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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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**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 "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Prelude.....A time for silent reflection

*Sunday School Children Music
Welcome and Announcements*

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Gathering

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,
Healer of our every ill,
Source of unending mercy.

Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,
Let us turn again to God,
Confessing the truth about ourselves.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful God,

we come before you, beloved but broken.
We have not always treated others
as we would want them to treat us.
We have not always called out injustice and abuse.
We have not always been kind to ourselves.
We have not always taken care of the world
we share with other living creatures.
Remind us of who we are,
beloved children bathed in your love.
Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,
bringing healing to the brokenness around us.
Amen.

At every moment
you are held in existence by the love of God,
renewed by the Spirit within and among you,
and made alive again in Christ.
Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:
you are forgiven and freed
to live for the healing of the world.
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"

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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,

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You will notice we have placed shoeboxes in the narthex. Collection date is Sunday, November 24. You will also notice their request of a \$9.00 donation to cover the cost of shipping. Don't fret over this. If you wish to fill a shoebox, but feel the added expense of shipping is too much, just fill the shoebox. Or, if filling a shoebox puts too great a financial strain on you, consider donating \$9.00 to cover the shipping cost of one shoebox. If neither of these two options works for you, you might consider making a donation of \$6.00 to cover the cost of providing one child with a Bible and the materials for the 12-lesson course. We also have additional school supplies which are on a table in the basement. Plastic pencil boxes are also available. Please feel free to add these to your shoeboxes.

Help children to receive the "Greatest Gift of All", the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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, Justin Arndt (608-435-6642) (608-587-6642) or Nalani.

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

Sun., Nov. 24
All proceeds to support
Tomah Area Cancer Support, Inc.
Sunday School
Worship
9:00 am
10:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Dear St. Paul’s Evangelical Church:

It is with a broken heart I would like to thank your congregation for the beautiful plant you sent for Spike’s memorial.

Spike spoke fondly of his time in Wilton.

As my husband, he taught me a lot about faith. I believe he had more faith than any person I have ever known. He loved the Lord.

God Bless-

Golda and Family of Spike Shine”

The Starfish Throwers meeting at Brookwood, on Monday evening, is an event for community members to become more aware of, and be on the lookout for signs of sex trafficking, child sexual abuse, and to learn about internet safety. Our young people face a world of evil all about them, and need our help beyond just shaking our heads and commenting how it once was. This is a call to action. Children in small rural communities are as, if not more, vulnerable to predators as children in the cities. Please consider attending this presentation. If you need a ride, call or speak with Nalani.

Please note the Thanksgiving Eve service in the newsletter is incorrectly listed as happening on Thanksgiving Day!! The service will be on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 PM.

The loose offering at the Thanksgiving Eve service will be donated to the Wilton Food Pantry. We are also asking folks to bring a food donation for the pantry and have been provided with a listing of items which are regularly asked for: cream of chicken soup, elbow macaroni, noodles, kidney beans, applesauce, cream style corn, pasta sauce, cooking oil, flour and sugar. While not a food item, larger size diapers are also a regularly requested item.

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”

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*Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

FIRST READING

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that the day of the Lord 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 fear God.

A reading from 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. Paul warns them bluntly
that if they want to eat, they need to work*

A reading from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Benediction

Sending Hymn "Soon and Very Soon"

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Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*
ING **THOSE SERV-TODAY**

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani
Bever, Greeters: Barb and John Ornes, Reader: Arlis Ballwahn
Altar: Nalani and Greg Bever, Communion Server: Barb Ornes,
Ushers: Greg Bever, Leonard Arndt, Steve Brandau, Jerry Von Haden

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, 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, Jeff Sullivan, Dakota
Holiday, Alan Vlasak, Spencer Arndt, Carla Von Haden

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale,
Seth Tormoen

CALENDAR FOR November 18—November 24

Today	Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship	11:15 am
Mon., Nov 18	Starfish Throwers	6:00 pm
	Brookwood High School Library	
Wed., Nov. 20	Confirmation	6:30 pm—8:00 pm
Thurs., Nov. 21	W-ELCA General Meeting	10:00 am
Fri., Nov. 22	"homemade pie sale"	8:30 am
	F&M Merchants Bank, Tomah	

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

Amen.

P: God keeps adding places to the table.
Come to the banquet that has no end.

Distribution

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

“Lamb of God”

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

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 busy-bodies, 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

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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 shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The 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

*Hymn "Canticle of the Turning"

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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,
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 (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great..**)

***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

"We
Of-

Meal
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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*Offertory
Hymn
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fering"

*Offertory Prayer

**We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
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.