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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 8, 2019  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

### **Gathering**

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

*Prel-*

*ude.....A time for silent reflection*  
Welcome and Announcements

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,  
the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal,  
the builder of the city that is to come.  
**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

God our helper,  
**we confess the many ways  
we have failed to live as your disciples.  
We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.  
We have been captivated by our possessions.  
Lift our burdens, gracious God.  
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.  
Put your trust in these promises:  
God will never leave you or forsake you.  
You who were lost have been found.  
For the sake of ☐ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.  
**Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn                      “Lift High the Cross”                      **ELW #660**

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,

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  
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  
Additional Contact Information:  
Pastor Cathleen: [cathleenmorris@go.mccormick.edu](mailto:cathleenmorris@go.mccormick.edu)

Assemble School Kits Worship	10:15 AM
Blessing of School Kits and Backpacks Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship	11:15 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arlis Ballwahn has volunteered to be St. Paul's representative on the La Crosse Synod Congregation Hunger Leader committee. Thank you!!

Time for fall housecleaning!! The W-ELCA ladies will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, September 21, from 8:00 AM—1:00 PM. If you would like to donate items, please leave them on the stage in the basement. We will also need help at the end of the sale, packing unsold items, taking tables down, etc. Please let Carolyn Dougherty know if you would be available to help.

We will assemble the school kits next week during Sunday School and bless them during service. We are also asking all students (PreK-12) bring their backpacks to be included in the blessing.

You may continue to bring items for the school kits. The list of items follows:

- 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

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  
**Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### FIRST READING

<b>WORD</b> <i>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*</i>	<i>Mo- ses</i>
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*speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.*

A reading from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your

heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan

to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

### SECOND READING

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian.*

A reading from Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Benediction

Sending Hymn "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" **ELW #722**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

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#### SENDING

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

isters: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Louise and Bob Buchholz, Reader: Lori Arndt, Altar: Arlis and Larry Ballwahn, Communion Server: Kirstin Arndt, Ushers: Bob Buchholz, Brian Buchholz, Ed Ross, Justin Arndt

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

### CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8-15

Wed., Sept. 11	Confirmation	4:00PM-5:30PM
Thurs., Sept. 12	W-ELCA General Meeting	10:00 AM
Sun., Sept. 15	Sunday School	9:00 AM

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW p.153

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

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come, take your place at the feast.

Distribution

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

“Lamb of God”

ELW p. 154

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of blessing,  
at this table we have seen you face to face,  
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,  
our hearts have been refreshed.  
Send us now to shine with your goodness  
and bear witness to the one we have received:  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

### **GOSPEL READING**

*Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

The gospel according to Luke 14:25-33

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

Sermon

\*Hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me” **ELW # 798**

### **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**

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

\*Offertory Hymn

“Create in Me”

**ELW #186**

\*Offertory Prayer

**God our provider,  
we bring nothing into this world  
and we can take nothing out of it.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us,  
which we bring to your table,  
and with them the offering of our lives  
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.....