

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~~O Day of Rest and Gladness~~ELW #521

**O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
sent Spirit forth from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a three-fold light was giv'n.**

Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.

We sing to you our praises,
O Father, spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

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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;



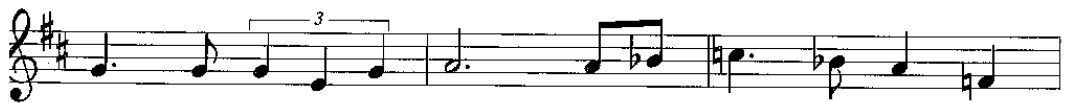
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

A reading from Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

²⁴Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

¹⁴ ‘Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.’

¹⁶ Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Let us read Psalm 34:15-22 responsively

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ **The LORD is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

²⁰ **He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²² **The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

A reading from Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our² struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these,² take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,² ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 John 6:51-58

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.’ ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’*

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

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~A Mighty Fortress~~ELW #504

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight,
On earth he has no equal.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word sub-dues him.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

God's word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God him-self fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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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.

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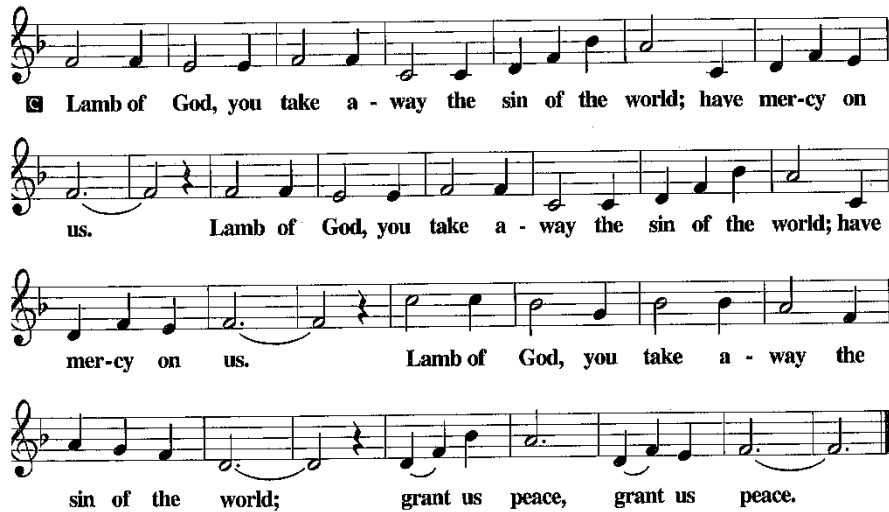
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



☐ 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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~~Sent Forth By God's Blessing~~ELW #547

Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith conf-ess-ing,
 The peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
 The supper is ended. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
 The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls reaching,
 Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 Your grace shall in-cite us, Your love shall u-nite us
 To work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ev-er-liv-ing,
The task of our ev'ry-day life we will face—
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing God's children, the whole hu-man race.

With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Hours: Wednesday-Friday 9-12

Starting August 26, hours for the secretary will be from 3-5 pm.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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