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Advent Four

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR, HE LIFTS UP THE HUMBLD

By this time of the holiday season, people are often weighed down. They feel guilty about presents that are not perfect, or parties that did not go as planned, or year-end projects that did not get completed. To top it all off, now is when it dawns on people how little attention they have given to the spiritual preparation Advent invites. If that is how we feel, perhaps the frenzy of December has actually done us a favor. We have been stretched to our limits. We have been made aware of our shortcomings. We have been humbled. Perfect! For being made aware of our weaknesses does not disqualify us from God's care. It does the opposite. It is what prepares us for the work he does best. He is a God who lifts up the humbled.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Preacher

Organist

Cantor

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

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DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel | 23(1-4)

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

2 Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

3 Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

4 Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – Advent Four

M: We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary. He came to share our humanity.

C: We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.

M: We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

C: We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

SUNG RESPONSE

We Light the Advent Candle

We light the Advent candle And share the wondrous Word.
With love, we tell of Jesus Till all around have heard.
God's love is for all nations Throughout His whole creation.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

Please be seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

The humble, tiny town of Bethlehem would be exalted. For there a special son would be born who would bring spiritual peace to the ends of the earth.

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel. His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity. ³ Therefore the LORD will give them up, until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child. Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ This one will be their peace. When Assyria invades our land and tramples on our citadels, we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sung by the Cantor

*Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven*

*Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the Invincible
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility
Come on bended knee, adore Him*

*Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads, for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark
Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive, let the gospel ring
God has made a way, He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

We cannot do enough good works or offer enough sacrifices to raise ourselves up to God. So the Son of God obeyed the law for us and by his sacrifice has made us holy.

⁵ Therefore when he entered the world, Christ said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you prepared a body for me. ⁶ You were not pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. ⁷ Then I said, "Here I am. I have come to do your will, God. In the scroll of the book it is written about me." ⁸ First he said: Sacrifices and offerings that were offered according to the law, both burnt offerings and sin offerings, you did not desire, and you were not pleased with them. ⁹ Then he said: Here I am. I have come to do your will. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ By this will, we have been sanctified once and for all, through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 1:23

Sung by the Cantor

*Alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.
Alleluia.*

In Spirit wrought humility, Mary knew she needed a Savior. God lifts her up, making her the mother of that Savior.

³⁹ In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. ⁴⁰ She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!" ⁴⁶ Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

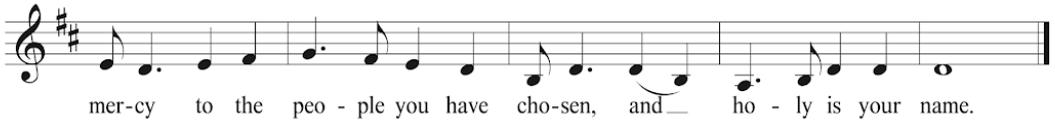
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HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Is Your Name | 956

The Cantor will sing the verses.

My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God, my Savior.
You have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.



I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
That my name will be remembered, and the world will call me blessed.

Refrain

I proclaim your pow'r, O God! You work wonders for your servants;
You have scattered the proud-hearted, you have lifted up the lowly.

Refrain

To the hungry you give food, send the rich away with nothing.
In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen.

Refrain

In your love you now fulfill all you promised to your people.
I will praise you, God, my Savior, everlasting is your mercy.

Refrain

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

CONFIRMATION

10:30am, Jessica Zellmer

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 comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again. 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.**

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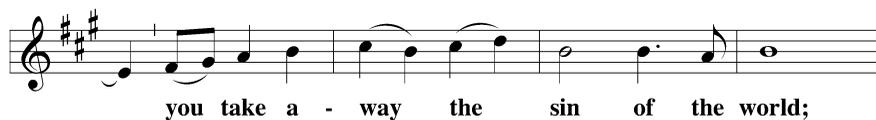
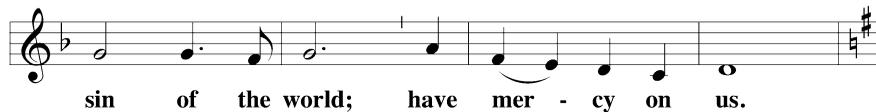
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Draw Near | (1-4)

Refrain

Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord.
Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you outpoured!

1 Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

Refrain

2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
Has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
Himself the off'ring and himself the Priest.

Refrain

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
Gives all believers life that never ends.

Refrain

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
In this great feast of love be with us now.

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

All People that on Earth Do Dwell | 233(1-5)

1 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.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk; he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise; Approach with joy his courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.

5 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.



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Parents' Preview for December 25

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.

Psalm 98

Christian Worship Psalter

Refrain



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

PRAYER

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your one and only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tim Martin and Anna Dickrell in thanks for what a blessed year they have had. Their hope is that all of the Pilgrim family has been blessed this year as well.

Mrs. Jodi Murphy has received a call to serve as second grade teacher at Morning Star Lutheran School in Jackson, WI. Please keep Mrs. Murphy and her family in your prayers as she considers the two calls she now has, the one to stay here at Pilgrim and the one to Morning Star. As always, feel free to reach out to her if you would like to discuss the calls. For those of you unfamiliar with the WELS call process, here is a quick explanation of how it works: Morning Star in Jackson has an opening for a teacher and their congregation has issued a call to Mrs. Murphy to serve as a teacher in their school. Mrs. Murphy now has an opportunity to deliberate where she can best serve the Lord with her gifts. She will spend the next few weeks in prayer and deliberation to determine whether to accept the call to teach at Morning Star, or to decline the call to Morning Star and stay here at Pilgrim. If you have any thoughts or feedback for Mrs. Murphy, please feel free to reach out to her to discuss. If you have further questions about the call process, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Vanderhoof.

The January meeting of the Tabitha Society will feature Builders For Christ, a division of Kingdom Workers. Our presenter will be Mark Pamperin (Irene Lape's brother), who has been involved with several building projects. Come and learn how these volunteers use their construction skills to help further God's kingdom. Join us on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at school. Hostesses for the meeting are Chris Bachmann and Irene Lape.

Our own Pilgrim Lutheran Early Childhood Center is looking for After School Childcare Teachers. Teachers work with children ages 3-12, divided into two age groups. Hours are 1:00-6:00pm and the schedule is flexible based on availability. Please contact Mrs. Bethany Anderson for more information or to receive an application. banderson@pilgrimcares.org or 262-781-8305.

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

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.

ATTENDANCE – DOES NOT INCLUDE ONLINE WORSHIPPERS

12-12 133 + 102 = 235

12-15 61+50 = 111

Ushers

8:00am

10:30am

12-19

Bob Schaenzer
Micah Vanderhoof

Bryan Giesenschlag
Evan Delvaux

9:00am

12-26

Jim Brandt
Jim Prekop

Greeters

12-19

Tim & Tammy Adams

Bill & Michelle Ziche

12-26

Irene Lape & Pat Knack (9:00am)

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)

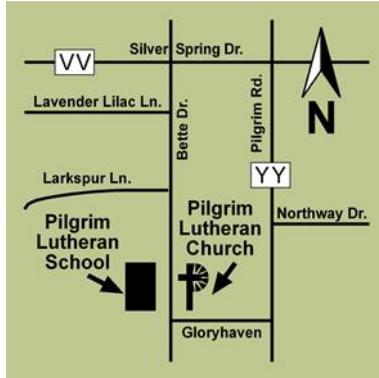
December 25 - 9:00am - Christmas Day (live-streamed)

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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