

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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INVOCATION AND CANDLES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn~~God Bless Our Native Land~~ELW #891

My country tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture fills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God to, Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:



▣ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ▣ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.



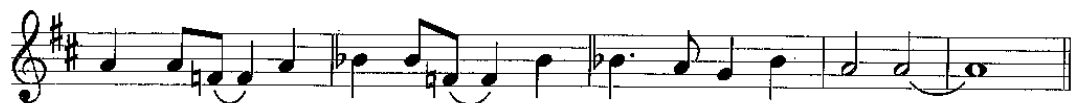
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



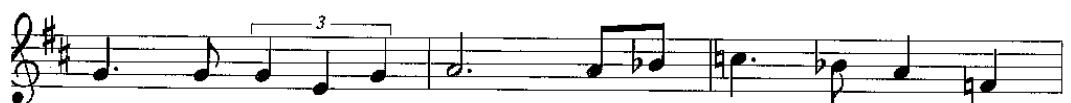
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READINGS

A reading from Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me: O mortal,² stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation² of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 123 responsively

¹ To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴ **Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

A reading from 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

¹I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf **I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to**

boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 6:1-3

Glory to you O Lord

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power

are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary² and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence² at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~O Beautiful For Spacious Skies~~#888

O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies,
For am-ber waves of grain,
For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties
A-bove the fruit-ed plain;
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with broth-er-hood
From sea to shin-ing sea.

O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved
In lib-er-at-ing strife,
Who more than self their coun-try loved,
And mer-cy more than life;

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca!
May God thy gold re-fine,
Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness,
And ev-'ry gain di-vine.

O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream
That sees be-yond the years
Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam,
Undimmed by hu-man tears:
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca!
God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,
Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol,
Thy lib-er-ty in law.

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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

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"

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 we 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

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body of the life of the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of steadfast love,
 At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
 Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us
 new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN: “Beloved, Let us Love One Another”

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~~Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory~~ELW #890

Mine eyes have seen the glo-ry
 of the com-ing of the Lord;
 He is tram-pling out the vin-tage
 Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He has loosed the fate-ful light-ning
 Of his ter-ri-ble swift sword:
 His truth is march-ing on.
 Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 His truth is march-ing on.

He has sound-ed forth the trum-pet
 That shall nev-er call re-treat;
 He is sift-ing out the hearts of men
 Be-fore his judg-ment seat.
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an-swer him;
 Be ju-bi-lant, my feet!
 Our God is march-ing on.
 Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 His truth is march-ing on.

**In the beau-ty of the lil-ies
Christ was born a-cross the sea,
With a glo-ry in his bos-om
That trans-fig-ures you and me.
As he died to make men ho-ly,
Let us live to make men free,**

**While God is march-ing on.
Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
Glo-ry, glo-ry! Hal-le-lu-jah!
His truth is march-ing on.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Hours: Wednesday-Friday 9-12

THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

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