



***Pilgrim
Lutheran
Church &
School***

Green Bay

1731 St. Agnes
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Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

7:45 & 9:00 AM

Contemporary

10:30 AM

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Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church Contemporary Worship

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
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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!

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 Song

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees;
Oh Spirit, come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things;
Oh Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;
let us not lift our souls to another.
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;
let us not lift our souls to another.

O God, let us be a generation that seeks,
that seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.
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that seeks Your face, O God of Jacob. **Repeat song**

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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

Prayer of the Day

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

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1:18–31* (Paul reminds us that we are stewards of the Gospel in every age.)

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

Theme Song

ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope.
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart. **Repeat**

We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

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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

Offerings: *“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 Song

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You.

It is you, Lord, who came to save the heart and soul of every man.
It is You, Lord, who knows my weakness; gives me strength with thine own hand.

Lead me on Lord, from temptation purify me from within.
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit; take away all my sin.

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✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Prayer of Preparation and Lord’s Prayer

People: 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.**

Communion Songs

BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Chorus: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. **Chorus**

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God! **Chorus**

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. **Chorus**

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **Chorus**

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Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **Chorus**

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LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free, Holiness is Christ in me. **Chorus**

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. **Chorus 2x**
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

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Post-Communion Prayer

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 Song

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name. **Repeat**

Chorus: Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. **Chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Faultless to stand before the throne. **Chorus 2x**

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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.”