

CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 7 Worship in Park 10:30 am
Wilton Fest—Pastor Bob Streeter

Sun., Aug. 14 Worship 9:00 am
Dedication of Carillon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE SCHOOL

August 8-11, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. St. Paul's is responsible for snacks and the meal on Wednesday and Thursday. Please see Greg Bever if you are willing to provide some goodies for the kids.

HELP NEEDED

Lutheran Social Services is looking to help an individual living in Wilton find and hire an in-home caregiver. Are you aware of anyone who is looking for part-time work?

Here are a few details for the with regard to the job:

1. Flexible hours and scheduling
2. Needs laundry, meal prep, cleaning, and grocery/errand assistance (10 hours/week)
3. Needs his lawn cared for (1.5 hours/week)

Pay starts at \$15 or \$16/hour.

The contact person at LSS is Lydia Pearson. Lydia may be reached by calling her @ (608) 668-1535, E-mailing lydia.pearson@lsswis.org or going to the LSS Website www.lsswis.org

CARILLON DEDICATION

The carillon was a gift to St. Paul's from Lyle and Betsy Schindler. We are hoping the folks in Wilton are enjoying the hymns which are playing at Noon and 6:00 pm. Lyle and Betsy will be in attendance at the service on August 14. We will offer thanks for the gift and dedicate the carillon to the Glory of God.

BLOOD DRIVE

We collected 68 units at the blood drive held yesterday. Thank you to all who helped, donated, or prayed we would have a successful drive.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family**

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**(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, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” **ELW #647**
(Tune: Praise the Lord! O Heavens #823)

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.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance:
**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

*Benediction

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

*Sending Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” **ELW #705**

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
C Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Justin Arndt.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Steve Zirk, Gloria Meltesen, Florence Dougherty,
Darlene Babbitt, John Acker, Lois Reineke, Judy Bever, Albert Arzt,
Doreen Tollar, Sacia Morris, Ethel Mae Baldwin

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty,
Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

relax, eat, drink, be merry.’²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Reverend Karen Sparling

Hymn “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” **ELW #678**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Merciful God, receive our prayer.)

***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.**

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

Offering plates are located in the Narthex.

***Canticle of Praise**

“This Is The Feast”

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***Prayer of the Day**

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Word

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

Amen.

First Reading

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the

sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
²**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**
³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**
⁷One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid
they perish and leave their wealth to those who come
after them.**
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places
from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.
¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

Second Reading

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

Colossians 3:1-11

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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***Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia"

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***GOSPEL READING**

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The holy gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

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