



***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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 2023



The Dawn of a New Day

Welcome to all who gather to worship the Lord this day! Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church! Please extend a word of friendship to those sitting near you.

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

When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution? Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.

Call to Worship: (7:45, 9:00) "Glory to God" - Pilgrim Choir

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: "God, Whose Almighty Word" #979

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 27; antiphon—v. 1*

Pastor: *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: *When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,*
People: my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
 Pastor: *Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;*
People: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
 Pastor: *One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:*
People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
 Pastor: *For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;*
People: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
 Pastor: *And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;*
People: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
 Pastor: *Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;*
People: be gracious to me and answer me!
 Pastor: *You have said, "Seek my face."*
People: My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
 Pastor: *Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,*
People: O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
 Pastor: *For my father and my mother have forsaken me,*
People: but the LORD will take me in.
 Pastor: *Teach me your way, O LORD,*
People: and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
 Pastor: *Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;*
People: for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
 Pastor: *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD*
People: in the land of the living!
 Pastor: *Wait for the LORD;*
People: be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! 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: *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*
People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Opening Sentences *1 Corinthians 1:18; Psalm 27:14*

Pastor: *The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,*
People: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
 Pastor: *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;*
People: wait for the LORD!

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: *St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Let us respond by confessing our sins and asking our Lord’s forgiveness.*

People: **Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior’s gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

Pastor: *“For 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.” Be assured that through Jesus’ blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. As a fellow redeemed servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, I announce to you all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #411

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: *Let us pray.*

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 9:1–4 (Light and joy will replace gloom and sadness.)*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (There should not be divisions in the one Church.)*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 4:12–25 (In Galilee, Jesus calls the first four disciples.)*

Pastor: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth 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: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” #851

Sermon: “Heavenly Treasure” by *Vicar Dante Pronsati*

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.

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 Music: (5:00) “All Night, All Day” - Kindergarten
(7:45, 9:00) “Lord of All Good” #786

Recognition of Years in Ministry

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, that God’s light would shine through us, attracting many who still walk in the darkness of their own making, and uniting in faith and confession all who trust in Christ their Lord.

People: **Light of the world, use Your Church to enlighten those who live in this world’s darkness, and enable our brothers and sisters to find in their Savior the true source of peace and concord.**

Pastor: *Let us pray for governments local and national, that God would open leaders’ eyes to see opportunities for peace between nations and safety and concord among their citizens.*

People: **Light come to us from above, we ask that You guide, protect, and defend elected officials, police in our communities, and troops deployed, that peace may break out and the Church may prosper.**

Pastor: *Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [including . . .]. Lord Jesus,*

People: **source of light and health and peace, hear the prayers of all who call to You in their illnesses, sorrows, and grief. Shine on them in blessings and peace so that faith may remain firm until it is replaced by sight.**

Pastor: *Let us pray for expectant parents, helpful counselors, and resourceful agencies as they seek to help families be nurseries of growth in body, soul, and mind.*

People: **By Your gracious visitation, give them strength, increase their love, and provide unexpected joy in their service to You and the people around them.**

Pastor: *Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

People: **Amen.**

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.

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: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" #782





Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
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God made wild animals and livestock.

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God said, "Let there be light."

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God gathered the waters under the sky into one place.

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God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky."

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God created plants and trees.

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God separated the light from the darkness.

God made the water teem with living creatures.

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God made the sun and moon.

God made birds fly above the earth.

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God made stars.

God created mankind in his own image.

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God _ _ aw all tha _ _ he _ _ ad ma _ _ e, an _ _ _ t was ve _ _ y g _ _ od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, fifth, fourth, fourth, fifth, sixth, God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Isaiah 9:1-4

For to Us a Child Is Born

9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Divisions in the Church

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

¹⁸ For 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.

Matthew 4:12-25

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.