

CALENDAR

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| Sun., August 21 | Worship | 9:00 AM |
| Sun., August 28 | Worship | 9:00 AM |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP NEEDED

Lutheran Social Services is looking to help an individual living in Wilton find and hire an in-home caregiver. Are you aware of anyone who is looking for part-time work?

Here are a few details for the with regard to the job:

1. Flexible hours and scheduling
2. Needs laundry, meal prep, cleaning, and grocery/errand assistance (10 hours/week)
3. Needs his lawn cared for (1.5 hours/week)

Pay starts at \$15 or \$16/hour.

The contact person at LSS is Lydia Pearson. Lydia may be reached by calling her @ (608) 668-1535, E-mailing lydia.pearson@lsswis.org or going to the LSS Website www.lsswis.org

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

We are hoping to pack and send 192 school kits this year, perhaps more!! We have used two grants from Thrivent Financial to purchase the backpacks and have another grant being used for the supplies. We did have a good number of items left from last year (crayons, scissors, erasers). If you would be interested in donating to the cause, please give your donation to Nalani or place your donation in the offering plate.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was a great success. Approximately 30 children attended. Thank you to all who helped, donated food, and prayed that the children would come to know Jesus, and begin or strengthen their personal relationship with him.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family**

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as 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 “Faith of Our Fathers” **ELW #812**

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.

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

***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.

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.

SENDING

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

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** “Lead On, O King Eternal!” **ELW #805**

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Thadyn Conner

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

IN THE MILITARY

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

against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Sermon

Reverend Karen Sparling

Hymn

“If God My Lord Be for Me”

ELW # 788

(Tune: The Church’s One Foundation)

***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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

**O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God’s judgment, he suffers rejection. Today’s reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God’s word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
²**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**
³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander
about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
⁶**Now I say to you, “You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**
⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”
⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.
³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging

fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—
³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

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

***GOSPEL READING**

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God’s call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

The holy gospel according to Luke 12:49-56

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two