



***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

2999 Lakeview Dr.

Worship

Sunday

9:00 AM

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Traditional

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church
Order of Worship
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023



"Cross" Current

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

Some of the central people in the Gospel narratives we get to know by name; others we do not. Although the man born blind is a major person in John 9, we never learn what his name might be. We meet his parents and his neighbors and we meet the Pharisees to whom he tells the story of the miraculous restoration of his sight. Although we do not learn his name, Jesus said of the man born blind that the works of God were displayed in him. As the One brightening our lives with the light of salvation, Jesus brings a new vision to our lives—an eternal vision of life with God that never ends. God knows our names. He directs the cross currents of our daily lives. In His light we see light—and that is what matters!

Call to Worship (7:45, 9:00) “O Dearest Jesus” - Pilgrim Bells

Welcome

Memory Verse of the Month: “I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1-2)

Opening Hymn: “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” #435

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 142; antiphon—v. 5*

Pastor: *I cry to you, O LORD;*

People: **I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”**

Pastor: *With my voice I cry out to the LORD;*

People: **with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.**

Pastor: *I pour out my complaint before him;*

People: **I tell my trouble before him.**

Pastor: *When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!*

People: **In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.**

Pastor: *Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;*

People: **no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.**

Pastor: *I cry to you, O LORD;*

People: **I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."**

Pastor: *Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!*

People: **Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!**

Pastor: *Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!*

People: **The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.**

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.

Pastor: *I cry to you, O LORD;*

People: **I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: *Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.*

People: **Eternal God, we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

Pastor: *God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.*

People: **Amen.**

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament: *Isaiah 42:14–21* (The Lord turns darkness into light.)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *Ephesians 5:8–14* (Walking as children of the light)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: *John 9:1–41* (Jesus heals a man who had been born blind.)

Pastor: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth 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: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #425

Sermon: “Eyes to See” by Pastor Michael Hanson

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: *Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.*

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown

forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

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 March, “Coins for Christ” is supporting **Lutheran Heritage Foundation**.

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: “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” #729

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.**

Proper Preface

Pastor: *It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:*

Sanctus (p. 195)

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God—p. 198)

♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns:

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” #697

“The God of Abraham Praise” #798

“The Lamb” #547

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor: *Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may walk as children of the light, and, sharing that kindly light, proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day, and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son 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: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #849

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.

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

John 9:1-41

¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a

Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."