

CALENDAR

Today	Norwalk Community Thanksgiving Dinner	4:00-6:00 pm
Nov. 16	Confirmation	6:30—8:00 pm
Nov. 20	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSITION COMMITTEE SURVEY

Additional copies of the survey are located in the narthex along with the drop box for completed surveys.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Provided you haven't already done so, please bring your shoeboxes no later than next Sunday, November 20. We will be delivering them to the drop off location in Ontario during the afternoon.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

We will gather at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Norwalk for our annual Thanksgiving Eve service. The service will be held at 6:00 pm, with a luncheon and time of fellowship to follow. Please bring a gift of canned goods for the Wilton Food Pantry.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Harley Creviston will be celebrating his 85th birthday on November 22nd. Harley's daughter, Kim, would like to shower him with birthday cards from his friends and neighbors from Wilton.

Rolling Hills Rehabilitation Center
Harley Creviston Rm 110
14400 CTH B
Sparta, WI 54656



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

**(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,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

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

*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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
**As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

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.**

Word

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

First Reading

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of
the nations.**
³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes
to judge the earth.**
⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia"

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GOSPEL READING

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The holy gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left

upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Sermon

Reverend Karen Sparling

Hymn

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

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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,**