

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on November 2.

### UPCOMING DINNERS THROUGHOUT THE AREA

Flyers for each are on the Narthex bulletin board:

November 1 - Our Savior's Lutheran, West Salem

November 9 - Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Norwalk

### QUILTING

Dates have been set for tying quilts this Fall. We will meet on Tuesday October 28, 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).

### 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.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:15 AM

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

*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

*\*(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.

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

### **Gathering**

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

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

**Merciful and loving God,  
we are your stiff-necked people.  
We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others.  
We turn away from the poor.  
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.  
Amen.**

**Hymn      “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”      ELW#504**

**Kyrie** ELW p. 203  
**Hymn of Praise** ELW p. 204

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

Distribution

**"Lamb of God"**

**ELW p. 208**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God,

**through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.**

**Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

**Hymn**

**"For the Fruit of All Creation"**

**ELW #679**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING**

*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

**A reading from Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

<sup>7</sup> Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;  
our rebellions indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup> O hope of Israel,  
its savior in time of trouble,  
why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler turning aside for the night?  
<sup>9</sup> Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?  
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup> Thus says the LORD concerning this people:  
Truly they have loved to wander;  
they have not restrained their feet;  
therefore the LORD does not accept them;  
now he will remember their iniquity  
and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup> Have you completely rejected Judah?  
Does your heart loathe Zion?  
Why have you struck us down  
so that there is no healing for us?

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

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

We look for peace but find no good,  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

<sup>20</sup> We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,  
the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup> Do not spurn us, for your name’s sake;  
do not dishonor your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.  
or can the heavens give showers?

<sup>22</sup> Can any idols of the nations bring rain,  
Is it not you, O LORD our God?  
We set our hope on you,  
for it is you who do all this.

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

## Psalm 84:1-7

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and  
my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.

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** (God of grace, receive our prayer.)

## OFFERING

Hymn "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW #512

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we  
have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

<sup>6</sup> Those who go through the balsam valley will find it  
a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
<sup>7</sup> They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

## SECOND READING

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*

**A reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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**\*GOSPEL READING**

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

**The holy gospel according to Luke 18:9-14**

**Glory to you, O Lord.** The gospel of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

Sermon

Karen Sparling

Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn

**“God Alone Be Praised”**

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**God Alone Be Praised**

The musical score for 'God Alone Be Praised' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4.

1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth  
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles  
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have  
crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -  
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this  
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be  
bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and  
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us  
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and  
so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.  
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.  
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

**\*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.**