



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Love Your Enemies, Overcoming Evil With Good

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.

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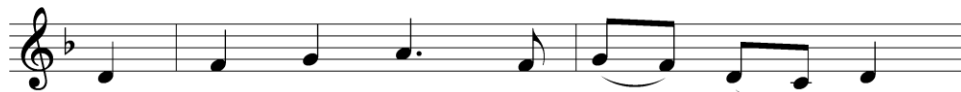
Presiding Minister
Preacher
Organist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Pastor Heath Butler
David Porth
WLHS String Ensemble

Morning Prayer

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

CW 733



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
2 How can your par - don reach and bless
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can
the un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
the truth we dim - ly knew: how small are oth - ers'
and bid re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in



grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
debts to us, how great our debt to you!
bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

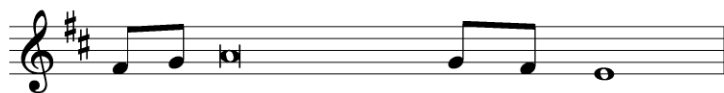
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Stand

Opening Sentences



O Lord, o - pen my lips.



And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Hasten to save me, O God.



O Lord, come quickly to help me.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Come, O come, let us wor - ship.

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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Refrain



Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,
2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Be seated

Psalm 63

Refrain



In the morn - ing I will sing, I will



sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to



you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse



1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for
 you my soul is thirst - ing. My bod - y pines for you like a
 dry, wea - ry land with - out wa - ter. So I gaze on you in the
 sanc - tu - ar - y to see your strength and your glo - ry.

Refrain

Verse



2 For your love is bet - ter than life, my lips will speak your
 praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your
 name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a
 ban - quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

Refrain

Verse

3 On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I
muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the
shad-ow of your wings I re-joice. My soul clings to
you; your right hand holds me fast.

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First Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

¹²“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

¹⁴Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Oh, How Good It Is

8:00am, Sung by Grades 5 & 6. 10:30am, Sung in unison.



The musical score is written on four staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with three parts (1, 2, and 3) indicated for the first staff. The lyrics are: 1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to - 2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re - 3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre - geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we live as one we all share in the love of the fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us. of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing. Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
 and with one heart we'll live out his word,
 till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,
 for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo - ple.

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Second Reading

Romans 12:14–21

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
 if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
 In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 729



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and
 2 Bind us all as one to - geth - er in your Church's
 3 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us,
 sa - cred fold, weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y,
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed;
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



hal - lows all our hu - man race, you our head, who, throned in
 sad and joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or
 free - ly may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and yours the
 hal - lows all our hu - man race, by your pray - ing, by your



glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead: fill us with your
 sor - row? Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its
 sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stew - ards
 will - ing that your peo - ple should be one, grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, heal our wrongs and help our need.
 crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
 of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, abr., alt. Tune: The Revivalist, Troy, 1868, ed. Joseph Hillman Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Stand

You Are God; We Praise You

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To



you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



praise, all cre - a-tion of-fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



- 1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 3 O — Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O — Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You be - came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O — Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the mar - tyr - s and your ho - ly Church, **we sing in end - less praise!**
To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, **we sing in end - less praise!**
And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end - less praise!**

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.

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

CW 748 st. 1

1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our'. The second staff continues: 'best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a'. The third staff: 'liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our'. The fourth staff: 'striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,'. The fifth staff ends with: 'then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.' The score concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–1872 Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth
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Profession of Faith

10:30am, Remington Pappenfuss

Lord, Have Mercy

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be
mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grace

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.

Benedicamus





The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928



May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's



bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor



rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in



un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in



sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jennifer Piper in memory of her Grandmother's passing Dennis and Joan Schmick in celebration of Joan's birthday. Happy birthday Joan!

Lent by Candlelight will be held Sunday, March 9, at 6:30 in the Gathering space. Open to high school age and beyond. An evening of Passover and Mediterranean-inspired snack foods and preparation for Lent featuring *Branches Band*. Please sign up at the display on the table in the back of Church.

Pilgrim moms! Please join us on Wednesday, February 26th, as we continue to study our kids' social, emotional and spiritual growth. We are using a small group guide based on David Thomas and Sissy Goff's book, *Are My Kids on Track?* There is no need to buy the book or complete any materials in advance. Please join us this coming week as we learn about emotional building blocks that are important for our children. Little ones are welcome to come, too! Please reach out to Alyssa Schwartz for the location this week and any other questions 414.881.0604.

Pm Gems continues to meet at Amy Balza's on Monday evenings between 6-8. The official study happens between 6:30 and 7:30. Drop in anytime! Call Amy w/questions at 414-759-1257.

Coffee Connects – Perhaps you meet a new face at worship or have that friend you'd like to have a conversation with about faith. We encourage you to take them out for coffee. Reaching has made that easier, by purchasing Fiddleheads gift cards to make that more doable. Simply speak to one of our pastors or Evangelism Chair, Paul Arnhold for one.

The Helping 5- Winter Edition! We will be collecting Granola Bars/Protein Bars/Fruit & Grain bars/etc through the end of February for the Wisconsin Seminary Food Pantry. We collected and donated these snack items last fall too. It took about 2 weeks for all of the items to be consumed!! Yay- Glad the men and their families could use the items. Let's try to donate a boatload again!!

Scrap-a-Thon: The next Scrapping weekend is March 7 and 8 in the school gym from 10:00am to 10:00pm each day. Contact Pat Knack bbox2go@yahoo.com or Nancy Abel jabel4826@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

WLHS Musical *Singin' in the Rain*—Wisconsin Lutheran High School is excited to present the musical *Singin' in the Rain* with shows on Friday and Saturday, February 28 and March 1 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make this show the perfect entertainment for fans of the golden age of movie musicals. Purchase tickets in advance online for a discounted rate at wlhs.org/musical.

Sacred Concert Please join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School as our KML bands and choirs glorify the Lord through song at the Sacred Concert on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 PM. Can't make it in person? Watch online at kmlhs.org/stream.

Join Us for the Palms and Blooms Gala! We invite you to join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for an elegant evening at the 2025 KML Palms and Blooms Gala on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Enjoy tropical cuisine, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, and the chance to make a lasting impact in our students' lives and for generations to come. Proceeds benefit KML's building expansion project and the student assistance fund. Registration NOW OPEN at kmlhs.org/gala. Final registration deadline: March 17, 2025.

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Ushers		
2-23	Matt Lawonn Jason Wetzel	Bryan Giesenschlag Andy Steeno
3-2	Phill Lepple Glen Kuphall	Jim Prekop Mark Murphy
Worship Hosts		
2-23	Irene Lape & Pat Knack	June Bitney & Delores Tessmer
3-2	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	Joel & Jenny Raasch
Attendance		
2-12	6	
2-16	101 + 165 = 266	



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