

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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RECEPTION UNCOVERED: REJECTION IS NOT THE EXCPETION BUT THE RULE

When one proclaims God's Word, typically the intentions are good. We want others to know the joy of salvation and the love of Christ. Therefore, it can be surprising to us when God's Word is met with apathy or rejection by those who hear it. It's easy to conclude that when the Word of God offends human minds and hearts (including our own), something has gone wrong. The truth that is uncovered this week is that rejection of Jesus' words is not the exception but the rule. Jesus' words will always offend. However, we will see that God can use even the rejection of his Word for good.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Preacher Organist Cantor Pastor Chris Koschnitzke
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David Porth
Grades 5-8 (8:00am)
Samantha O'Connell

Arise, Your Light Is Come

CW 387



show forth the glo-ry of your God, which shines on you to-day. pro-claim the cap-tive's lib-er-ty, good ti-dings to the poor. bind up the bro-ken-heart-ed ones and com-fort those who mourn. Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

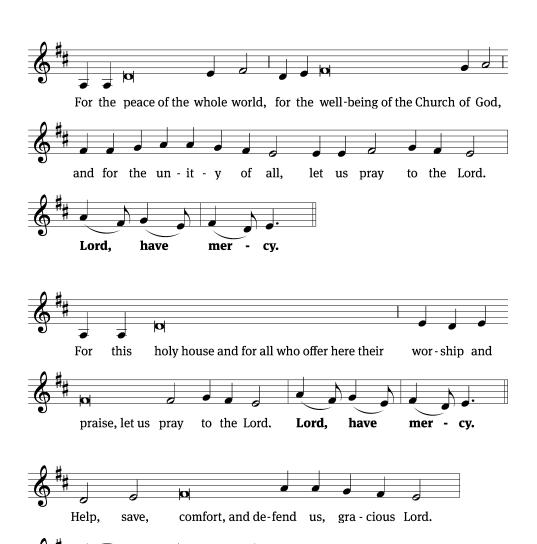
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For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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Glory to God in the Highest

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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

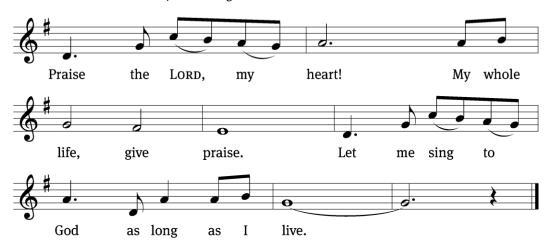
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

As Long as I Live

Psalm 146B

The cantor will introduce the refrain and sing the verses.



- Put not your trust in princes,mortal men, who cannot save.Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD,the God of Jacob. (Refrain)
- The LORD gives food to the hungry,the LORD sets prisoners free.He gives sight to the blindand lifts up those who are bowed down. (Refrain)
- God watches over the outcast and sustains the widow and the orphan. God will reign forever; he is LORD to all generations. (Refrain)

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Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

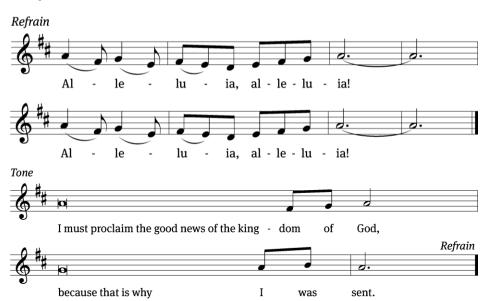
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Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:43



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Gospel Luke 4:38–44

³⁸Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴²At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

By Faith CW 868

The cantor will sing stanza one. (Due to copyright restrictions, please open your hymnal to 868.)

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory. **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever. **Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a noint ed, great Da vid's great er So
- 2 He comes with res cue speed y to those who suf fer wrong,
- 3 Kings shall bow down be fore him and gold and in cense bring;
- 4 O'er ev 'ry foe vic to rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun! to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong, all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing. from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap-tive free, to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend, The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans-gres-sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty. whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in his sight. his king-dom still in - creas-ing, a king-dom with - out end. his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

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Prayer

Lord's Prayer

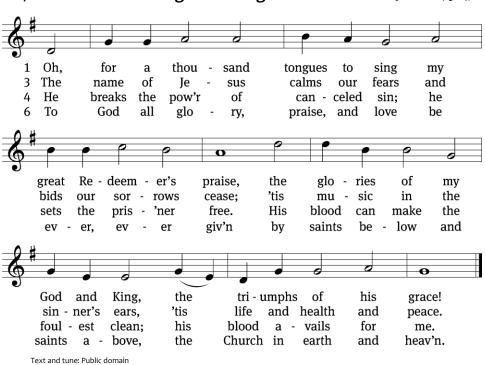
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours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

Blessing

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. **Amen.**



CW 520 sts. 1, 3-4, 6





Visitors! Thank you for visiting today, we'd love to get to know you so we can better serve your spiritual needs. We would really appreciate if you were able to take the time to fill out a short questionnaire about your visit by following this QR code. Thank you, and we hope to see you again soon!

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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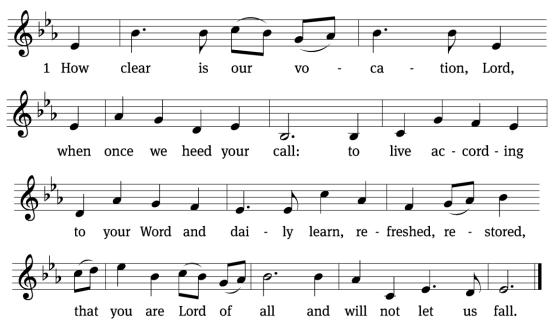
Parents' Preview for February 6/9

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.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Christian Worship #734



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PRAYER

Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

News & Notes

We thank Pastor Koschnitzke for sharing God's Word with us today and for leading us in worship. Pastor K serves as a teacher and coach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Pastor V is gone for the weekend presenting at an Everyone Outreach Workshop. He is excited for us to host our own workshop in March and encourages everyone to register.

Moms of Pilgrim church and school – GEMS (Gospel Empowered Moms) is returning! All moms of our Pilgrim school and church family are invited to join for devotion and time in God's word as well as sharing parenting ideas and getting to know one another. If you have little ones at home, please bring them so they can play and meet their fellow Pilgrim family cohorts. We will meet Thursdays from 9-10:30, beginning at the Toepel home: W133N6242 Hummingbird Way, Menomonee Falls. We plan to begin Thursday, February 17. Location may vary in the months ahead, based on participation and needs, so please text or call MariLynn Toepel at 414-322-3997 or Alyssa Schwartz at 414-881-0604 if you plan to attend or have questions about the group.

Just a reminder that Women's book club meets next Thursday Feb 3rd from 630-730 in the Gathering Space at school. We just started the book <u>A Little Book on Joy</u> by Matthew C. Harrison. We will discuss Chapters 2 and 3. Please join us if you haven't already! Books can be bought online at Amazon.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University We will offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University on Tuesday nights starting at 7:00pm. The first class will be on March 1 and most of the time we will meet in the Gathering Space. This 9 week biblically-based program teaches couples and singles how to eliminate debt, build wealth, and practice good stewardship through entertaining video and group study sessions. You can sign up and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at fpu.com/1146881. Please contact Andy Steeno (414) 708-1815 / asteeno@wi.rr.com) for additional class information or with any questions.

The Tabitha Society will welcome Pastor Jim Buske to our meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 3, at 1:30 in the school conference room. He will tell us about some of the exciting things going on at the three campuses of Lighthouse Youth Center in Milwaukee. We'd also like to send some after-school snacks for the kids along with Pastor Buske. Some suggested items are fruit cups, pudding cups, Nutri-Grain bars, granola bars, and individual bags of salted peanuts or trail mix. The hostess for February is Joan Meier. All women are welcome. Please join us!

Lent by Candlelight. After a hiatus of several years, Lent by Candlelight is back! This evening of Passover and Mediterranean inspired food and program will feature Branches Band. Held March 13th, in the Gathering Space, this event is open to all members and their guests, 16 and older. Watch for a sign up starting next Sunday, or contact Pat Knack or Melissa Kehoe.



Register today for the Everyone Outreach workshop! Pilgrim is 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. Everyone Outreach kicks off with an interactive 2-day workshop

on March 19-20th at the school. Each participant will leave the workshop with sustainable ways to personally help build our congregation's outreach culture. Register for the workshop in back of church or online through this QR Code. Questions? Visit everyoneoutreach.com or contact reaching at reaching@pilgrimcares.com. We encourage every member of our congregation to attend the workshop and participate. In fact, the more members that attend, the more likely it is that our culture shift will be successful!

Scrap-a-Thon #31 Please save the dates of February 11-12 for our 31st Scrap-a-Thon at Pilgrim! Scrap-a-thons are for anyone to purchase a table for one day or both, bring your crafting projects to work on and enjoy fellowship. This is for all crafts, make & takes, recycle sales, etc. Please contact Pat Knack at: bbox2go@yahoo.com or Nancy Abel at: JAbel4826@gmail.com to sign up for a table. The Scrap-a-thon price is always for a cause, and as always, the cause is Pilgrim School's tuition assistance.

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Ushers	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
January 30	Bob Schaenzer Micah Vanderhoof	Bryan Giesenschlag Bill Ziche
February 6	Jim Brandt Noah Vanderhoof	Jim Prekop Mark Murphy

Greeters

January 30	Dennis & Joan Schmick	Ben & Elaine Glatzel
February 6	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner

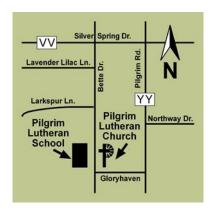
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