

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright~~ELW #308
Verses 1, 3, 4 and 6 only**

**O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and
light,
a-glow with grace and mer-cy!
Of Ja-cob's line, King Da-vid's son,
our Lord and Sav-ior, you have won
our hearts to serve you on-ly!
Low-ly, ho-ly!
Great and glo-rious, all vic-to-rious,
rich in bless-ing!
Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!**

**Lord, when you look on us in love,
At once there falls from God a-bove
a ray of pur-est plea-sure.
Your word and spir-it, flesh and blood
Re-fresh our souls with heav'n-ly food.
You are our dear-est trea-sure!
Let your mer-cy
Warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!
For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached
us.**

**Al-might-y Fa-ther, in your Son
you loved us, when not yet be-gun
was this old Earth's foun-da-tion!
Your Son has ran-somed us in love
to live in him here and a-bove:
This is your great sal-va-tion.
Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the liv-ing, to us giv-ing
life for-ev-er,
keeps us yours and fails us nev-er!**

**What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the begin-ning!
He will one day, Oh, glor-ious grace,
Trans-port us to that hap-py place
Be-yond all tears and sin-ning!
A-men! A-men!
Come, Lord Je-sus! Crown of glad-ness!
We are yearn-ing
For the day of your re-turn-ing.**

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

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Let us read Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶ **He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honour;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰ **Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

¹² **and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.**

A reading from 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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 Mark 1:14-20
Glory to you O Lord

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult~~ELW #696

Je-sus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Chris-tian follow me.

As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Gal-i-lean lake, turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leaving all for Je-sus' sake.

Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the vain world's gold-en store, from each i-dol that would keep us, saying, "Chris-tian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasure, "Christian, love me more than these."

Je-sus calls us! By your me-rcy, Sa-vior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o-be-dience, serve and love you best of all.

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 INSITUTION

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 #543

“Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing,
Ne-ver a-lone.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you,
You are my own.

In my love’s bap-tis-mal riv-er

I have made you mine for-ev-er.

Go, my chil-dren with my bless-ing,
You are my own.”

“Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en,
At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much
I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s sto-ry
Here you touched him, saw his glo-ry.
Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en,
At peace and pure.”

“Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished,
Clos-er to me.

Grow in love and love by serv-ing,
Joy-ful and free.

Here my Spir-it’s pow-er filled you,
Here my ten-der com-fort stilled you.

Go, my child-ren, fed and nour-ished,
Joy-ful and free.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation will meet January 27 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!