

Nov. 30th – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Dec. 7th – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 14th – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 24th - Nativity of our Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Dec. 28th – First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wilton, WI

10:15 AM

All Saints Sunday

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Inviting People to

Journey with Christ's Family

In Spreading God's Love and Mercy

"God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

**(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.

Hymn "Take, Oh Take Me As I Am" ELW #814, X3

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us
from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us
life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered
death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open
the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all
who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we
worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and
ever.

Amen.

QUILTING

Dates have been set for tying quilts this Fall. We will meet
on Thursday November 20 and Thursday December 11 at
9:00 am in the church basement. We welcome anyone to
come and join us for a morning of service and fellowship. If
you have questions contact Arlis (608-435-6406) or Louise
(608-435-6435).

NEWSLETTER OMISSION

The following are the Scripture readings we will be sharing in
worship during the months of November and December,
2025.

Nov. 9th – 22th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 16th – 23th Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 23rd – Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADA CUTLERY

We have the following Rada Cutlery pieces available for sale:

Party Spreader—\$4.00

Bagel Knife—\$4.00

Cheese Knife—\$7.00

Hani Stir—\$3.00

Cutting Board—\$2.00

The WELCA group sold these for many years but the above are all that remain. If you are interested in purchasing or would like to look at them, speak with Nalani. All sales will be given to WELCA.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We're going out of our comfort zone this year and holding the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 23, with a tentative time at 5:00 PM. The service will combine St. Paul's, Norwalk Methodist, and Grace Haven Church from Ontario, with Grace Haven hosting the service.

So often, Wednesday evening services make it difficult for folks to attend. Many are travelling to family away from the area, or they are making preparations for hosting their family Thanksgiving. It is important that we gather and give thanks to God for his many blessings. We are hopeful St. Paul's will be well represented.

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS

Today we celebrate with the newest saints in our presence...those God has baptized and called God's own. May we be examples of love and faith for the newest members of God's kingdom. And may God's light shine through them in all they do.

Today, we celebrate with...

**Duke John Sebranek
Kendall Kay Christopherson
Hudson James Birkholz**

Gathering Hymn **"Shall We Gather at the River" ELW#423**

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Today we remember those we have loved and lost in our own lives, as well as the saints that have blessed our lives within this congregation. By God's grace they lived in our presence, blessing us as children of God. And now, by God's grace they live in God's eternal care, where a place has been prepared for them. Let us remember...

**Edward Charles Ross, Jr.
Harlowe Beck Osteboe
Buddy Lee Speicher
Daniel John Dutton
Darlene Ann Babbitt
Ruth Clair Dopson**

Song of Remembrance **"For All the Saints" ELW #422**

(As we sing, the congregation is invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one.)

Eternal God,

you gave Ed, Bud, Buddy, Dan, Darlene and Ruth to us to know and to love. We thank you for the life we shared and the memories we hold. O Lord, graciously tend to all who mourn this day that we might be given hope in the promise of eternal life through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah announces God’s displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

A reading from Isaiah 1:10-18

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
 you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
 you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
 says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
 and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls
 or of lambs or of goats.
¹² When you come to appear before me,

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

We also extend our prayers and sympathy to Cindy Vieth on the passing of her sister, Cheryl, who has received the gift of eternal life, and is reunited with her parents, Raymond and Arlene.

IN THE MILITARY


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

CALENDAR


Fri., Nov. 7	Christmas Sale	8:00 AM– 4:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 8	Continues	8:00 AM — Noon
Sun., Nov. 9	Sunday School	9:00 AM
Friends of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner		
Norwalk		4:00 PM —6:00 PM

Hymn “Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”


Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that



saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo-ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re-vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath-er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal-le-lu-jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



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num-ber when they gath-er round the throne.
num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister:

Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Arlis

Ballwahn; Acolytes: Linus Arndt, Mia Anderson

who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more!
¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.
¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32:1-7

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal
my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach
them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

SECOND READING

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

A reading from 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

- ¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

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

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have
nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the
world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and
thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

SENDING

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

*BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✠
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever. **Amen**

**Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us
into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and
forever.**

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”** **ELW p. 207**

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**

² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

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***GOSPEL READING**

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus’ acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God’s people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

The holy gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax

collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

Children's Sermon

Zacchaeus was a wee, little man,
And a wee, little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
For the Lord he wanted to see.

And as the Savior came that way,
He looked up in the tree,

Spoken: And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down from there!"

For I'm going to your house today.
For I'm going to your house today.

Sermon

Karen Sparling

Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

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***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.

***PRAYERS**

(Hear us, Oh God. **Your mercy is great**")

OFFERING

Hymn

"Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
**you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.**