

- Provide information on how individuals can contribute to ELCA World Hunger on a regular basis and make hunger contribution envelopes available.
- Be a contributor to ELCA World Hunger.
- Become familiar with hunger resources and the work of ELCA Hunger. (This can be done by attending workshops and visiting the synod and national ELCA websites.)

*The Synod Hunger Subcommittee is committed to helping you with your ministry as a Congregational Hunger Leader. We welcome your input and invite you to contact us if you need help or advise. Thank you for agreeing to be a Hunger Leader for your congregation.*

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sus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

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

### Gathering

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

*Prelude.....A time for silent reflection*

Welcome and Announcements

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care.  
We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else.  
We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.  
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,

God made us alive together with Christ,  
forgiving us □ all our trespasses  
by taking our sins to the cross.  
For freedom Christ has set us free:  
Rejoice in this good news!  
Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” **ELW #400**

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**

\*Prayer of the Day 2

Containers are located in the narthex for your convenience in sorting the items as you bring them.

You may now contact Pastor Cathleen on a landline, #608-435-0097. This telephone itself is a “Caption Call”. This means a written display of what you are saying is displayed for Pastor to read, and continue the conversation. Be patient, it takes a few seconds for your side of the conversation to be displayed. You may also leave a voice mail message.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, or Dan Buchholz 608-435-6126 or 608-487-6525 (cell).

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

Office Hours: Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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**La Crosse Synod Congregational Hunger Leaders**

**Job Description**

*In a 2017 Resolution, the La Crosse Area Synod agreed to establish a network of Hunger Leaders from each congregation which will work with the Hunger Subcommittee and pastors. We have updated the job description to give you a better picture of what Hunger Leaders are asked to do.*

World Hunger Leaders in the congregations should be willing to:

- Serve for at least one year. (We encourage you to set up a committee to work with you!)
- Attend training and resource workshops sponsored by the Synod Hunger Subcommittee. (These are usually held twice a year - in early fall and then again during the winter or early spring.)
- Receive and share resources from ELCA World Hunger and the Synod with your pastor and congregation.
- Assist your congregation and pastor in planning and carrying out a World Hunger emphasis to fit your church.

This could include doing such things as: Sponsoring a World Hunger Sunday. Setting up a Giving Tree at Christmas time using the Good Gifts catalog from ELCA Hunger. Collecting “noisy offerings” for hunger. Displaying and updating an educational bulletin board on Hunger. Using ELCA Hunger Advent and Lenten resources. Using ELCA Hunger VBS materials. Invite a resource person to speak on Hunger.

Would you be willing to be St. Paul's ELCA World Hunger Leader? The fall workshop meeting will be held on September 14, 2019, with the second meeting date to be set down the road. You will find the "job description" on the last page of the bulletin. Read it over and volunteer!!!

#### Save the Date:

Louise Buchholz is hosting a summer salad luncheon for the ladies of the church on Thursday, August 29, at her home. The luncheon will begin at 1:00 PM. Additional details will be in the bulletin next week. Mark your calendar as soon as you get home today and make plans to attend.

Stop over in Tomah on August 17 from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM and donate your pennies in support of the fight against cancer. All proceeds to go to the Tomah Area Cancer Support, Inc., Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

For those of you wondering who has been cleaning the church and mowing the lawn, it is none other than Barb Bever. Barb began her duties as the church janitor in April. Our apologies for not announcing this earlier.

#### Lutheran World Relief—School Kits

School supplies are now in stores at discounted prices!! The following are the necessary supplies needed for the backpacks (provided):

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of **blunt tipped** scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

#### **FIRST READING**

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be*

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

*his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

A reading from Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."  
<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."  
<sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."  
<sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."  
<sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!  
<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,**

**and sees all humankind.**  
<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.  
<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**  
<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.  
<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**  
<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**  
<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**  
<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

**SECOND READING**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God’s promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

A reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was

Bever, Greeters: Rachel and Thadyn Conner, Reader: Greg Bever, Al-

**SENDING**  
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\*

tar:

Janelle Buchholz and Joanne Schachtely, Communion Server: Karen Arzt, Ushers: Tim Deichler, George Dougherty, Justin Arndt, Bart Arndt

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ed Bauer, Linda Bauer, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and Paul Babbitt.

**IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

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**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 11-18**

Sat., Aug. 17	Red Cross Blood Drive	7:30—11:30 AM
	Donate Pennies—Fight Cancer	9 AM—12 PM
	Gillette Park, Downtown Tomah	
Sun., Aug. 18	Worship	9 AM
	Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship	10 AM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to all who donated, worked, or whatever you chipped in to do at Wilton Wood Turtle Days. The sales totaled \$683.51 with our only expense being the \$20.00 booth charge. Thank you to Culver’s and Kwik Trip for the custard/ice cream donation. We also want to recognize and thank Thrivent Financial for the gift card in support of the event.

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

P: God invites you to this table of bounty.  
Come, the banquet is ready.

Distribution

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

"Lamb of God"

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**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**O God, in this holy communion  
you have welcomed us into your presence,  
nourished us with words of mercy,  
and fed us at your table.  
Amid the cares of this life,  
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,  
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,  
and honor the earth you have made;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" **ELW #729**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Christ is sending you. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani

too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

**GOSPEL READING**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

The gospel according to Luke 12:32-40

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling

treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

<sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You<sup>5</sup>

also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

Sermon

\*Hymn “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

**ELW # 764**

**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** (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ’s peace.

**OFFERING**

\*Offertory Hymn “Create in Me”

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\*Offertory Prayer

**Blessed are you, O God,  
for the greening earth given for all,  
for the talents we are given to share,  
and for this bread and wine.  
Transform us to be the body of Christ,  
that, feasting on this food and drink,**

**our  
may  
flect**

**MEAL**  
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

**lives  
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**gen-  
erosity;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**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.....  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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**