



***Pilgrim
Lutheran
Church &
School***

Green Bay

1731 St. Agnes
Drive

Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

7:45 & 9:00 AM

Contemporary

10:30 AM

Suamico

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Worship

Sunday

9:00 AM

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Traditional

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023



Stewards of the Gospel in Every Age

Welcome to all who gather to worship the LORD this day!

Please sign your name in the Attendance pad at the end of the pew, or register online via the QR code on the right. If you are a guest, please take one of the visitor bags at the *Welcome Center* counter at the front entrance.

As We Gather

Why do the Beatitudes resonate with us? Yes, we who follow Christ are poor in spirit, we hunger for righteousness, and we know some persecution; but so do others, those who follow other gods. The difference is that, at the deepest level, God has promised blessings while we experience all those human emotions and take what action we think best. Those blessings come to us by grace, simply because God has chosen us, without any merit or worthiness in us. We are not worthy, just as God's Old Testament people did not merit His attention, but we and they received it nonetheless. God has chosen to make us worthy by sending His Son in our place. In today's Readings, He explains that the cross of Christ and the message of the Gospel is the greatest gift to mankind in every age. We live as stewards of these great gifts in an age that desperately needs them!

Call to Worship: "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" - Pilgrim Bells

Welcome

Memory Verse of the Month: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4

Opening Hymn: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" #906

Invocation

Pastor: *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 15; antiphon—Psalm 16:1*

Pastor: *Preserve me, O God,*

People: **for in you I take refuge.**

Pastor: *O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?*

People: **Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**

Pastor: *He who walks blamelessly and does what is right*

People: and speaks truth in his heart;

Pastor: *who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,*

People: nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

Pastor: *in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;*

People: who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

Pastor: *who does not put out his money at interest and
does not take a bribe against the innocent.*

People: He who does these things shall never be moved.

Pastor: *Preserve me, O God,*

People: for in you I take refuge.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: *Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: *We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise: "In Thee Is Gladness" #818

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: *Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

Old Testament: *Micah 6:1–8* (The Lord indicts Israel, reminds them of His care, and asks for justice and kindness.)

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1:18–31* (Stewards of the Gospel serve in every age.)

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *(p. 156)*

♪ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5:1–12* (Jesus explains that God’s blessings abound for people of faith no matter their circumstances.)

Pastor: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.*

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: “Rock of Ages” #761

Sermon: “Stewards of the Gospel in Every Age” *by Pastor Malme*

Apostles’ Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: *Let us pray for all people who call out to God in their distress. For our brothers and sisters who are poor in spirit because of outside oppression or personal problems, that God would remind them of their heavenly citizenship, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: **Bless them for Jesus’ sake, O Lord.**

Pastor: *For those who mourn, [including . . .], that by their faith in Christ’s resurrection they would be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: **Bless them for Jesus’ sake, O Lord.**

Pastor: *For those who are meek as they thirst for righteousness, that God would provide security and justice for all, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: *For those who reflect the mercy of God as they tend to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those under their care, that God would give them wisdom and strength, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: *For those who single-mindedly focus on sharing God's peace with conflicted people around them, that God would keep them strong in faith to use every opportunity at their disposal, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: *For the Church wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament, that God would alleviate persecution they may be enduring and let the Church grow in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: *For the sanctity of life and the ministry of Lutherans for Life, that God would move all people to cherish life at every age and support those who serve the church through Lutherans for Life, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: *For ourselves in every difficulty, that God would remind us of Christ's having done in our stead all that He calls us to do, let us pray to the Lord.*

People: Bless us for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

Pastor: *To You alone, O Father, be all the glory, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

Offering: *“Coins for Christ” is an important part of the Mission funding at Pilgrim. Through this program all loose coins in the offering plate are donated to a mission project. During January, “Coins for Christ” is supporting Lutherans for Life.*

As the offerings are received, *please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Pilgrim Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord's Day.*

Offering Hymn: “Son of God, Eternal Savior” #842.

The Lord's Supper

Preface

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in this Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Celebrating the presence and forgiveness of Jesus, prepare our hearts to receive His gifts in repentant faith today. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face, and hear us now as we pray together the prayer He taught us to pray ...*

The 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (*The Peace of the Lord*)

Pastor: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: **And also with you.**

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) - (*p. 163 in front of hymnal*)

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns:

“Your Table I Approach” #628

“O God of God, O Light of Light” #810

“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” #848

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor: *Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of sins forgiven in this Sacrament. Grant us to know Your accompanying presence as we leave, so that, strong in faith, our thoughts, words, and deeds will reflect Your great love and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: “Lift High the Cross” #837

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper and confess that we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and are united intimately with Him and each other in a holy faith fellowship.

Because of our concern for all who receive the Sacrament here (1 Cor. 11:27-30) and since receiving the Supper is also a confession of faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17), any who are not instructed, in doubt, or have not communed here before are requested to talk with a pastor before communing. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available for those in need; please discuss this with the pastor. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion in the pew, please inform an usher.

Micah 6:1-8

The Indictment of the LORD

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, For the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

What Does the LORD Require?

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”