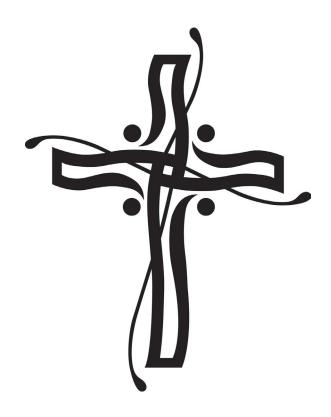
November 24, 2024 Christ the King Sunday



St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church Milwaukee, Wisconsin

"St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School"

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<u>Pastor:</u> Raymond Kimbrough <u>Principal:</u> Jason Schapekahm

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 regarding St. Philip's Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373 or 414-254-6093. For information on our K4 – 8th grade Christian day school please contact our Principal, Jason Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

LIVE LIKE YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER

LIVE WITH YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY

"Eyes on the prize." That axiom stresses that when pursuing some good goal, focus is important. You don't want distractions or a lack of self-discipline to keep you from obtaining whatever that prize might be. "Eyes on the prize." You summon the willpower to fixate on that good thing. You let nothing divert your attention from obtaining the prize.

The prize that we want most is spending eternity with Jesus. As the Church Year comes to a close, Jesus promises that he will come again "in clouds with great power and glory" to give us that prize. That prize will be so unbelievably good, it is worth fixating on. It merits our striving to set aside all that would distract us from Christ. Let us be ready. Let us keep watch. Let us live with our eyes on the skies.



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**





The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Daniel 7:13–14

¹³"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

St. Philip's Lutheran School Children – "You Are Worthy of My Praise"

REFRAIN

I will give you all my worship. I will give you all my praise. You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will worship (I will worship) With all of my heart (with all of my heart). I will praise you (I will praise you) With all of my strength (all my strength).

I will seek you (I will seek you. All of my days (all of my days), And I will follow (I will follow) All of your ways (all your ways). REFRAIN

I will bow down (I will bow down) And hail you as king (and hail you as king), And I will serve you (I will serve you) Give you everything (give you everything).

I will lift up (I will lift up) My eyes to your throne (my eyes to your throne). And I will trust you (I will trust you) I will trust you alone (trust in you alone).

REFRAIN

I will worship (I will worship) With all of my heart (with all of my heart). I will praise you (I will praise you) With all of my strength (all my strength).

I will seek you (I will seek you. All of my days (all of my days), And I will follow (I will follow) All of your ways (all your ways).

REFRAIN (2X)

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

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7"Look, he is coming with the clouds,"
and "every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him";
and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."
So shall it be! Amen.
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⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 11:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 18:33–37

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" ³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Please rise for the final stanza.



- 1 Crown him with man y crowns,
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love—
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n,

the Lamb up - on his throne; be - hold his hands and side, who tri-umphed o'er the grave en - throned in worlds a - boye:



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own. rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save. crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing
No an - gel in the sky
His glo - ries now we sing
Crown him with man - y crowns

of him who died for thee, can ful - ly bear that sight, who died and rose on high, as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty. but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys-ter - ies so bright. who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die. crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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Sermon Text – John 18:33-37 (Gospel)

Sermon Theme - "Christ's Kingdom of Truth"

Introduction:

What does it mean to belong to a kingdom "not of this world"?

- 1. Pilate's Kingdom Earthly power and compromise. Verses 33-34
- 2. Christ's Kingdom Truth, grace, and eternal life. Verses 35-36
- 3. Living as Citizens of Christ's Kingdom Trusting in Jesus and proclaiming His truth to the world. Verse 37

Conclusion: The kingdom of truth is ours through faith in Christ.

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Offering to the Lord

Please place your offerings in the basket at the back of church. Online giving is also available from our website or click this link: https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing.

General Prayer

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.

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

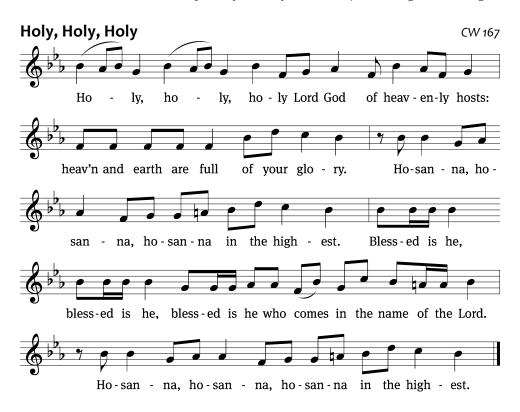
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

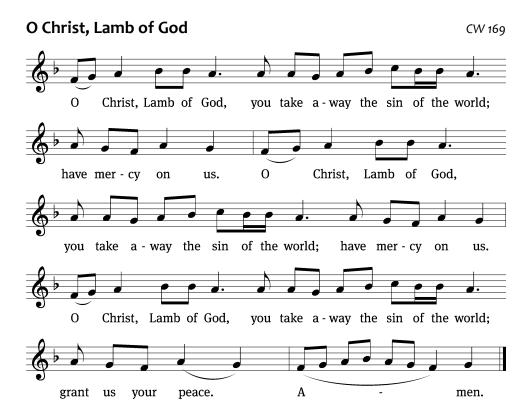


Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



Distribution

During Distribution – Soloist – Willie Mae Reynolds – It is Well With My Soul

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.**

St. Philip's Lutheran School Children sing "The Blessing"

Oh, may the peace of God be with you evermore, And may the pow'r of his great love your soul again restore, And may you always know his neverending care And feel his gracious Spirit upon you ev'ry where.

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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Soloist Willie Mae Reynolds

In Our Prayers

Judi Tevich Kitty Henderson
Natasha McCants Melvin Reed

Glen & Beth Thompson Mary Hampton's niece

Next Week: December 1, 2024
Lay Reader: Thomas McNeal
Organ: Nicole Cottman

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

Wednesday, November 27 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:00PM

Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29 – NO SCHOOL

Sunday, December 1 Bible Class 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

LOOKING AHEAD:

Saturday, December 7 Special Congregational Meeting 10AM

(More details to follow)

Thursday, December 19 School Children Christmas Service 6:00PM

Sunday, December 22 Christmas Carol Song Service

Church Christmas Party follows worship

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30AM

Call Returned:

Dear Members of St. Philip's,

We would like to thank you for providing us the opportunity to consider the divine calls to serve at St. Philip's. After much thoughtful prayer and deliberation, my wife and I are respectfully returning our calls. My wife and I appreciate those who took some time to reach out and talk with us. We will continue to keep St. Philip's in our prayers and trust that the Lord will continue to provide workers for his harvest field.

In Christ, Seth and Chandra Lange

OFFERING UPDATE			
	Week	Month	July to Date
	<u>11/11-11/17</u>	<u>November</u>	2024-2025
Budget	\$ 3,584.91	\$ 10,754.72	\$ 71,698.11
Actual	\$ 4,302.54	\$ 8,879.24	\$ 54,163.44
Over (Under)	\$ 717.83	(\$ 1,875.48)	(\$ 17,534.67)

Please place your offerings in the box at the back of church.

Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:

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CANDY BAGS

We would once again like to fill candy bags to give to the children after their Christmas program in December. We need cash donations to help cover the cost of the candy and other items. Please mark your donation "candy bags" and place your gift in the offering box at church or turn in at the school office. We will also gladly accept donations of the following items: Apples, Oranges, individually wrapped Candy and Candy Canes. All donations should be brought in by December 9th. Thanks!



Where Success Means More

WLHS Winter Chamber Ensembles Concert—Everyone is invited to the winter chamber ensemble concert on Thursday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. A variety of genres, including popular, jazz, and familiar Christmas season tunes will be performed by small instrumental ensembles, Jubilation Handbells, One Accord, and the Wisco Kids Show Choir. Seating is general admission with a free-will door offering. The concert will also be livestreamed at wlhs.org/livestream.

WLHS Christmas Market—Everyone is invited to the WLHS Christmas Market on Saturday, December 7, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. in the WLHS Atrium. Handcrafted items such as ornaments, jewelry, canned goods, and more will be for sale. Maker stations for creating your own crafts will also be available.

WLHS Winter Band Concert—The Wisconsin Lutheran High School band department will present their Winter Concert on Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend. The concert will also be livestreamed at wlhs.org/livestream.

WLHS Job Opening: Director of Alumni Relations—Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking to hire a director of alumni relations to work in the mission advancement office. This position is responsible for nurturing alumni engagement through volunteering, events, and financial support. Experience in fundraising is a plus. Interested candidates should submit a resume to https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/10.1001/jour

WLHS Job Opening: Attendance Office Assistant—Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking to hire an Attendance Office Assistant. This position is staffed when school is in session. This person is responsible for ensuring that student attendance is properly recorded in the system, speaking with parents regarding student absences, interacting with students and teachers and enforcing attendance policies. If you are interested in this position, please submit a resume to hr@wlhs.org.

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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