



Rethinking Religion

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Rethinking Suffering Under the Cross

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 worshipping 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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Preacher
Organist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof
Pastor Aaron Winkelman
David Porth
LPS Brass Choir

Morning Prayer

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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Stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



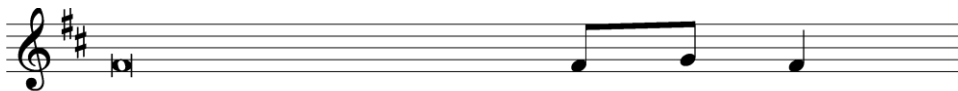
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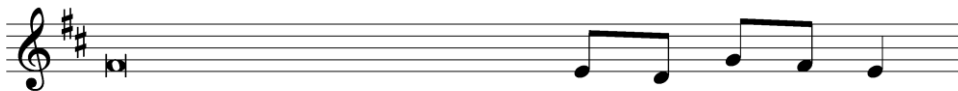
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

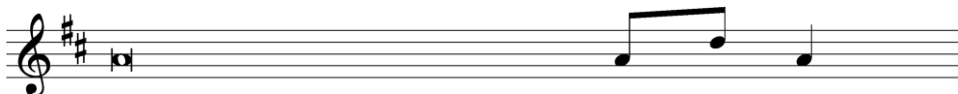
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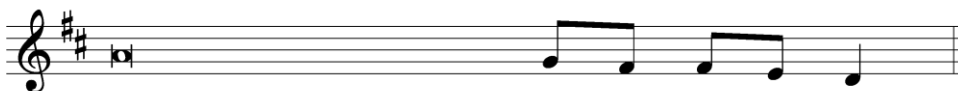
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow _____ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his _____ hand.

Be seated

First Reading

Job 1:13–22

¹³One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁹when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

²⁰At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised."

²²In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LORD, Why Have You Forsaken Me

Psalm 22D



1 LORD, why have you for - sak - en me, and why are
2 Yet you are ho - ly and the songs of praise of
3 But I am mocked and put to scorn. All those who
4 Yet you, O LORD, have been my God and on - ly



you so far a - way from my com-plaint and
Is - rael are your throne; when our an - ces - tors
see me laugh and say, "You trust in God, so
hope since I was born. With trou - ble near me,



my dis - tress poured out be - fore you night and day?
called on you, you saved them, res - cued all your own.
let us see the help of God to whom you pray."
none can help. My Sav - ior, leave me not for - lorn.

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Second Reading

Romans 5:1–11

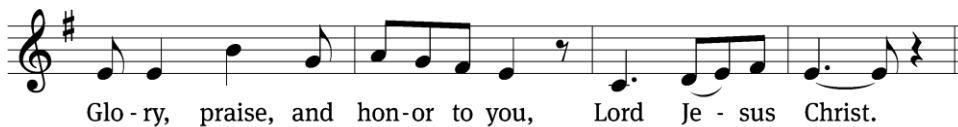
¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

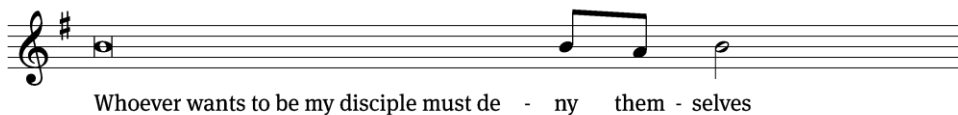
Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34

Refrain



Tone



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Please stand

Gospel

Mark 8:31–38

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” ³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

CW 817



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,
3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.
soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.
bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;



Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -
Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -
and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y



self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.
safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can
Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my
And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with



noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy precious
soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with-out end.

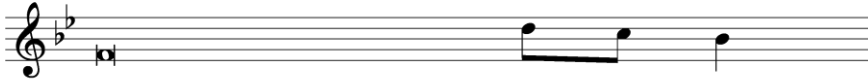
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Sermon

Stand

We Praise You, O God

CW 210



1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.

4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When you became man to set us free,
6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,

7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

Offering boxes are available in the back of church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to pilgrimcares.org/giving. We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.

Offering Hymn

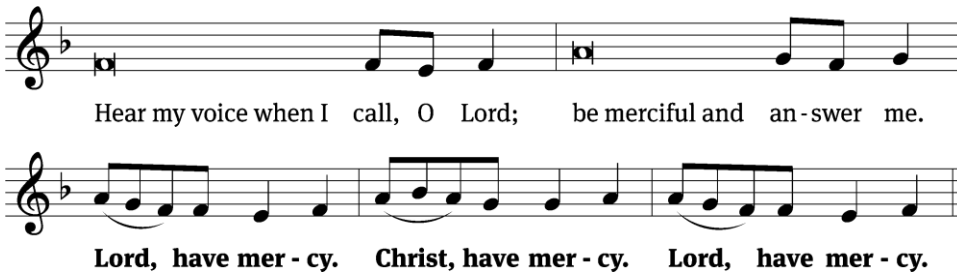
CW 748 st. 2

- 2 By his mercy, by his bounty,
by the gift of Christ, his Son,
what great goodness he has shown us,
what high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
yield our bodies and our souls,
thankful that his love protects us,
that his wisdom all controls.

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Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

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.**

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Amen.

Be seated

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CW 867 sts. 1-2, Ref, 3-4



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
 2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
 3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
 4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
 con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
 your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
 flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
 flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
 see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
 ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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LPS has assembled a Brass Choir from out of the band students for many years. This group is mostly focused on preparing sacred music for chapel, concerts, and for visiting local congregations. It also plays concert music at our Fall and Spring instrumental concerts. The Brass Choir is currently directed by Professor Lucas Krogmann.

Acknowledgments

Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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News & Notes

Call Returned Mr. Porth has returned the divine Call from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Burnsville, MN. He will continue his ministry here at Pilgrim. Please keep the members of Good Shepherd in your prayers.

Bible Study will be held in the Gathering Space this morning (Sunday February 25) in order to accommodate our guests from Luther Prep. We will be continuing our What On Earth series with a discussion of worship, liturgics, and the arts. Next week we will look at what the Scriptures say about the roles of man and woman. March 10 will be MLC Sunday. Prof. David Scharf will be joining us and will preach and teach that Sunday. We will wrap up this series on March 17 when Pastor Lyon leads us in a discussion of LGBTQ issues.

GEMS Please join Pilgrim moms for Bible study each Wednesday at 9am. Please contact Alyssa Schwartz at schwartz.alyssa@gmail.com for this weeks location. There will be coffee and space for kids to play, while we spend some precious time in God's Word. We hope to see you there!

The Tabitha Society will welcome Nicole Balza, former Pilgrim member, to our meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 1:30 P.M. in the conference room at school. Nicole is a staff writer for *Forward in Christ* magazine. Come and get the inside scoop! June Bitney and Judy Konig will be the hostesses for this meeting.

Pilgrim's Lent by Candlelight Save the date for Pilgrim's Lent by Candlelight, Sunday March 3. Branches Band will be leading this event that will take place in the school Gathering Space and starts at 6pm. A sign up is available in the narthex.

The Helping 5 is back! Our preschool teachers and staff have come up with a list of items which cost 5\$ or less that would be useful for many different projects at preschool. Please consider donating some of these items throughout the month of March. Please bring items to church and place in the tote marked- Helping 5!! **Wish list:** Stickers, Cotton balls, Paper towels, Q-Tips, Masking Tape, Buttons, Sequins, Glitter Glue, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Raisins, Clothespins, 5 oz. disposable cups, Pony beads, Pipe cleaners, Sidewalk chalk, Colored dry erase markers, Small spray bottles with trigger, Kid-friendly cereal, Coffee beans or coffee grounds (for sensory), Dry creamer (for sensory), Golf tees, Dried Garbanzo beans (for sensory)

PTA Trivia Night & Auction – March 16! SIGN UP NOW: Join us for our third annual Trivia Night and Auction, which will be an evening of brain busting questions, food, fellowship, and fun! TICKET SALES are open now and will CLOSE ON March 1, 2024! Contact the office for tickets.

Donations Needed: We are still looking for donations for the event! Services and Experiences are always a great hit for the adult auction. Do you have a small business that you would be willing to donate goods and/or services to us? Games and Craft Project kits are always a great hit for the children's auction, just **please make sure the items are new and not used.** You can

also make a monetary donation to sponsor an auction basket (cash or checks to Pilgrim PTA). You can bring all donations to the school office. Trivia Night & Auction is our biggest school fundraiser and we have raised more than \$40,000 over the past 2 years. Please consider donating to help us invest in our children.

New Griefshare starting soon. Losing a loved one to death affects us emotionally, mentally, socially, physically and often spiritually. GriefShare is a Christian support group for those who desire to go from mourning to joy as they seek a new normal without their loved one here on earth. All ages are welcomed to attend a series of 14 weekly meetings whether the loss has been recent or took place years ago. GriefShare will begin Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lannon. They gather in the small conference room attached to the lower level fellowship hall at church. Please call Mimi Festerling at 262-352-1070 or the church office at 262-251-2910 for more information.

KML is looking for an individual to fill an Outside Maintenance position. The job includes athletic field prep and lawn care. Part-time seasonal, 2-3 days per week, 6 hours per day, April thru November. Contact Mr. Jody Hansen (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org) for more information.

The women of St. Lucas, Kewaskum, invite you to join us for our 19th annual Women's Retreat, titled Make a Joyful Noise. Held at St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum, in Hoenecke Hall on Saturday, March 9th, with registration and refreshments at 8:30 AM and the retreat concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band will be presenting at this year's retreat. A printable brochure with registration form is available on our website www.stlucaswels.org. Please call Sandy Survis 262-483-7988 with questions. Registrations are due by February 20th. Registration is also possible at <https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com>

Ushers	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
2-25	Phill Lepple Keith Gennerman	Bryan Giesenschlag Glen Kuphall
3-3	Matt Lawonn Josh Weber	Dave Chmielewski Andy Steeno

Worship Hosts

2-25	Dennis & Joan Schmick	Ann Wood
3-3	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	June Bitney & Delores Tessmer

Attendance

2-14	172 + 107 = 279
2-18	106 + 121 = 227

Worship Schedule for the Lenten Season

February 21 – March 20	3:30pm & 6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Services
Palm Sunday (3/24) –	10:30am in the Gym (One Service)	
Holy Thursday (3/28) –	6:30pm with Communion	
Good Friday (3/29) –	1:00pm (Service of the Seven Words from the Cross) 6:30pm (Tenebrae)	
Easter Sunday (3/31) –	7:00am Dawn Service 8:30 & 10:00am Festival Service	
No Worship Services on Wednesday 3/27 or 4/3		

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