

CHOIR

Our next choir practice will be after church on Sunday, November 10. We'll be preparing a song for the 1st Sunday of Advent. Always happy to have new members!

EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE

Bring a friend and stop in on Friday, November 8 (8:00AM-4:00PM) and/or Saturday, November 9 (8:00AM-2:00PM) and shop till you drop for all things Christmas. The decoration sale is for the benefit of the church. There will also be a bake sale in support of the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Safety Patrol.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024

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

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

Announcements

Gathering

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,

so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

Celebration of the Saints

Today we celebrate with the newest saints in our presence...those God has baptized and called God's own. May we be examples of love and faith for the newest members of God's kingdom. And may God's light shine through them in all they do. Today, we celebrate with...

Luke Kane Kroeger, baptized on January 21, 2024
Josie Jean Ornes, baptized on June 30, 2024
Lena Kathryn Ornes, baptized on June 30, 2024
Dominic Ray Young, baptized on October 13, 2024

Gathering Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" **ELW#423**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo-ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re-vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath-er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal-le-lu-jah day, and on that

saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo-ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re-vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath-er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
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num-ber when the new world is re-vealed.
num-ber when they gath-er round the throne.
num-ber on that hal-le-lu-jah day.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held on TODAY, November 3, 2024, immediately following the regular worship service. The agenda items are as follows:

1. Approval to enter into a contract with Access Elevator, Inc., La Crosse, WI for the installation of a Bruno Commercial Curve Stairlift at a cost of \$19,500.00.
2. Presentation of recommendation by Church Council for replacement of existing front steps.
3. Approval to enter into a contract with HSR Associates, La Crosse, WI, in the amount of \$40,750.00.

(Phase 1: Construction

Documents: \$32,750 Lump Sum;

Phase 2: Bidding and

Construction Administration: 8,000 Lump Sum;

\$40,750)

who loved us and through grace gave us
eternal comfort and good hope,
✠ comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good work and word. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

Dismissal

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We are growing disciples who
Welcome, Worship & Walk with Christ.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People; Minister: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani
Bever; Reader: Barb Ornes; Altar: Karla Richie & Barb Bever;
Communion Server: Jerry Von Haden

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Laurie Switz Johnson, Heidi
Stenerson, Dan Paulson, Richie Vlasak, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Bud
Speicher, Kathy Von Ruden, Lyle Schindler, Florence Dougherty,
Connie Summerfield, Gordy O’Rourke, Marilyn O’Rourke, David Forbes,
Mary Ann Arndt, Cole Brandau, Jeremy Munson.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen Roscovious,
Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

CALENDAR

Fri., Nov. 8	Everything Christmas Sale	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 9	“ “ “ “ “	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 10	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Choir Practice	11:30 AM

Remembrance of the Saints

Today we remember those we have loved and lost in our own lives
as well as the saints that have blessed our lives within this
congregation. By God’s grace they lived in our presence, blessing
us as children of God. And now, by God’s grace they live in God’s
eternal care where a place has been prepared for them. Let us
remember...

Betty J. Zirk

Song of Remembrance “For All the Saints” **ELW #422**

(As we sing, the congregation is invited to come forward to light a
candle in remembrance of a loved one.)

Eternal God,
**you gave Betty to us to know and to love. We thank you for the
life we shared and the memories we hold. O Lord, graciously
tend to all who mourn this day that we might be given hope in
the promise of eternal life through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

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

First Reading:

*As the children of Israel enter the promised land, Moses instructs them
to love the LORD and to teach God’s law to future generations. Verses 4
-5 are called the Shema (Hebrew for “hear”), which is still used in
Jewish daily prayer and which forms the basis for the “greatest com-
mandment” in today’s gospel reading.*

A reading from Deuteronomy 6:1-9

[Moses said to the people,] ¹ Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ² so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

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

“Lamb of God”

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Distribution

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God,

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.**

**Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Sending

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

Blessing

Sealed by the Holy Spirit,
you are Christ’s message of love for this troubled world.
May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.
Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Great Thanksgiving ELW p. 190

*Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 190

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

⁴ **You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶ **Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷ I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸ **I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Second Reading

In ancient systems of worship, temporary forgiveness and purity came through rituals utilizing the blood of sacrificial animals. Now, however, our forgiveness and purity come eternally through the death of Jesus.

A reading from Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹ When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹² he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord. **Thank be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

A reading from Gospel of Mark 12:28-34

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’ ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³² Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³ and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

Sermon

Reverend Karen Sparling
Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

ELW #628

***Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

(Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**)

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn “Accept of Lord,...Gifts We Bring” **ELW#691**