letter of Transfer from Central Lutheran Church in Winona, MN transferring (Pastor) Cathleen Morris to the membership of St. Paul's.

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

Income	\$ 33,375.40
Expense	(41,364.21)
Deficit	(\$ 7,798.16)

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.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, or Dan Buchholz 608-435-6126 or 608-487-6525 (cell).

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

Office Hours: Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Additional Contact Information:

\*Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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\*Prayer of the Day

**Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited*

#### WORD

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

*promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*

A reading from Genesis 18:1-10a

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**
- <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who  
fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not  
take back their word.**
- <sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes  
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be  
overthrown.

### SECOND READING

*Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

A reading from Colossians 1:15-28

<sup>15</sup>[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—  
<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the

### SENDING

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

**THOSE  
SERVING**

### TODAY

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Pat Barnes, Greeters: Joel and Lori Arndt, Reader: Justin Arndt, Altar: Arlis and Larry Ballwahn, Communion Server: Dan Buchholz, Ushers: Jerome Von Haden, Leonard Arndt, Greg Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Lorayne Denter, Ed Bauer, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Linda Bauer, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Barb Brown, Eleanor Spohn, Louie Voltz, Tammy Roscovious, Michelle Klinger.

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

### CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 21—JULY 28

Sun., July 28                      Worship                      9:00 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who supported Vacation Bible School by teaching, providing snacks, serving snacks, or whatever you may have helped with. We had a great time and the children came away with a better understanding of "Who Is My Neighbor?"

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"

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**\*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 "God, Whose Almighty Word"

**ELW #673**

Dismissal:

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

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**GOSPEL READING**

*Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.*

The holy gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that

my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

\*Hymn

"Give Me Jesus"

**ELW #770**

**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** (Let us pray. Have mercy O God.)

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let

**MEAL**  
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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**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.**