



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
4th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 3, 2022  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

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

#### *Announcements*

#### **Gathering**

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

#### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
To whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
And from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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      “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

**ELW #520**

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.**

\*Olivier is six years old and lives with his mother, father, and 9 year old brother in Rwanda. With the Christmas gift sent to his family, a pig and a sheep were purchased. Take the time to look on the bulletin board and see Olivier standing alongside the family pig.

## Prayers for the Children

We ask that all members join the Women of the ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn, Gracie Brandau; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley & Aria Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Kennedy & Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, & Kaylin Gruen; Emma, Bryce, Marah & Bria Gruen; Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Brady Zimmerman; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Tyler Brandau; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Emma Elder, Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Angel Brueggen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson Sebranek, Rylan McCarthy, Ellery Tormoen, \*Olivier (Compassion Child).

That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for all children everywhere, that you would keep them in your care. In Jesus' name I pray.  
Amen

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**

**O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### Word

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

### First Reading

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

### Isaiah 66:10-14

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing  
stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.  
<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is  
with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies

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

#### **Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**  
<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.  
<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**  
<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of Go  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.  
<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the  
water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**  
<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.  
<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**  
<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WORK DAY**

A HUGE thank you to the folks who helped with the work day last Sunday. We aren't totally finished with our tasks, however, we put a pretty good dent in the list!!

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

The members of the social ministry committee will be meeting after service next week to prepare birthday and anniversary cards. You are always welcome to join in the fun.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We will hold VBS on August 8-12. All children of the community and surrounding area are more than welcome to attend.

### **SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP**

We have placed information with regard to the summer programs available at Sugar Creek Bible Camp on the table in the narthex. The church contributes 50% of the camping fee.

**Sending**

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

\*Benediction

\*Sending Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" ELW #841

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: Karen Arzt;

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Steve Zirk, Sue Ann Degenhardt, Gloria Meltesen, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, John Acker, Lois Reineke, Judy Bever, Gail Nastali.

We pray and extend our sympathy to the family of LuAnn Bever-Denter on her passing this past Thursday. May God comfort them during this difficult time.

**IN THE MILITARY**

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

**CALENDAR**

Sun., July 10           Worship with Communion           9:00 am  
                                  Social Ministry Committee           10:00 am

**Second Reading**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”*

**Galatians 6:7-16**

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation                   “Alleluia”                   LW p. 151

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

**The holy gospel according to Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

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

**Sermon**

Reverend Karen Sparling

**Hymn**

"Here I Am, Lord"

**ELW #574**

\*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** (God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**Offering**

*Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you  
enter and exit the church.*

**Thanksgiving for the Word**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

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.**