



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
12th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 28, 2022  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

*\*(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      “Morning Has Broken”**

**ELW #556**

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.**

**Prayers for the Children**

We ask that all members join the Women of the 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, Gracie Brandau; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley & Aria Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Kennedy & Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, & Kaylin Gruen; Emma, Bryce, Marah & Bria Gruen; Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Brady Zimmerman; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Tyler Brandau; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Emma Elder, Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Angel Brueggen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson Sebranek, Rylan McCarthy, Ellery Tormoen, \*Olivier (Compassion Child).

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 everywhere, that you would keep them in your care. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen

There is still time to take in the Brookwood Theatre production of “Bedtime Stories (As Told by Our Dad) ( Who Messed Them Up”. The last performance is being held this afternoon at 2:00 PM. Tickets will be available at the door of the Classic Gym or from cast members in advance for \$5.00. Our very own Miranda Arndt, Ayawyn Conner and Cooper Powell are cast members. And, we mustn’t forget the costume designer, Barb Ornes.

**\*Canticle of Praise**                      “This Is The Feast”                      ELW p. 149

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

**First Reading**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel’s leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today’s reading is about humility.*

**Proverbs 25:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

**Psalms 112**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God’s commandments!  
<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.  
<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands  
fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their  
teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Reading

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

### Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Gloria Meltesen, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, John Acker, Lois Reineke, Judy Bever, Curt Brieske, Bodee Parish, Darlene Tollar.

## IN THE MILITARY

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

## CALENDAR

Fri., Sept. 2	Terry Speicher Funeral	2:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 4	Worship	9:00 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church council will meet in the basement shortly after service today.

We extend our sympathy to Lila and Buddy Speicher on the passing of their son, Terry. Our sympathy as well to Terry's siblings and children. Terry was a member of the St. Paul's Confirmation Class of 1976. Terry's funeral will be here on Friday, September 2. Visitation will be from Noon—2:00 PM with the service to follow. Terry will be buried in St. Paul's Cemetery. The luncheon will be served in the church basement. May God comfort all those who mourn and hold Terry in his loving arms.

We also extend our sympathy to Bob Birkholz and family on the passing their wife, mother, and grandmother, Carol. There will be a gathering at the Wilton American Legion on Tuesday, August 30, from Noon—2:00 PM for a luncheon and a time of fellowship.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp's Fall Festival and Quilt Auction is being held on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Check out the poster on the bulletin board for events taking place.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

Distribution

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

“Lamb of God” ELW p.154

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,  
**through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

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

\*Benediction

**Sending Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” ELW #545**

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

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: George Pursley; Organist: Nalani  
Bever; Reader: Ayawyn Conner; Altar: Anita Steinke and Julie Acker  
Communion Servers: Volunteers

Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him,  
then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit  
of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share  
what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** “Alleluia” LW p. 151

GOSPEL READING

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the  
opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-  
exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God’s  
gracious hospitality to those in need.*

**The holy gospel according to Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the  
Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him  
closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told  
them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding  
banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more  
distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who  
invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your  
place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest  
place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place,  
so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up  
higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the  
table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and  
those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a  
luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your  
relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and  
you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor,

the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

**Sermon** Reverend George Pursley

**Hymn** “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” **ELW #551**

**\*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** (Merciful God. Receive our prayer)

**\*PEACE**

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

**OFFERING**

*Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.*

**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.**

**Meal**  
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ^

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW p. 152

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** ELW p. 153

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

**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.**