



***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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Worship

Sunday

9:00 AM

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Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church
Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2022



Vengeance and Joy

Welcome to all who gather to worship the Lord this day! The third Sunday of Advent focuses on joy. “Rejoice in the Lord always,” says the apostle Paul (Philippians 4:4). With gladness, we welcome you to worship.

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

Advent is a most joyful time and a time for great praise of our God. Today is the “joyful Sunday” in Advent. With Mary’s beautiful song, the Magnificat, we exult that God has “done great things” and that “His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation” (*LSB*, pp. 248–49). With Mary, we rejoice that God “has shown strength with His arm” especially to those who are lowly and humbled. In his paraphrase of the Magnificat, hymnwriter Stephen Starke invites us to “Sing the greatness of the Lord” and “With praise and blessing Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy” (*LSB* 933:1). There is so much joy in Advent—it simply must be shared!

Welcome

Memory Verse of the Month: “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

Opening Song

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died **Chorus**

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
Til the stone was moved for good
For the Lamb has conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me **Chorus**

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 100; 118:24*

Pastor: *This is the day that the LORD has made;*

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Pastor: *Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Pastor: *Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 146*

Pastor: *Praise the LORD!*

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Pastor: *I will praise the LORD as long as I live;*

People: **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: *Put not your trust in princes,*

People: **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

Pastor: *When his breath departs he returns to the earth;*

People: **on that very day his plans perish.**

Pastor: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,*

People: **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

Pastor: *who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*

People: **who keeps faith forever;**

Pastor: *who executes justice for the oppressed,*

People: **who gives food to the hungry.**

Pastor: *The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;*

People: **the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

Pastor: *The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,*

People: **but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Pastor: *The LORD will reign forever,*

People: **your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise 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.

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament: *Isaiah 35:1–10* (The desert shall rejoice and blossom.)

Epistle: *James 5:7–11* (An encouragement to wait for the Lord with patience)

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 11:2–15* (Jesus speaks about John the Baptist.)

Theme Song

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;

'til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Sermon: "Patient Joy" *by Pastor*

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.

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 December, "Coins for Christ" is supporting **N.E.W. Lutheran High School.***

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

OPEN OUR EYES, LORD

Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus,

To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, And help us to listen,

Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus. **Repeat**

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: *Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray..*

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.

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

BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You. Oh, we live for you.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You.

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You, open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me. **Repeat Song**

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone
 And I will not be shaken. **Repeat, then Chorus**

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Seeking the story
 Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

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“Today in the town of David a _____
 has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Answer: Savior



Prayer Ministry is available for you immediately following today's service in the front of church.

Isaiah 35:1-10

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5:7-11

Patience in Suffering

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As

an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Matthew 11:2-15

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.