

# God's People Gather Celebration Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## WORSHIP THEME

Today we celebrate the privilege of being together as brothers and sisters in Christ. In song, scripture, sermon, and sacrament we are reminded of the wonderful blessings that are ours when God's People Gather.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Preacher**

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

**Liturgical Ensemble**

Amy Balza, Jon Balza, Andy Braun,  
Bill Lambrecht, Greg Lyon, David Porth

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# CELEBRATION SUNDAY

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## OPENING DIALOGUE

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: I was glad when they said to me,

**C: Let us go to the house of the Lord!**

M: That you would allow us to gather in worship not out of duty but with joy and delight,

**C: We praise you, Lord!**

M: That you would bring us to a place where you promise to meet your people,

**C: We praise you, Lord!**

M: For the blessing of seeing the sacred symbols of your house and the mutual encouragement found in seeing one another,

**C: We praise you, Lord!**

M: For being with us in all places and through all situations, and bringing together as members of one body of Christ,

**C: We praise you, Lord!**

## OPENING HYMN

*Open, Lovely Doors | 912(1-3)*

Open, lovely doors, and let me come into God's house today!  
This is where great joys beset me more than I can sing or say.  
Here I view God's glorious face, see his light, receive his grace.

With a song I've come to greet you; come to me, dear Lord I pray.  
Where you let your people meet you Heaven's light is bright as day.  
Let my heart your heaven be; Savior, make your home in me.

You deserve my deepest rev'ence; sanctify me through and through.  
Let my worship in your presence clearly show my love for you.  
Lord of mercy, hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

*Please stand*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

M: God has called us to live as family. Yet, our love for God and for each other is not what it should be. Our priorities and choices are often flawed. But the power of God's love enables us to live a new life. Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*Silence for meditation*

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

M: God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and empowers us to be his people. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **HYMN**

*All People that on Earth Do Dwell | 233(1-2)*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, bless this family of believers gathered together in your name with your never failing mercy. Preserve us from that which would keep us apart. Bind us together with the bond of your love. Help us avoid whatever is harmful and wicked. And guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

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### FIRST MESSAGE

Psalm 27:4

*God's people love to gather in his house to worship him.*

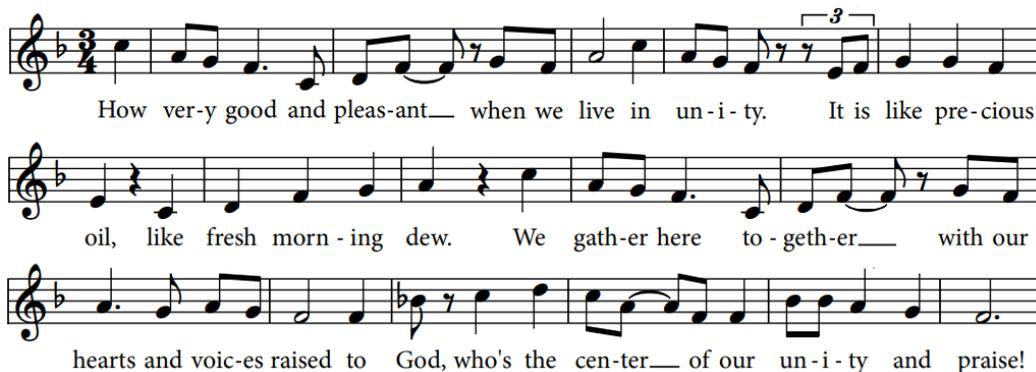
<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the LORD. This is what I seek: that I live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, and to seek him in his temple.



## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133

Choir:



How ver-y good and pleas-ant— when we live in un-i-ty. It is like pre-cious  
oil, like fresh morn-ing dew. We gath-er here to-geth-er— with our  
hearts and voic-es raised to God, who's the cen-ter— of our un-i-ty and praise!

Choir: Together, together we lift our voices to the Lord.  
Together, together we shout our praise to his name.

**ALL:** *Refrain*

Choir: Through water and his Word the Spirit makes us family.  
Salvation and new life are ours to share with everyone.

**ALL:** *Refrain*

Choir: You servants of the Lord, now in his house lift up your hands and praise  
the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

**ALL:** *Refrain*

## SECOND MESSAGE

Hebrews 10:23-25

*God's people love to gather to encourage one another.*

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. <sup>25</sup> Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## ANTHEM

## *I Have Been Anointed*

*Refrain – children, Refrain – children & choir, Refrain – congregation*

I have been a-noint - ed, with the song of the Lord! — A song of  
love and com-pas - sion, a song to set me free! God is my  
rock of sal-va - tion! A bea-con for my soul! Hal - le -  
lu jah! A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise to the  
rock and the well - spring, Cre - a - tor of — my soul!

My heart new darkness, My soul was filled with despair,  
Lifeless and silent no music anywhere,  
And then my Lord and companion, He filled my waiting soul:  
Hallelujah! For God has made me whole!

### **Refrain**

The Lord has called me to sing his word to the poor,  
Ring out his justice, his love forevermore;  
To preach with words of compassion, to feed the famished soul:  
Hallelujah! For God has made me whole!

### **Refrain**

Although I wandered down paths that lead to the grave,  
From sin and suffering my Lord was there to save;  
Wrapped in a garment of mercy, a Light to clothe my soul:  
Hallelujah! For God has made me whole!

**Refrain**

Death is no longer; now flows the fountain of love!  
Light leaps from darkness the wind of God above,  
The Spirit, blows through creation, and lifts my newborn soul:  
Hallelujah! For God has made me whole!

**Refrain**

**THIRD MESSAGE**

Matthew 26:26-28

*God's people love to gather to receive the Lord's Supper.*

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat, this is my body." <sup>27</sup> Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

**HYMN**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing | 318(1-2)*

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and 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.

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Almighty and eternal God, we give you humble and sincere thanks for the many blessings that you have bestowed on us. You have joined us to a family of believers in faith and love. We praise you especially for preserving us during this pandemic and gathering us together again today. We give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of this church, for your gracious Word, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers. Keep our congregation faithful to your Word and renew in us an eagerness to do your work. Guide our leaders and help us join them to serve and support the mission of your Church. For these great gifts...

**C: We thank and praise you, O Lord.**

M: Gracious Heavenly Father, you give us the gift of family and loved ones. Hear the prayers of those who call to you in every need. Let love and patience rule between husbands and wives, parents and children. Look with kindness on those who are homebound or remain isolated. Protect them and turn them from their fears in this world toward your Son in faith and hope. Restore our spirits each day by the power of the gospel, so we do not lose heart. Because you left behind the lasting legacy of your peace, sustain our homes with it and give safety to those under our roofs. For these great gifts...

**C: We thank and praise you, O Lord.**

M: Dear Christ our Savior, thank you for the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of your very body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink in bread and wine, that we obtain in faith what you won and declared: the forgiveness of sins. Keep us close to your table and to one another as we now receive your true body and blood. For these great gifts...

**C: We thank and praise you, O Lord.**

M: Holy Spirit, as we live life as strangers and pilgrims on earth, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power and receive us into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

*Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | 484(1-3)*

1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly  
Give to God our all, our best—  
Service hearty, thorough, honest,  
With a living love impressed.  
All our duty, all our striving,  
All our time to him belong;  
Praise him, then, with true devotion;  
Come before him with a song.

2 By his mercy, by his bounty,  
By the gift of Christ, his Son,  
What great goodness he has shown us,  
What high marvels he has done!  
Let us to him promptly, freely,  
Yield our bodies and our souls,  
Thankful that his love protects us,  
That his wisdom all controls.

3 Gracious Lord, accept our service  
For the sake of Christ, your Son;  
Lo, our hope abides now only  
In the righteousness he won.  
Bless and save us; help and guide us;  
Watch to comfort and restore  
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,  
Praising you forevermore.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

M: Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung your praise may glorify you in the world;  
That the ears which have heard you speak may be open to your Word and closed to  
hatred and discord; That the tongues which have confessed your name may always  
speak the truth without fear; That all of us who have worshiped together today may be  
united in true love for each other as you have loved us in Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING DIALOGUE**

M: For faith that has been fed and for grace that has been given,

**C: We thank you, Lord!**

M: For unity among God's people and giving us purpose in serving each other,

**C: We thank you, Lord!**

M: For gathering us today and encouraging us to keep doing so until your return,

**C: We thank you, Lord!**

M: For the benefits today has brought to our lives as we look forward to reaping the  
blessings in store for us in heaven,

**C: We thank you, Lord!**

# CLOSING HYMN

Oh, How Good It Is | 731(1-3)



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God  
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share  
3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand



dwells to - geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty.  
to re - joi - ce with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.  
to pre - fer one a - noth - er, for - give as he for - gives.



Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love  
For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace  
When we live as one we all share in the love



are the fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.  
when we of - fer the bles - sing of be - long - ing.  
of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

## *Refrain*



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one heart we'll



live out his Word. Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has



come for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.



Thank you for visiting today! We would love to get to know you so we can better serve your spiritual needs. Please take a moment to fill out a short questionnaire about your visit by following this QR code. Thank you! We hope to see you again soon!



If you would like to speak with Pastor Vanderhoof; or our school Principal, Kevin Klug; their contact information is on the back of your worship folder.



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# News N Notes

**Flowers are given** anonymously to the Glory of God in celebration of this special day and Pastor Vanderhoof's birthday. Happy birthday Pastor V!

**Men's Basketball Sunday Nights** Anyone 18 or older is invited to play men's basketball on Sunday nights. We start at 7:30pm and play until about 9:00pm. This is open-gym style basketball for fellowship, exercise, and fun. Contact Andy Steeno 414.708.1815 or Kevin Klug 920.253.7688 if you have any questions.

**The Helping 5-** The women's book club is sponsoring donations for Northside Lutheran Ministries throughout the month of October. Suggested donations include: paper plates, plastic silverware, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, body wash/soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, reading glasses. Please bring your donation to book club or to church and place in The Helping 5 tote. The Helping 5 is a monthly service project focusing on donating items which cost less than 5\$ to those in need.

**Trunk or Treat!** Pilgrim will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, 31 October from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. We're still in need of more volunteers to host trunks. If you would like to just host a trunk, Reaching can provide the candy through the generous support of other volunteers and Thrivent. Please sign up to volunteer either in the back of church or contact the office ([office@pilgrimcares.org](mailto:office@pilgrimcares.org) or 262-781-3520). Thank you!

**The Tabitha Society** will meet on Thursday, November 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at school. We will welcome Peter Georgson, the executive director of WELS Lutherans for Life. The goal of this organization is to protect a child's right to live and be loved by loving moms and dads. All women of Pilgrim are invited to come and hear about this important work. The hostesses for this meeting are June Bitney and Joan Schmick.

**Are you giving your weekly offerings electronically?** Please remember to log in when you enter offerings electronically – it makes it much easier for our financial team!

**Scrap-a-thon 30 on November 19 & 20.** All crafts welcome. For more info and to register for a table please contact Nancy Abel at [jabel4826@gmail.com](mailto:jabel4826@gmail.com) or Pat Knack at [bbox2go@yahoo.com](mailto:bbox2go@yahoo.com). Scrap-a-thon will take place on Friday November 19, from 6-10pm, and Saturday, November 20 from 10am-10pm and the cause is always Pilgrim!

**Volunteer Drivers Needed:** Kingdom Workers is assisting Children's Hospital to recruit volunteers in the Milwaukee area. Help is needed to transport children in foster care to and from school—an urgent need due to the bus driver shortage. Are you at least 21, have a valid driver's license, and auto insurance? Are you willing to help for a limited time? Times and days are determined by volunteer availability. Mileage is reimbursable. To volunteer, start by visiting [kingdomwrkrs.co/foster-support](http://kingdomwrkrs.co/foster-support) and completing the volunteer application.

**WLHS Fall Drama and Spaghetti and Songs**—On November 5-7, Wisconsin Lutheran High School brings to stage *Clue*, a mystery based on the iconic Hasbro board game. The production features two casts and will be held on Friday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 6, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. Purchase tickets online in advance for a discounted rate at [wlhs.org/drama](http://wlhs.org/drama). Tickets may also be purchased at the door before each performance. Everyone is also invited to Spaghetti and Songs on Friday, November 5, before the drama production. Food will be served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Meal tickets can be purchased at the door \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, children 3 and under free.

**WLHS Veterans Day Observance**—Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Thursday, November 11. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary plated breakfast that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:00am RSVP for the breakfast by Monday, November 1, online at [wlhs.org/veterans](http://wlhs.org/veterans). For questions, contact Becky Glass at [becky.glass@wlhs.org](mailto:becky.glass@wlhs.org). Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the WLHS main gymnasium at 8:30am Alumnus Major General Johnny K. Davis ('87) US Army Commanding General, US Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, will return as keynote speaker. The presentation will also be streamed live online the day of the event at [wlhs.org](http://wlhs.org). Out of respect for our guests, masks are strongly encouraged for those in attendance.

**Ushers**

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
10-24	No early service	Jim Prekop Evan Delvaux
10-31	Matt Lawonn Micah Vanderhoof	Glen Kuphall Daniel Vaghar

**Greeters**

10-24	No early service	Marge Ekstowicz & Peggy Haas
10-31	Joel & Carol Bradtke	Bryan & Ellen Giesenschlag



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