



Advent Three Song Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR, HE HUMBLER HIS ENEMIES

Last week we saw that the Lord sends messengers to call us to repentance. This week we learn that those who refuse to heed that call to humble themselves will be humbled anyway. The Lord who once came near in flesh and now comes near in Word and sacrament will one day come near with consuming fire and judgment. The Lord will humble his enemies. This truth does two important things. First, it adds urgency to God's Advent call to repentance. Second, it gives us comfort when we, as God's people, experience opposition from the world. Those who oppress and harm God's people will face justice.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

Preacher

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Organist

David Porth

Instrumentalists

Amy Balza, Jon Balza, Keith Gennerman, Isaiah Klemp,
Tim Klemp, Victor Margulius, Joseph Raasch

ADVENT SONG SERVICE

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Please stand

M: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light:

C: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2)

M: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

C: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

M: Christ himself has come down from heaven, has become incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and has become fully human.

C: He shared in our humanity. By his death destroyed the devil and the power of death, and freed us from fear and slavery forever. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son, our Savior, Jesus became flesh and made his dwelling among us. In him you have revealed yourself, your love, and your plan for all humanity. By his Word, make us ready for his coming. Keep our hearts repentant, constantly turning to your path of righteousness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your free Spirit; through him who came to give himself to us and to make us his own, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Three Advent candles are lit.

Please be seated

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers | 7(1-4)

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth, as he approaches, With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.

*(Choir) You saints, who here in patience Your cross and suffrings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb you shall behold;
In triumph lay before him Your shining crowns of gold.*

Arise, Desire of nations; O Jesus, now appear,
The Hope and Expectation Of ev'ry Christian here.
With hearts and hands uplifted We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets your people free.

WELCOME AND GREETING

M: The Almighty God bless us with his grace, Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and may the King of angels bring us all to the fellowship of the citizens above.

C: **Amen.**

M: Dear people of God, in the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.
Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving fulfillment of prophecy and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

HYMN

Lord, You Were Rich beyond All Splendor | (1-3)

The congregation will sing verse three.

*Lord, you were rich beyond all splendor,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.*

*You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heav'nward by your eternal plan.*

Lord, you are love beyond all telling;
Savior and King, we worship you.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true.

ADVENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴ Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ The LORD has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster. ¹⁶ In that day Jerusalem will be told, "Do not be afraid, O Zion. Do not give up. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

ANTHEM

The Yearning

Sung by the Choir

*There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief
and centuries of sorrow.*

*There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide
and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.*

*There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One,
the First-born of creation.*

*There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own,
and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.*

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.

*There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased
and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

ADVENT READING

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

ANTHEM

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

Sung by the Choir

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His
shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting
Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:5)*

Please stand

ADVENT READING

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ So John kept saying to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" ⁸ Therefore produce fruits in keeping with repentance! Do not even think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' because I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. ⁹ Even now the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ The crowds began to ask him, "What should we do then?" ¹¹ He answered them, "Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do the same." ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. They said, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ To them he said, "Collect no more than what you were authorized to." ¹⁴ Soldiers were also asking him, "And what should we do?" He told them, "Do not extort money from anyone by force or false accusation. Be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ Then with many other words, he appealed to them and was preaching good news to the people.

Please be seated

HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying | 206(1-3)

1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying,
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"

Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices:

"Oh, where are all you virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes—awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!

With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom who is near."

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;

She wakes, she rises from her gloom,

For her Lord comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious;

Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.

"Now come, O Blessed One, Christ Jesus, God's own Son. Hail! Hosanna!

The joyful call We answer all And follow to the wedding hall."

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore you; Let saints and angels sing before you
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round your radiant throne.
No vision ever brought, No ear has ever caught Such great glory;
Therefore will we In victory Sing hymns of praise eternally.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Sung by Samantha O'Connell

Prepare Thyself, J.S. Bach

Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender desire the beautiful, the dear one soon near you to see.

The Offering Plate is available on the shelf as you leave. If you wish to give an electronic offering, we have provided a QR code at the end of this worship folder. You can also go to pilgrimcares.org/giving to give your offerings online.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You | 18(1-5)

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, My Hope, my heart's Delight.
O Jesus, let your Word be A lamp to light my way,
To show me how to please you, To guide me ev'ry day.

2 Love caused your incarnation; Love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling That led you to embrace
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race!

3 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted, Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed And tremble at your doom.
Despair not; he is near you, He's standing at the door
Who best can help and cheer you And bids you weep no more.

4 Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by his grace.
He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing A heritage in heav'n.

5 He comes to judge the nations, A terror to his foes,
A light of consolations, And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams most cheering, And guide us safely home.

Please stand

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice the Lord Is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

POSTSERVICE MUSIC

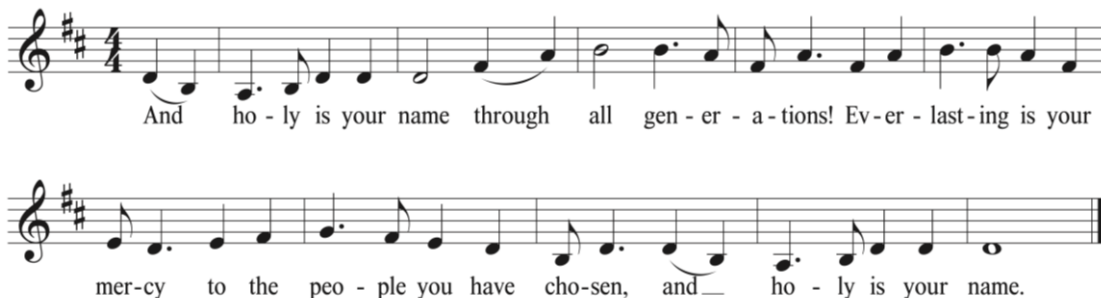
Parents' Preview for December 19

PURPOSE

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer are that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

Holy Is Your Name

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PRAYER

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

News & Notes

It's time for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers annual Giving Tree!! This year we are gathering donations for two causes. The first is for Northside Ministries – we are helping to gather new, unwrapped gifts to be distributed before Christmas to the less fortunate. Please see the tags on the tree or the lists nearby for the items that they are requesting. These items can be placed under the tree. We are also gathering gift cards for a local family that has recently fallen on hard times. They are going through some very difficult and trying issues, and the mother recently became the sole source of income for her two children. We would like to help them and show that they are not alone - God and their fellow Christians at Pilgrim are here to help them through this. We will be collecting gift cards for local grocery stores, Target and Walmart to help them with necessities. Please place the gift cards in mailbox #178 or in the decorated box under the tree. The collections will run through Sunday, December 19th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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!

Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Children's envelopes are running behind this year – we are not sure when we will get them but we will let you know when they are in. Many people chose this past year to give online and will not receive a box of envelopes. Please continue giving as you have been and your offerings will be recorded as always. If you are new to online giving and need any help contact the office or Brian Schultz at ab2schultz@yahoo.com

Scrip Program Holiday ordering is happening now! Weekly orders will take place every Monday (please have your order in by 3pm) now through December 13, with the exception of 11/22 due to Thanksgiving. Start planning ahead! Smaller denomination cards like \$5, \$10 & \$20 cards are also available during this time as well! Please let the office know if you have any questions about the Scrip Program! You can sign up in the mobile app, RaiseRight, or at ShopWithScrip.com using Pilgrim's enrollment code. If you link your bank account or pay with a credit card, you get to check out seamlessly, receive your eGift cards instantly, and use most reloaded cards immediately. Check out the Scrip website at: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/> or look for the RaiseRight app for Apple or Android.

Pilgrim Spirit Wear Orders - happening now! Here is the official Spirit Wear link <https://www.threepointcustomdesigns.com/shop> The store will be open until Dec. 17th for orders, and they will be fulfilled as they come in. Please let us know if you have any questions, or if your order is a gift so we can make arrangements for pick up.

Purchasing Christmas poinsettias will be a little different this year as we were only able to order a set number of plants this year, due to greenhouse shortages. You may still purchase a plant and take one home after Christmas; however, we will not be able to guarantee the color. We will only have twenty-two 6" plants for \$12.00 each and four 8" plants for \$30.00 each. First come, first reserved. Order forms are on the shelf in the narthex, orders are due by December 12. Plants will have labels on them and you are welcome to take yours home after the Christmas Day Service.

Have you ever thought, "I wish our congregation was more outreach-minded"? If so, you're not alone. For this reason, Pilgrim will be participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach. The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community. Please mark your calendars for March 19-20, 2022, when we will kick off the program with a 2-day workshop. If you want to learn more about the Everyone Outreach program, visit everyoneoutreach.com. Look for more information about Everyone Outreach as we get closer to the workshop!

Coffee & Chapel: Please join us on Friday mornings for Coffee and Chapel. Join school parents in the gathering space for some social time and a hot cup of coffee. Chapel is at 8:30am in the gym. We hope you will attend!

Brewer Game Volunteers: It's that time to start rallying our volunteer group for the 2022 Brewer season. This program as a part of our school fundraising efforts has brought in more than \$100,000 in the past 10 years! It's a great way to earn money for the school and to meet and get to know others from Pilgrim. Our group goes into Am Fam Field and works a concession stand (prepping, selling, cleaning). We then receive a commission on the sales. A typical game day at the concessions is about 8 hours. There is only ONE Training required, which is about 3 hours. We will know more about training the closer we get to the season. (Currently they are still doing online training; they hope to be able to have onsite training soon). Anyone 16 years and older can volunteer, you do not have to be a member of Pilgrim or have a child attend Pilgrim. Friends and family are welcome! Get a fun work crew together! Pilgrim has to work at least 12 games of the 2022 Season. The season runs from April-September Games worked TBD, but you do NOT have to work all 12 games! You can work 1, 2, 3 or more games - that's up to you! Free parking is included. Please sign up with this link to join our amazing team: <https://forms.gle/5iYaPZ2pgvmY5cPKA> or call the office and we will sign you up and answer any questions.

12 Days of Christmas at KML Over twelve days in December, Kettle Moraine Lutheran's Student Council and National Honor Society work to collect money through student involvement to support families in need. Parents, federation members, alumni, friends, and the community are encouraged to donate as well. This year we are raising money to help the Albrecht, Bintz, Pfund, and Westeen families. For more info, visit kmlhs.org/12days.

ATTENDANCE – DOES NOT INCLUDE ONLINE WORSHIPPERS

12-5 75 + 76 = 151

12-8 82 + 45 = 127

Ushers

8:00am

10:30am

12-12

Matt Lawonn

Glen Kuphall

Rick Kleszczynski

Bill Ziche

12-19

Bob Schaenzer

Bryan Giesenschlag

Micah Vanderhoof

Evan Delvaux

Greeters

12-12

Peter & Amy Kuske

Ben & Elaine Glatzel

12-19

Tim & Tammy Adams

Bill & Michelle Ziche

Pilgrim's Christmas Schedule

December 22 – No Wednesday Evening Worship

December 24 – 4:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Service

December 24 – 6:30pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight (live-streamed)

December 25 - 9:00am - Christmas Day (live-streamed)

December 26 – 9:00am Sunday Worship – One Service Only

- Featuring Branches Band – (Will NOT be livestreamed)

December 30 – No Wednesday Evening Worship

December 31 – 6:30pm – New Year's Eve



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