



## **Last Sunday of the Church Year**

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# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## WORSHIP THEME

Today is the last Sunday of the church year. As the church year draws to a close, we are reminded that life on this earth will also come to an end. This will happen when our Savior returns on the Last Day. God's Word reminds us today that through faith in Christ we need not fear Judgment Day. Rather, we look forward to receiving the eternal victory that Christ has won for us.

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# *DIVINE SERVICE II*

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## **OPENING HYMN**

*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* | 207**(1-4)**

1 The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,  
Shall with great majesty appear As judge of all appointed.  
All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,  
As Scripture truly teaches.

2 A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.  
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken  
And with the living in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r  
Be changed at his commanding.

3 A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised his precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.

*Please stand*

## **INVOCATION**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN

*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | 207(5-6)*

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.  
Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
From ev'ry evil. Amen.

*Please be seated*

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## *The Word*

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:4-6

Pay attention to me, O my people. My nation, listen to me! For the law will go out from me, and I will establish my justice as a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near. My salvation goes forth, and my arms will bring justice to the peoples. The seacoasts will wait for me. They will have confidence in my arm. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens. Look closely at the earth beneath, because the heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die like gnats. But my salvation will remain forever, and my righteousness will never be abolished.

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 95

**Oh, come, now join to praise  
The Rock of our salvation.**

*Come into his presence with thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.*

**With thankful anthems raise  
Your shouts of exultation.**

*For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.*

**Before your Maker bow,  
And worship at his throne.**

*For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

**Come with thanksgiving now;  
Acknowledge God alone!**

*Oh, that today you would listen to his voice.*

**Oh, hearken and obey  
The voice of him who feeds you.**

*Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah and on the day at Massah in the wilderness when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.*

**Oh, turn no more astray  
From where your Shepherd leads you.**

*For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."*

**Before your Maker bow,  
And worship at his throne.**

*So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."*

**Turn with repentance now;  
Acknowledge God alone!**

## **SECOND LESSON**

Jude 20-25

<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, continue to build yourselves up in your most holy faith as you keep praying in the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in God's love as you continue to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, which results in eternal life. <sup>22</sup> Show mercy to those who are wavering. <sup>23</sup> Save others by snatching them out of the fire. Show mercy to still others with fear, hating even the clothing that is stained by the flesh. <sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless in the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now, and to all eternity. Amen.

*Please stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 24:42

*Spoken in unison*

**Alleluia. So be alert, because you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.  
Alleluia**

## **GOSPEL**

Mark 13:26-27

<sup>26</sup> Then you will see the Son of Man coming on clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> At that time he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of the sky.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending | (1-4)*

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain.  
Thousand, thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ reveals his endless reign.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold him Robed in glorious majesty;  
Those who ridiculed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshipers.  
With what wonder, With what wonder, With what wonder,  
Gaze we on those glorious scars.

4 Yea, Amen, let all adore you High on your eternal throne.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow before you; Come and take your people home!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You shall reign and you alone!

## **SERMON**

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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### *The Sacrament*

*The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ, and with one another, as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. With that in mind, we invite all members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to come forward. If you wish to partake of the Supper with us in the future, please speak to Pastor after the service. He would be happy to help you take that step.*

*Please stand*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus*

O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



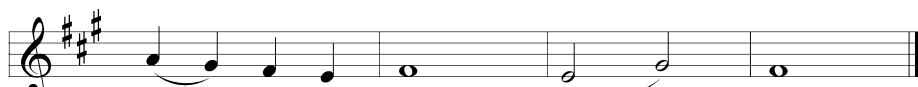
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world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



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grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Take and Eat* | (1-6)

### **Refrain**

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn; I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

### **Refrain**

2 I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

**Refrain**

3 I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day. You  
are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

**Refrain**

4 I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes.  
You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

**Refrain**

5 I am the Light that came into the world; I am the Light that darkness cannot hide; I am the  
Morning Star that never sets. Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.

**Refrain**

6 I am the First and Last, the living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live; I am the  
Bridegroom, this my wedding song. You are my bride; come to the marriage feast.

**Refrain**

*Please stand*

**SONG OF SIMEON**

O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have  
given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith,  
nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your  
holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding  
supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Love Excelling | 365(1-3)*

1 Love divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us your humble dwelling, All your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, you are all compassion, Boundless mercy from above.  
Visit us with benediction; Comfort us with heav'nly love.

2 Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.  
We would ever seek your blessing, Serve you as your hosts above,  
Pray and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your perfect love.

3 Sanctify your new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us trust your great salvation, Won for us on Calvary,  
Till we lay our crowns before you, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till in glory we adore you, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



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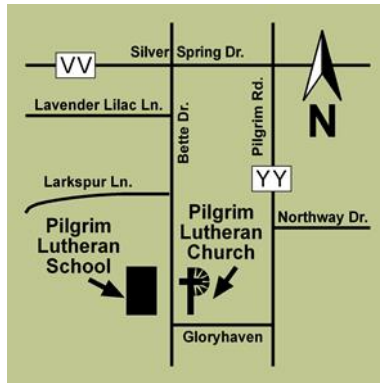


“Advent” is a Latin word that means “coming.” The season of Advent is the four-week period before Christmas that the Church uses to connect the two “comings” of Christ. The first time the Lord came into our world it was as a tiny, helpless baby, born in a manger in Bethlehem. However, when Jesus comes again, it will be in all his power and glory with his angelic army behind him. He will be coming as judge at the end of time. Let us use these four weeks to see how the events of Jesus’ first coming remove all our fears about his second coming. We can hold our heads high when the Lord comes near.

Please join us for Midweek Advent services on December 1, 8, 15 at 3:30pm and 6:30pm. We will also have meals between the services in the gym from 4:00pm -5:30pm.



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