

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
Whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin trusting in the abundant grace of God.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Holy God,

You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~O Zion, Haste~~ELW #668

O Zion, haste, your mis-sion high
ful-fill-ing,
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That he who made all na-tions in not
will-ing

One soul should per-ish, lost in shades of
night.

Refrain:

Pub-lish glad tid-ings, tid-ings of peace,
tid-ings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion, and
re-lease.

Pub-lish to ev-'ry peo-ple, tongue, and
na-tion

That God, in whom they live and move, is
love;

Tell how he stooped and save his lost
cre-a-tion

And died on earth that we might live
a-bove.

Refrain:

Pub-lish glad tid-ings, tid-ings of peace,
tid-ings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion, and
re-lease.

He comes a-gain! O Zion, ere you meet
him,

Make known to ev-'ry heart his sav-ing
grace;

Let none whom he has ran-somed fail to
greet him,

Through your ne-glect, un-fit to see his
face.

Refrain:

Pub-lish glad tid-ings, tid-ings of peace,
tid-ings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion, and
re-lease.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE~~~~ELW #147

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the
unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord have mercy

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**All: Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have me-rcy on us; you are seat-ed
at the right hand of the Father: re-ceive our prayer.**

**For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,you a-lone are the most High,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings
and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow
you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

READINGS

First Lesson: *A reading from 1 Samuel 3:1-20*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am,

for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:43-51

Glory to you O Lord

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote,

Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.”⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Will You Come and Follow Me~~ELW #798

“Will you come and fol-low me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know
And nev-er be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blind-ed see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris’ners free
And ne-ver be the same?
Will you kiss the le-per clean,
And do such as this un-seen,
And ad-mit to what I mean
In you and you in me?”

“Will you leave your-self be-hind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And ne-ver be the same?
Will you risk the hos-tile stare,
Should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you let me an-swer pray’er
In you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you—you hide,
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear in-side
And ne-ver be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
To re-shape the world a-round,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?”

Lord, your sum-mons ech-oes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and fol-low you
And ne-ver be the same.

In your com-pa-ny I'll go
Where your love and foot-steps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us O God....

Your mercy is great

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY HYMN~~We Are an Offering~~ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us; like a mother receives her child, with arms and open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving~~Holy, Holy, Holy~~ELW pg 153

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ Jesus,

At this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN~~Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise~~ELW #207

Thankful hearts and voices raise;

Tell everyone what God has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of Thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~Songs of Thankfulness and Praise~~ELW #310

Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise,

Je-sus, Lord to thee we raise;

Man-i-fest-ed by the star

To the sa-ges from a-far,

Branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem

In thy birth at Beth-le-hem:

An-thems be to thee ad-dressed,

God in flesh made man-i-fest.

Man-i-fest at Jor-dan's stream,

Proph-et, priest, and king su-preme;

And at Ca-na wed-ding guest

In thy God-head man-i-fest;

Man-i-fest in pow'r di-vine,

Chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine;

An-thems be to thee ad-dressed,

God in flesh made man-i-fest.

Man-i-fest in mak-ing whole
Weak-ened bo-dy, faint-ing soul;
Man-i-fest in val-iant fight,
Quell-ing all the dev-il's might;
Man-i-fest in gra-cious will,
Ev-er bring-ing good from ill;
An-thems be to thee ad-dressed,
God in flesh made man-i-fest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Pres-ent in thy ho-ly word;
Grace to im-i-tate thee now
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might be-come like thee
At thy great e-piph-a-ny,
And may praise thee, ev-er blest,
God in flesh make man-i-fest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet January 20 at 4 pm.

Thank you everyone for following the governor's directive wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and refraining from singing. You are invited to hum along with the hymns. We appreciate your cooperation in curbing the spread of Covid-19.

Annual congregational meeting is January 31 after worship. We will live stream this. For comments please call Pastor Short's cellphone during the meeting. We will give more information as the time draws nearer.

We are supporting our local food bank by the Saints and Angels food challenge, to see who can raise the most food and/or money. Each dollar given is worth a pound of food. If you would like, please help your team by sending in some money or stop by and drop off cans of food. Those with the last name starting with: A, E, G, J, K, M, O, Q, S, T, V, X and Y are ANGELS. Those with the last name starting with: B, C, D, F, H, I, L, N, P, R, U, W, Z you are a SAINT.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!