

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; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce, Marah, Bria, Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; 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 Sebranek, Violet Ford, Hunter Puhl, Eason Kelbel, children in Ukraine and throughout the world.

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 all children every where, that you would keep them in your care.

In Jesus name I pray.

Amen



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

4th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 25, 2023

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

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

***\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***

*Announcements*

*Synod Assembly Report : Bud Osteboe and Carolyn Dougherty*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † 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.

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**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      "Lord of Our Life"      (Tune "Rise, Shine, You People!")**

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation;  
hear and receive your church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.**
- 2 See round your ark the hungry billows curling,  
see how your foes their banners are unfurling.  
Lord, while their poisoned arrows they are hurling,  
you can preserve us.**
- 3 Lord, you can help when earthly armor fails us;  
Lord, you can save when deadly sin assails us;  
and, in the day when hell itself appalls us,  
Grant us your peace, Lord:**
- 4 Peace in our hearts, our troubled thoughts assuaging,  
peace in your church, where kindred souls are raging,  
peace, when the world its endless war is waging,  
peace in your heaven.**

## **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.

## 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, July 2                      Worship                      9:00 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

### AGENDA

Call To Order  
Opening Prayer

Discussion and **possible action** items:

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

Adjourn following the Lord's Prayer

Sun., July 2                      Worship                      9:00 AM

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** **ELW p.184**

**\*Canticle of Praise**                      **“Glory to God“** **ELW p.185**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

#### Word

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

### First Reading

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

#### Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

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

**Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18**

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

Distribution

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

"Lamb of God"

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**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.**

**Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
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Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

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

\*Benediction

\*Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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**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: Barb Ornes; Altar: Janelle Buchholz and Joann Schachtely

**\*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.

**Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**\*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.**

**<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**<sup>10</sup>I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

**<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**

**Second Reading**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

**Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia. Lord,”

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Sermon

Reverend Bill Horn

\*Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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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 (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.**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

**The holy gospel according to Matthew 10:24-39**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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