

First Sunday after Epiphany

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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All In

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
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Cantor

Pastor Aaron Winkelman Pastor Dan Marggraf David Porth Samantha O'Connell 1/8, Nick Brander 1/12

Kettle Moraine Lutheran Sunday

To God Be the Glory

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- To God be the glory, great things he has done!
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
 Let the earth hear his voice!
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
 Let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father
 through Jesus the Son
 and give him the glory,
 great things he has done!
- Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.

 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

 Let the earth hear his voice!

 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

 Let the people rejoice!

 O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Stand

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Holy Lord God, you have given us all that we are and all that we have. You protect and preserve us as your people who will be with you for all eternity in glory.

But we have taken your goodness and mercy for granted. We have failed to value what you have done for us. We tire of learning about your holy Law and your grace and mercy in Jesus. We prefer to live for ourselves instead of living for you. We love ourselves and the things of this world, and we lead others into our sinful ways.

Gracious Lord, we turn to your love and mercy, trusting that you have forgiven us and washed us clean in our Savior, Jesus.

We look to you for the desire and strength to learn about our sins and your free forgiveness from your holy Word.

Lord God, your boundless mercy for us moves us to love you in return and to show love to those you place around us in the world.

Lord, lead us in our lives so that we live as your people and strive to guide others to you, using your Word and Sacrament. Use us to bring others into your kingdom.

Lord, you have placed children and young people in our families and around us in our lives, so that we might be your instruments in learning about you and loving you through the ministry of our Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Help us do this glorious work as we serve your name and your ministry of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

In your limitless compassion we kneel before your throne of grace confessing the sins that infect our daily lives all too often by choice and at other times because our sinful nature overcomes our Christian judgment. We take the heavy weight of all these burdens that weigh us down and lay them at the foot of your cross asking for your resilient patience and unending mercy to forgive them once again.

God has empowered me through my call as his representative to share the good news of forgiveness with all of you. It is Christ's resolute love that continues to daily cover all of our sins and it is that same love that he shares with us today to leave a lasting impression on our hearts and minds that we are forgiven.

Glory to God in the Highest

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord of the church, you have united us in faith and worship to make disciples of all nations and nurture believers for lives of Christian service. Guide our leaders, and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Keep the congregations of the federation faithful to your Word, and give them a willingness to support the worldwide mission of your church to the glory of God; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

First Lesson Leviticus 26:1-13

When God said he was all in on being the God of the Israelites and adopting them as his chosen people there were strings attached! God wanted his special people to dedicate their lives and hearts to him. If the people did this, they would enjoy many blessings from God.

"Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God. "Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord. "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. "I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove wild beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you. "I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you. You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new. I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All the Ends of the Earth

Psalm 98A

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.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,
for he has done / marv'lous things;
his right hand and his / holy arm
have worked salvation / for him.
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth, burst into jubilant song with / music.

Let the rivers / clap their hands, let the mountains sing together / for joy; let them sing be- / fore the LORD, for he comes to / judge the earth.

He will judge the world in / righteousness and the peoples with / equity.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Lesson

I Corinthians 15:20-28

Jesus is 'All In' when it comes to our salvation since he has put all of His enemies under his control. There is no enemy who can harm or control us since Christ has conquered them and even taken away their ability to accuse us of doing wrong.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

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Gospel Matthew 6: 25-34

Do not worry about our daily needs, God will provide. Your wants are just that, wants and not necessities. If however we put God in the first position of care and attention in our lives, God will also supply our needs and beyond our daily needs.

"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

The Cantor will sing stanza one.



Sermon – Unity Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

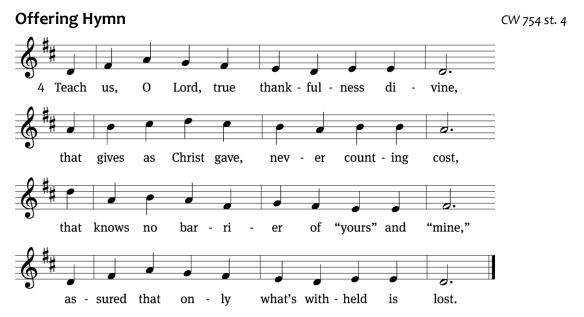
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand 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

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 <u>pilgrimcares.org/giving</u>. 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.



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Prayer

Lord Jesus, author of our salvation and teacher of every kindness Fill our hearts with the kindness and love that only you can teach.

As you survey our hearts and disclose our innermost thoughts and emotions Make them captive to your holy will by training them to pursue righteousness in the face of temptations and trials.

Over 50 years ago you made the starting of a Christian high school a priority in the hearts of numerous parents who placed trust in your guidance with this new upstart high school. Even as you are "All In" on our salvation, so too you are "All In" when it comes to training young hearts and minds in the path of godly wisdom and Christian maturity.

Continue to direct the path and direction of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School so that our Christian institution will always preach your message in all of its truth, So that the full revelation of both Law and Gospel will be heard.

Reach out your Shepherd's staff to protect our youth from the attacks of Satan and the world around them.

Use that same Shepherd's staff to pull back any who might begin to fall away from your message of truth and love.

Guide the hearts of Christian parents to be the true teachers of your love through their words and actions within their own households.

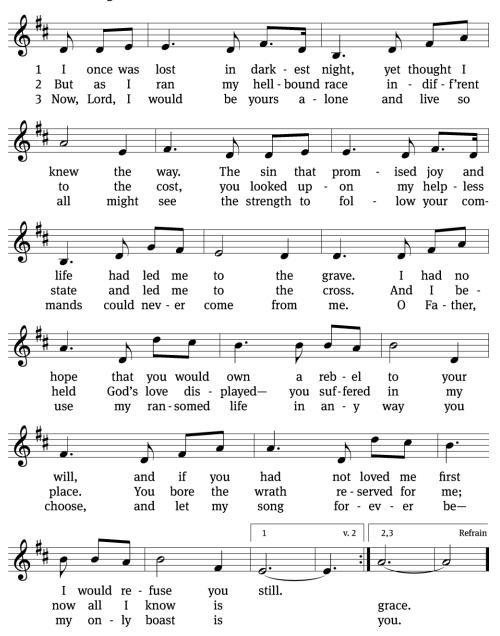
Help us as parents and congregations not to trip or stumble in our obligations to testify to the truth found in Christ, through his Word. Direct our hearts to be "All In" when it comes to prioritizing the message of Christ in our daily lives.

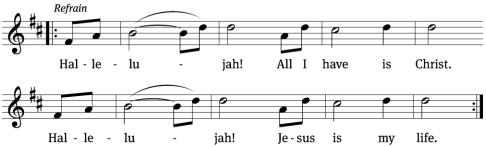
It is in the name of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for all mankind that we pray...

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.

The Cantor will sing stanza one.





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Stand

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. (Numbers 6:24-26, EHV)

Amen



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1-19	Phill Lepple	Jim Prekop
	Tim Pankow	John Kufahl

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