

**HOLY
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SUNDAY**

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SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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ONLY A TRIUNE GOD CAN DELIVER WHAT ONLY A TRIUNE GOD CAN OFFER

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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Preacher
Organist

Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Pastor Collin Vanderhoof
Amy Balza

Morning Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Stand

Invocation

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

Holy Trinity Dialogue

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

The Lord makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! From him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 953 sts. 1, 5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on
Spir - it, three we name you, though in



earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed



bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the



main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Voice Which Shakes the Earth

Psalm 29B



1 The voice which shakes the earth till moun-tains heave and quake,
2 When God's ma - jes - tic voice round hill and val - ley rings,
3 At his e - ter - nal throne a - wait the sol - emn sound,



the voice which caus - es an - cient oaks to bend and break,
the des - ert blooms, the wood-land skips, the for - est sings:
for no - where else will great - er strength or peace be found.



the voice which thun-ders loud a - bove the crash-ing waves
his word pro - claims the truth like light-ning, sharp and bright,
Ex - alt the God of pow'r, and kneel in rev-'rent fear—



be - longs to God, the Ho - ly One, the LORD who saves.
with pen - e - trat - ing clar - i - ty and ten - der might.
give glo - ry to the One whose voice we long to hear.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:12–17

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

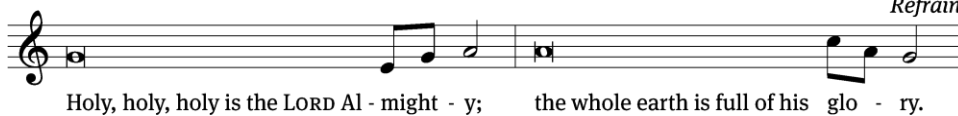
Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 6:3

Refrain



Tone



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Please stand

Gospel

John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Athanasian Creed

This creed is named for St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was written over a century after the death of Athanasius to combat two errors that undermined key scriptural teachings. One error denied that God’s Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

The creed also briefly speaks of the necessity of good works in the life of the Christian. The good works God produces in us and through us are the natural consequence of the faith hidden in the heart. The creed’s reference to doing good calls to mind Jesus’ words in John 5:28,29 and his declaration to the sheep and the goats on judgment day in Matthew 25:31-46. Good works do not contribute to our salvation. However, good works demonstrate our faith in Christ and testify to others that we are Christians.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
**but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and
Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,

but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

But all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God
and one God worshipped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

Be seated

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

CW 586



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our
2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your



hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and
gift of God most high, the fount of life, the
might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of
love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.
mor - tal state with death-less might in - vig - o - rate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
and your abiding peace bestow;
with you as our protecting guide,
no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, from both, as Three in One
that we your name may ever bless
and in our lives the truth confess.
- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, with them One,
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Sermon

Stand

We Praise You, O God

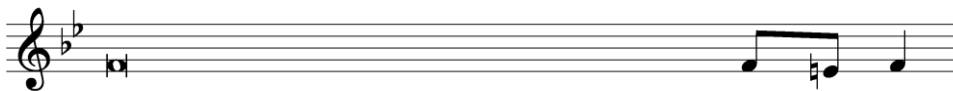
CW 210



- 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;



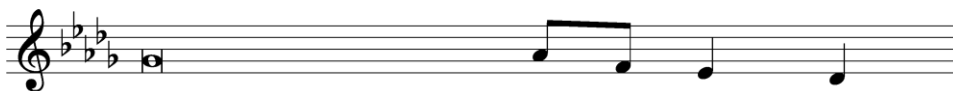
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



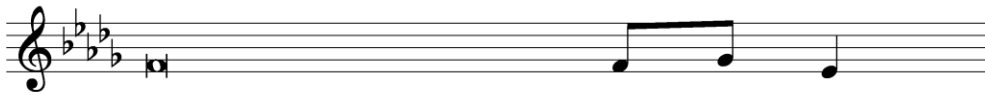
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



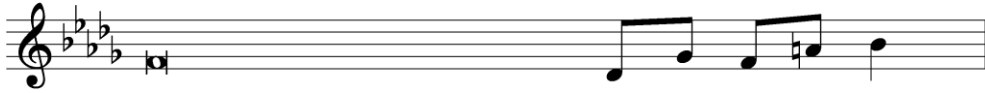
- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



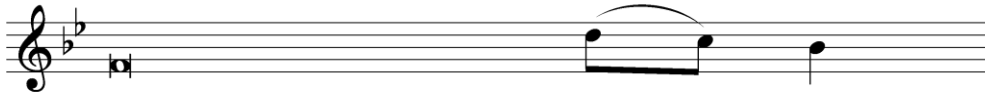
- 5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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.

Sing Praise to Our Creator

CW 480



1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, re - deemed of Ad-am's race;
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
3 Now praise the Ho - ly Spir - it poured forth up - on the earth,



God's chil-dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in liv - ing grace.
as mem-bers of his bod - y we are in Christ made one.
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, con - firmed in our re - birth.



O most ho - ly Trin - i - ty, un - di - vid - ed u - ni - ty;



ho - ly God, might - y God, God im - mor - tal, be a - dored!

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Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an - swer me.



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

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 + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
 A - men.

Be seated

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CW 617

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Summer worship hours are changing!

From Memorial Day until Labor Day, our Sunday services will be at 8:00am and 9:30am.
Wednesday evening remains as usual at 6:30pm.

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Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat & Kathy Renner in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary Pat & Kathy!

Finding answers to life's most important questions. Our membership class is where you can find out what the Bible teaches and the people of Pilgrim believe. If you are interested in becoming a member of Pilgrim, or would simply like to know more about Christianity, this is the place to be. It's also a great review for our members! We will begin on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30pm. Contact Pastor Vanderhoof for more information. cvanderhoof@pilgrimcares.org 608-548-0670

Summer Listening Sessions -- In an effort to improve communication, answer questions, and inform about our ministry plans, pastors will be holding summer listening sessions. These cottage type meetings will be held at various times throughout the summer. We plan to limit group size to around 20-25 per session in order to facilitate conversation and discussion. Use the QR to sign up, find the link in the Look Ahead email or call/email the office to sign up.



The Helping 5 will be collecting donations for New Beginnings- A Home for Mothers in the month of May. Pastor Vanderhoof is the spiritual advisor for New Beginnings too! The items listed should cost less than \$5 and will be a huge help to the mothers and children at New Beginnings. Adult and child sized bath towels & wash cloths, Bed Pillow protectors, Baby Shampoo, Baby lotion, Desitin/Diaper cream, Aquaphor lotion, Foldable changing pads, Pacifiers, Teethers, Bottle brushes, White onesies (any size), Lysol wipes/cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, feminine hygiene products, size 4 diapers or larger

Pilgrim PTA presents a Spring Greenhouse Sale! From May 1 through June 30 visit Shady Lane Greenhouse - W172 N7388 Shady Lane in Menomonee Falls. Choose from their vast selection of plants and garden related merchandise. Beautiful hanging baskets and mixed pots are ready for Mother's Day! Each time you shop, mention **Pilgrim Lutheran School PTA** and **Pilgrim will earn 25% of the sale!** You must mention Pilgrim PTA at the time of sale.

Serve, Dink, and Score – Calling all pickleball players! Whether you're an experienced player or new to the game, this open play is for you. No registration required, just show up and get ready to have some fun. Held on Mondays from 6:30-8pm in the gym beginning June 3. Everyone 8th grade and older is invited. Contact Keli Gilson (kgilson515@gmail.com) with any questions.

Miriam’s Walk for Life – You are invited to Miriam’s Walk for Life on July 20, hosted by WELS Lutherans for Life. This event is designed to benefit the ministries of WELS Lutherans for Life and to honor Miriam Kremer, who was called home to heaven at the young age of 17 after a lengthy bout with leukemia. Miriam's Walk will take place on Saturday, July 20, 2024, 8am-11am at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. The event features themed laps around the high school track, carnival-like events, and musical groups. Find all the details and register at <https://alife2.com/miriams-walk/>. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the event. Reach out if you are interested or have questions: call 414-727-8176 or email contact@ALife2.com.

Calling all college campus explorers: Wisconsin Lutheran College invites you to our brand-new event, Passport WLC! An exciting open house awaits you this summer on Thursday, June 20. Boarding begins at 11:00 a.m. After checking in, pick up your free WLC Perka water bottle. This is your blank-slate passport, ready to be filled with stickers designed by our very own faculty, staff, and students as you travel across our beautiful campus. With campus map in hand, explore WLC at your own pace and direction. Meet WLC Warriors through hands-on academic and extracurricular experiences. You’ll learn about our programs and offerings but also score those passport stickers for your water bottle. And there’s a grand prize entry at the end! Make WLC your destination this summer – book your ticket today for Passport WLC! Learn more and register: <https://wlc.news/passport>

Come to Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Concert Band’s (MMCCB’s) Memorial Day concert on Monday, May 27 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Wisconsin Memorial Park and hear some patriotic music dating from the Civil War to the present. Knightwind Ensemble will be playing there at noon, and Steel Tank Brewery will have a truck there from noon-4:00 PM. Likely there will be food trucks, too, if you want to make a day of it! The concerts are free, as is parking. Please note that you won’t be able to turn west on Capitol Drive from Hwy 41/45, due to construction.

Ushers	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
5-26	Matt Lawonn Rick Kleszczynski	Bryan Giesenschlag Carl Wolff
6-2	Phill Lepple Keith Gennerman	Jim Prekop Phill Lepple

Worship Hosts

5-26	Jim & Kathy Brandt	Ann Wood
6-2	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner	Bryan & Ellen Giesenschlag

Attendance

5-15 24 5-19 129 + 137 = 266

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