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**“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and School”**

**Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough**

**Principal: Jason Schapekahn**

**Welcome, Friend!**

**You Have Come To The Right Place!**

**Jesus Loves YOU!**

**WELCOME**

**Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again in the future. For more information, please contact  
Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373  
or Principal Jason Schapekahn at 414-659-4688.**

**EPHIPHANY MOMENTS**

**God Delivers More Than We Ask, Not Less**

It is easy for us to assume that if God says “no” to a request, we are getting less than we wanted. We need to have an epiphany moment, seeing the reality—that God always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying “yes” to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says “no” to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. Far more than existing as a “help desk” or 911 dispatch, God’s love for us is like that of a groom for his bride. His love for us exceeds all expectations and understanding. In that love, God always delivers more than we ask, not less.

# 375 Arise and Shine in Splendor

CW 375



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to  
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then  
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— see, na - tions  
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the



day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.  
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.  
gath - er yon - der from sin to be set free.  
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.



A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match - less beau - ty  
To you the Lord of heav - en— your life, your hope— has  
The world has heard your sto - ry; her sons come to your  
Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
glo - ry, her daugh - ters haste your light to see.  
num - ber re - jice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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*Stand*

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Confession of Sins**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** (*spoken*)

**L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**

**Oh Taste and See** (*sung*)

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;  
It stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 62:1–5*

*The prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage. As our bridegroom, Christ delivers more than that for which we ask.*

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations will see your vindication,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

<sup>3</sup>You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.

But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;

for the LORD will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.  
5As a young man marries a young woman,  
so will your Builder marry you;  
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.

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

### **Psalm of the Day 145C (Read responsively)**

L: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

**C: his greatness no one can fathom.**

L: One generation commends your works to another;

**C: they tell of your mighty acts.**

L: The LORD upholds all who fall

**C: and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

L: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

L: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

**C: to all who call on him in truth.**

L: He fulfills the desires of those who /ear him;

**C: he hears their cry and saves them.**

**Leader & Congregation:**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:14–21*

*St. Paul teaches that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 1:14*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

John 2:1–11

*To spare a newlywed couple embarrassment from having run out of wine, Mary asks Jesus to do something. Jesus delivers more than his mother asks, turning water into the choicest of wine.*

<sup>1</sup>On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup>"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



# 510 In Christ Alone

CW 510

*Please rise for the final stanza.*



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my  
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## Sermon Text – John 2:1-11

### Sermon Theme – "The Marriage Miracle"

(Jesus attends a wedding in Cana)

1. Come to us as our friend. Verses 1-2
2. Straighten out our way of thinking. Verses 3-5
3. Help us in our time of need. Verses 6-10
4. Reveal your glory to us. Verse 11

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Offering

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<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.  
**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: We Shall Overcome**

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome some day.**

**We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
we'll walk hand in hand some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we'll walk hand in hand some day.**

**We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid today.  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we are not afraid today.**

**We shall all have peace, we shall all have peace,  
we shall all have peace some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall all have peace some day.**

**God is on our side, God is on our side, God is on our side always,  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe God is on our side always.**

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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## **"Our Mission Statement"**

### **(Our Purpose as a Church)**

Our mission here at St. Philip's Lutheran is outlined for us in Matthew 28:19: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' Making disciples includes proclaiming God's Word in its truth and purity, strengthening the faith of those under our care, and reaching out to the people of our community, (including our unchurched friends and relatives). Let us pray for and work together toward this goal.



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### **Serving at Worship**

**Presiding Minister**

**Liturgy & Lay Reader**

**Piano**

Pastor Raymond Kimbrough

Cody Bone

Grace Hennen

### **In Our Prayers**

Judi Tevich

Natasha McCants

Sheila Kimbrough

Kitty Henderson

Melvin Reed

Glen Thompson

**Next Week: January 26, 2025**

**Piano:** Grace Sauer

**Lay Reader:** Thomas McNeal

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting follows worship</b>
<b>Monday, January 20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – MLK Birthday</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 22</b>	<b>HOME BB Games vs. Christ the Lord B-Girls at 4:30PM, A-Boys at 5:20PM</b>
<b>Sunday, January 26</b>	<b>Bible Class 9:30AM Worship with communion 10:30AM</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	<b>Black History Sunday Celebration Worship 10:30AM Gospel Choir &amp; School Children sing Food and Fellowship follows worship</b>
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**CHURCH OFFERINGS UPDATE**

	<b>Week</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>July to Date</b>
	<b><u>1-6-25 to 1-12-25</u></b>	<b><u>January</u></b>	<b><u>2024-2025</u></b>
Budget	\$ 3,584.91	\$ 6,981.13	\$ 100,188.68
Actual	\$ 6,546.40	\$ 9,416.40	\$ 82,030.88
Over (Under)	\$ 3,055.83	\$ 2,435.27	(\$ 18,157.80)

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## **CALL RECEIVED**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Philip's Lutheran Church,

On Sunday, December 8, I received a call to serve as principal at Mount Lebanon Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. I pray for God's direction as I consider this new ministry opportunity and humbly ask for your prayers as I deliberate where God would have me serve. Although this was not something I was seeking, I trust in God's perfect plan and in His timing. I am confident the Lord of the Church will accomplish His will through this time of deliberation, and it is my prayer He uses this opportunity to bless each ministry. Please keep our brothers and sisters at Mount Lebanon in your prayers just as you continue to pray for one another and the ministry here at St. Philip's.

In His Service,  
Jason Schapekahm



### **Congratulations to St. Philip's Alumni**

Sophia Berg, Thomas Moldenhauer, Henry Schapekahm and Oliver Schapekahm all achieved 1st Semester Honor Roll at Wisconsin Lutheran High School!

**Daddy Daughter Dance**—Dads and daughters (age 2 years old through 8th grade) are invited to a Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Dress to impress and get ready for an evening filled with great music, dancing, games, and delicious refreshments. Cost is \$15 for both dad and daughter and any additional daughters are \$5 each. For more information, visit





## **CONGRATULATIONS**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Perfect Attendance – No Absences, No Tardies**

Shyla Branch, Shawntrell Mixon, Akila Finch-Spruell, Alyana Moldenhauer,  
Messiah Norman, Livia Schapekahm, Kashnic Davis, Cyrus Fairfield,  
Calahan Moldenhauer



**2024-2025**

## **ST. PHILIP'S SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

### **HIGHEST HONORS 4.00 GRADE POINT**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Calahan Moldenhauer

### **HIGH HONORS 3.50 – 3.99 GRADE POINT**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Alyana Moldenhauer, Livia Schapekahm

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Tayjah Davenport

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Kashnic Davis, Cyrus Fairfield, Tiara Nolden-Ellison, Deon Petty

### **HONORS 3.00 – 3.49 GRADE POINT**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Chase White-Moore

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Shawntrell Mixon

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Akila Finch-Spruell

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Reagan Horton, Autumn Luna

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Morgan Shareef

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Leyla Matthews, Ronald Woods

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Elizabeth Allen, Taivon Carter, Aysen Myers

## Powerful Martin Luther King Jr. Quotes, Still Relevant and True for Today:

“**Faith** is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.”

“To be a Christian without **prayer** is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

“Only in the darkness can you see the stars.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.”

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

“There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love.”

“The time is always right to do the right thing.”

“Free at last, free at last, Thank God almighty we are free at last.”

“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend.”

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”

“Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”

“Find a voice in a whisper.”

“We shall overcome.”

“You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.”



## **Update on California fires – Jan. 13, 2025**

Dear friends in Christ,

I want to give you another update on the situation in California. I spoke with Pastor Steve Gabb of Hope Lutheran in Los Angeles this morning. So far, our congregations and members in the LA area are safe from the fires. We thank God for this good news!

Pastor Gabb and the members of Hope are working with other community organizations to aid those displaced by the fires. They are basing their efforts at the Hope Lutheran campus. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has provided grants totaling \$6,000 to be used to purchase gift cards and other supplies to share with those in need.

I have also authorized a gift of \$5,000 to Direct Relief, an organization that specializes in medical assistance in disaster situations. You can learn more about what they do by visiting [directrelief.org](http://directrelief.org).

If you would like to support our efforts in the LA area, please visit [wels.net/cargift](http://wels.net/cargift) and designate your gift for disaster relief. You can also mail a check to:

WELS Christian Aid and Relief  
N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53188

Please pray for all those impacted by this fire: displaced people, firefighters and other first responders, volunteers, and government leaders. They all have a lot on their plate. Pray also for our WELS brothers and sisters in LA who are sharing the compassion of Christ in both words and actions.

Thanks so much for your prayers and your support! You are a blessing to so many!

In Christ our compassionate Savior,

Pastor Dan Sims  
Director, WELS Christian Aid and Relief

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**TO FRIENDS AND VISITORS**

*This is the house of God. In His Name we welcome each and every person. May His Word bring you closer to your Savior, assuring you of the forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus' death and resurrection.*

*If you are without a church home or have recently moved to the area, our pastor will be happy to call on you or answer your questions about church membership. If you are burdened with sorrow or trouble, we invite you to call on the pastor at any time.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*St. Philip's congregation supports and maintains a Christian Day School for the thorough training of the whole child. We want each child to know, not only how to deal with this life, but to know their Savior and prepare for eternal life. The school is called St. Philip's Lutheran School and is located at 3012 N. Holton Street.*

**School Office Phone: 414-263-7614**

**Church Office Phone: 414-263-1373**

**Church Service – 10:30AM**

**Bible Class – 9:30AM**