

We ask that all members join the Women of 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; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley, Aria & Hudson Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes, Maevis Shock; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce, Marah, Bria, Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Emma Elder; Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon & Ellory Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson and Duke Sebranek, Violet Ford, Hunter Puhl, Eason Kelbel, Cole, Caleb & Connor Redding; Brooke, Claire, Grace & Bree Olson; Alayna, Alivia & Levi Wyttenbach; Luke Kroeger; Peyton Oelson, Greyson Resop; Kendall Christopherson, and children throughout the world.

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 every where, that you would keep them in your care.

In Jesus name I pray.

Amen



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

Inviting People to

Journey with Christ's Family

In Spreading God's Love and Mercy

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

**(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.

Gathering

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

***Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" ELW #413**

Prayer of the Day

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Border Immersion trip returned home on Tuesday after a transformational week with [Border Servant Corps](#) meeting incredible people who use their gifts of welcome and hospitality to serve and walk alongside people during some of the most vulnerable times in their lives.

Assumptions and beliefs about what is *really* happening on the southern border were challenged and clarified. Spoiler alert: Las Cruces is calm, safe, and is prepared with passionate people and organizations to welcome people in the borderlands. The communities are not over-run as is often reported in national news, though the group did find people overflowing with compassion and empathy on all sides of the immigration process. We learned powerful stories about Customs and Border Patrol's extensive humanitarian responsibilities that are core to their positions in addition to enforcement operations and were inspired by advocates who accompany people through the El Paso airport to ensure they are treated with dignity and respect afforded to any other airline customer.

Throughout the week, the group was inspired by people who saw people and situations in need of compassionate care and thought to themselves "that is something I can do" and have. Stories of hope permeated each meeting from all different angles even in the midst of very trying times.

While the Border Servant Corps was forced to close down almost all sheltering operations due to the loss of government grants after January 20th of this year, the impact of the way they accompanied people through legal immigration processes still has lasting impact on all guests they welcomed on their journeys. Now they turn their attention to community resilience work in partnership with other area non-profit organizations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP & SANDWICH, SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

St. John's Catholic Church, Wilton, 11:00AM—1:00 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE

We will hold a quick choir practice after service today. Meet at the front of the church.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY PROJECT

The Synod is asking people to save the rolls from toilet paper and paper towels. In addition, they are asking we save milk caps. We'll put a small container out so you can just drop them in and we'll take care of them from there.

LUKE'S DINER

Join us this Lent as we gather around tables to share a meal and share Jesus' story. Our theme will focus on the many times Jesus broke bread with others throughout the gospel of Luke. This Lent, we will worship as we eat.

The meal at Luke's Diner will consist of soup and sandwich. We are looking for volunteers to provide one or both. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

If you wish to have your son or daughter participate in a first communion class, please speak with Pastor Karen.

CHICKEN DINNER

You heard it here first! April 27 marks the date, for what is seemingly an annual event, of our drive-up chicken dinner.

Installation of Leaders in the Congregation

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WORD

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

FIRST READING

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

A reading from Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise
your name, because of your steadfast love and
faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word
above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Synod Authorized Minister: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Karla Richie; Altar: Barb Bever & Karla Richie; Communion Server: Barb Bever

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Wayne Schindler, Florence Dougherty, Dan Paulson, Laurie Switz Johnson, Jeremy Munson, Heidi Stenerson, Richie Vlasak, Bud Speicher; Kristy Gwin Solovey, Lyle Schindler, Gordy O'Rourke, Marilyn O'Rourke, Jack Arndt, Cole Brandau, Vicky Boldon, Bud Osteboe, Larry Arndt, Carol Lydon Fronk

IN THE MILITARY

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

CALENDAR

Today	Choir	After Service
	Church Council	11:30 AM
Wed., Feb. 12	Confirmation	5:00 PM
Sun., Feb 16	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Children Sing	
	Noisy Offering	

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Distribution

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

“Lamb of God”

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
**at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
⊕ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

Hymn “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” ELW #414

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe

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

*GOSPEL READING

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

The holy gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Sermon Karen Sparling
Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn **"Here I Am Lord"** **ELW#574**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (God of grace, **hear our prayer**)

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OFFERING

Offering Hymn **"This Little Light of Mine"** v.1 **ELW #677**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace,
**your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.
Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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.**

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