

THANK YOU

The potato peelers took care of 150 pounds of potatoes in no time. Thank you to Leonard & Dixie Arndt, Louise Buchholz, Lee & Cindy Wyttenbach, Larry & Lorrie Bever, Karla Richie, Greg Bever, Karen Sparling, Carolyn Dougherty, Patty Von Haden, Ann Anderson, Kim Buchholz and Janelle Buchholz. While those folks were busy peeling the potatoes, Julie Acker, Jerry Von Haden and Barb Bever were working on the meatballs.

Thank you as well to Lori Brueggen for making the cranberry salad.

And, of course, thank you to all who purchased a ticket for the meal. With your support, **we raised \$3,450. for the “sign” fund.**

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT AND DECORATION SALE

Don't forget to mark your calendar to attend the sale of new or gently used Christmas ornaments and decorations. The sale begins on Friday, November 7 from 7:00am-5:00pm, and continues on Saturday, November 8 from 7:00-Noon. Proceeds will go toward the “sign” fund.

A bake sale on behalf of the Brookwood Safety Patrol will also be held that day. You are welcome to donate baked goods in support of the event. As many of you are aware, the 6th grade student participants travel to Washington DC. The cost per student is pretty significant. Our donation goes to the benefit of all students making the trip.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

10:15 AM

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

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

**(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.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW #733

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

***Prayer of the Day**
Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us.
When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are
cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our
neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

We extend our sympathy to Bob and Rick Gruen as well as the
entire Gruen family on the passing of their sister and aunt,
Kathy Braund. Visitation is being held today at St. Paul’s
Lutheran Church 1201 Main Street, Onalaska, from 4:00-7:00
PM. Visitation will be held on Monday from 10:00 AM until the
time of the 11:00 am funeral service.

IN THE MILITARY

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
Sunday, October 19	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Sunday School students sing and collect noisy offering	
	Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship	11:15 AM
Sunday, October 26	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Sunday School Students—Bowling	Tentative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Sixty-one units were donated at the blood drive held yesterday,
October 5. The Wilton Community continues their support in
providing live saving blood to those
in need. In fact, the blood donated yesterday, may very help to
save the lives of 183 patients. Thank you.

SENDING

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

*BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn “All Creatures, Worship God Most High” ELW #835
(vs 1-4)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister:
Karen Sparling; Organist: Kirstin Arndt; Reader: Justin
Arndt; Altar: Lori & Rick Brueggen; Acolytes: Linus Arndt &
Ben Gruen

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Wayne Schindler, Florence Dougherty,
Linda, Jeremy Munson, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Gordy
O’Rourke, Marilyn O’Rourke, Larry Arndt, Carol Lydon
Fronk, Richie Vlasak, Nick Evans, Jack Arndt,
Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Jan Brandau, Jeri Bauer
Weger, Patty Von Haden, Ben Bender, Pastor Bob Gerke
Jim Summerfield, Darlene Diekrager.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith..

A reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

- ¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?
³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

- ² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
- ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
- ⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

Psalm 37: 1-9

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who
succeeds in evil schemes.

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

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

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God,
**through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS** (God of grace, receive our prayer.)

OFFERING

*Offering Hymn “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW #685

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we
have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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,
that we should at all times and in all places.....

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his

own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

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***GOSPEL READING**

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The holy gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you

not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

Sermon

Karen Sparling

Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn **"O Master, Let Me Walk with You" ELW #818**

***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.**