





Come, Lord Jesus!

Advent Three

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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COME, LORD JESUS! - AS MESSIAH

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don't worry; most of those worshiping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children's Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for expectant mothers and families with small children.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

LARGE PRINT copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

Thank you for worshiping with us today! Whether you are a guest or a member we would love to know you are here! Please use this QR code to sign our digital friendship register. There are also tablets available in the back of Church for you to sign in.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Preacher Organist Pastor Collin Vanderhoof Pastor Collin Vanderhoof Amy Balza, David Porth

When the King Shall Come Again

CW 307

The Choirs will sing stanza two.



- 1 When the King shall come a gain, all his pow'r re veal ing, 2 In the des - ert trees take root, fresh from his cre - a - tion;
- 2 In the des ert trees take root, fresh from his cre a tion; 3 Strength-en fee - ble hands and knees, faint - ing hearts be cheer - ful!
- 4 There God's high-way shall be seen where no roar-ing li on,



splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign, life and joy and heal - ing, plants and flow'rs and sweet - est fruit join the cel - e - bra - tion. God, who comes for such as these. seeks and saves the fear - ful. noth - ing e - vil or un - clean walks the road to Zi - on.



earth no long - er in de - cay, hope no more frus - trat - ed. Riv - ers spring up from the earth, bar - ren lands a - dorn - ing. Deaf ears, hear the si - lent tongues sing a - way their weep - ing; Ran - somed peo - ple, home-ward bound, all your prais - es voic - ing,



This is God's re-demp-tion day long - ing - ly a - wait - ed. Val - leys, this is your new birth; moun-tains, greet the morn-ing! blind eyes, see the life - less ones walk - ing, run-ning, leap - ing. see your Lord with glo - ry crowned; share in his re - joic - ing!

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Advent 3

- M: We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.
- C: We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
- M: We hear his call to see the light.
- C: We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.
- 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 wait for Christ to come. With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home. Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God's favor. We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

Please stand

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Confession of Sins

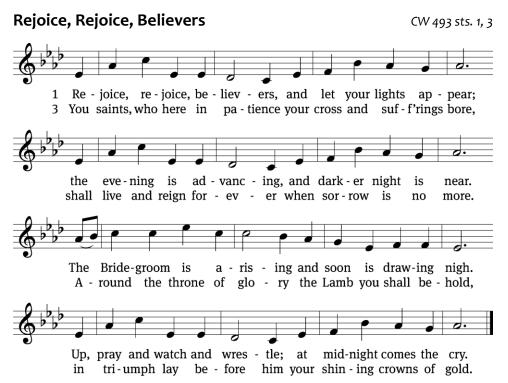
We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

The Word

First Reading Isaiah 35

'The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, 'it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

³Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰and those the LORD has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, When beauty gilds the earns hills and life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past,
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that ever shall last.

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.

Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly King of kings!

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come Emmanuel. O come.

Second Reading

James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Vocal Duet

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Sung by Dorian Medrow and Samantha O'Connell

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Ev'ry valley shall be lifted up and ev'ry mountain made low."

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed; all people shall see it together.
The mouth of the Lord has spoken it:
"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed!"

Comfort, comfort my people; proclaim the promise of the Lord: His name shall be called Emmanuel. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Please stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

²When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ⁴Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

⁷As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written:

"'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of the Lord!



Please be seated

O Lord How Shall I Meet You

love, all

love

best can help and cheer

send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us

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you and bids you weep no

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home.

Sermon

Please stand

The 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

Offering boxes are located in the back of Church. 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.

Prayer

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Be seated

Prepare the Royal Highway

CW 302

Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story: (Refrain)

Ref Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming:
 your own eternal King!
 Palm branches strew before him!
 Spread garments! Shout and sing!
 God's promise will not fail you!
 No more shall doubt assail you! (Refrain)

- Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised King!
 Your King, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too should bring.
 All lands, bow down before him!
 All nations, now adore him! (Refrain)
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;
 it comes from heav'n above.
 His rule is peace and freedom
 and justice, truth, and love.
 So let your praise be sounding
 for kindness so abounding: (Refrain)

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Please stand

Closing Prayer

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

Amen

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

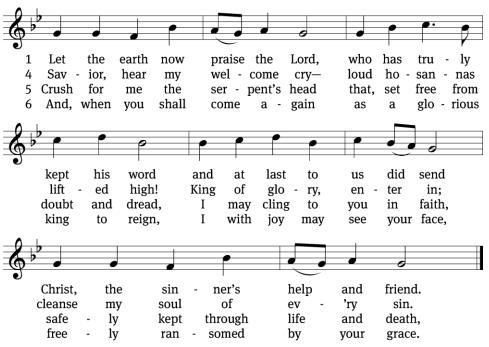
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Nicole Chmielewski in celebration of Caleb's birthday. Happy birthday Caleb!

Poinsettias available to purchase! Check the shelf in the narthex for order forms. Purchase a poinsettia that will be used for our Christmas services and you can take home on Christmas Day. All the details are on the order form or contact the office with any questions.

Women's Book Club meets next on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space. They will be discussing chapters 10 & 11, Mary Magdalene & Lydia, from the book *Twelve Extraordinary Women*.

If you had your photograph taken for the new Church Directory, your prints are available on the table in the back of church. Directories will be available soon!

It has been proposed that Pilgrim forms a serving committee to help out our elderly and disabled members. The first step is to gather up a group of people willing to help! This would be a limited service such as shoveling sidewalks, raking leaves, changing a light bulb, cell phone or computer assistance, edging a sidewalk, simple trimming of a hedge or tree. Since this is a limited service, it is not meant to be doing any remodeling, moving furniture, fixing cars. If you would like to find out more or sign up to help, please contact the office or talk to Ron Koplin ronald.koplin5165@gmail.com or 262.844.6102. More information about signing up for assistance will be available soon!

2022 Holiday Scrip Orders 'TIS THE SEASON FOR EXTRA EARNINGS - It's an exciting opportunity for everyone to get the gifts they want and for you to earn rebates, that's a winwin! Our Ordering Schedule for physical cards will be these remaining dates in 2022: December 5, 12 & 19. All orders must be placed by 3pm, with the exception of December 19 which is a 12p deadline. You can always order eCards or reload current cards you have 24/7 using the RaiseRight app or at www.raiseright.com. One new feature this season: you can "Send as a gift by email" when purchasing an eGift card and have it sent by email to your recipient. If you have not yet used the Pilgrim Scrip Program, please ask Vicki Klessig if you have any questions! Call 262-781-3520 or email wklessig@pilgrimcares.org

The 2023 Flower Chart is on the wall outside of the Mother's room. Because of the ever rising cost of flowers, the price will increase this year. The cost for one family (2 vases) is \$60. For two families (1 vase each) is \$30 per family. Make checks payable to **Pilgrim** and put in Box #49 (Glatzel). When you order flowers, they can be picked up after the second service. Please make sure to return the containers to church after you have disposed of your flowers, they are reused. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Full or Part Time Positions at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School: General cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms and hallways. Full time position includes health and dental insurance, retirement plan, and paid vacation. Hourly wage starting at \$15.00/hour. Contact Mr. Jody Hansen (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org) for more information.

Ushers	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
12-11	Matt Lawonn Phill Lepple	Glen Kuphall Jim O'Leary
12-18	Bob Schaenzer Keith Gennerman	Bryan Giesenschlag Tim Anderson
Greeters		
12-11 12-18	Pete & Amy Kuske Nancy Rabbitt/Sue Zastrow	Jim & Peggy Prekop Marge Ekstowicz/Elke Warren

ATTENDANCE - DOES NOT INCLUDE ONLINE WORSHIPPERS

12-4 125 + 100 = 225 12-7 107 + 50 = 157

BIBLE CLASS 53 YOUTH BIBLE CLASS 26 Pilgrim Lutheran Brewer 2023

Volunteers Needed!

Join in on a great way to earn money for our school!

Support our school thru this volunteer opportunity which has allowed us to fund so many wonderful things! Ipads, Chromebooks, pianos, play night, and gym remodel to name a few.





Scan this code to learn more and SIGN UP

We need YOUR help to prep, sell, and clean in a concession stand at American Family Field

For more information, contact Maddie Maksim mmaksim23egmail.com or (920) 279-0501

Pilgrim Members!

Are You?

- Planning your estate, looking for a place to leave a legacy gift or do you simply need assistance with estate planning?
- Looking for a place to leave a gift in memory of a loved one?
- Wanting to give a special gift to the church out of gratitude for blessings received?
- Wanting to leave a lasting gift that helps to ensure that the ministry of Pilgrim Church continues into the future?

Did you know?

That Pilgrim Lutheran Church has a Planned Giving Committee just for that purpose? This committee was formed back in 2014 under the leadership of our own Ron Meier. A fund called the Pilgrim Trust and Endowment Fund was established with 4 specialized sub-funds: The Building Sub-Fund, The Pilgrim Sub-Fund, The Mission Sub-Fund and the Tuition Assistance Sub-Fund. Each sub-fund benefits a specific ministry of Pilgrim. Gifts can come from cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, retirement plans, insurance policies, real estate, etc. Each fund becomes "active" when the balance reaches \$10,000. To date, the Building Fund is active with a balance of over \$50,000 and the Tuition Assistance Fund is active with a balance of over \$14,000.

We thankfully respond to God's grace by planning our regular weekly offerings. We also honor the Lord by sharing our gifts to support these funds through additional gifts during our lifetime, as well as honoring Him when planning the transition of our earthly blessings and wealth at life's end through our estate planning. Consider leaving a "lasting legacy" for future generations, passing on your faith and love for Christ and supporting the Lord's work beyond your lifetime.

For more information there is a display rack on the table in the narthex with brochures, gift forms and gift envelopes. You may also speak to any current member of the committee: Bryan Giesenschlag, David Loomis, Christine Steeno, or one of our Pastors. Completed gifts and forms can be placed into Mailbox #48, given to any committee member or to one of our pastors.

Pilgrim members also have access to the complimentary, confidential services of WELS Christian giving counselors who can help with Christian estate planning.



Pilgrim's Advent & Christmas Schedule

Advent Midweek Services

Nov 30, Dec 7 and 14 – 3:30pm and 6:30pm

Live streamed at 6:30pm Meals served after the first service in the gym

Advent Song Services

Sunday, December 11 at 8:00am and 10:30am

Wednesday, December 21

6:30pm Communion Service

Christmas Eve

Children's Service - 4:00pm in school gym Candlelight - 6:30pm (Live streamed)

Christmas Day

9:00am (Live streamed)

December 28 and 31

No Worship Service

Sunday, January 1

8:00am and 10:30 am with Communion

Wednesday, January 4

6:30pm with Communion



For a list of area Christmas Concerts please scan this QR Code



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