



Fourth Sunday of Easter

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Worship services - Wednesday 6:30pm, Sunday 8:00 and 10:30am

We Know Jesus Is Trustworthy and True

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 Aaron Winkelman
Seminarian Jacob Kieselhorst
David Porth
Elise Mayer, Sarah Mayer, Pat Renner

Service of the Word

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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Stand

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus \dagger 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.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

8:00 and 10:30am, Verses sung by the Adult Choir

Shepherd of My Heart
Setting by Francis Patrick O'Brien

1. *My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want;
green are the pastures where I'm led to repose.
Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul.
I am led onward in ways true to the Name.*

Refrain

Guide me, O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward through the
dark, in-to ev-er-last-ing, day. Show me the way of truth and
light; keep me al-ways in your sight. May my life nev-er
part from the shep-herd of my heart.

2. *If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness,
no evil shall I fear with God at my side.
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort;
you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes.*
Refrain

3. *You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing;
goodness and kindness crown the days of my life.
Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace for ever;
within the house of God my soul is at rest.*
Refrain

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord.

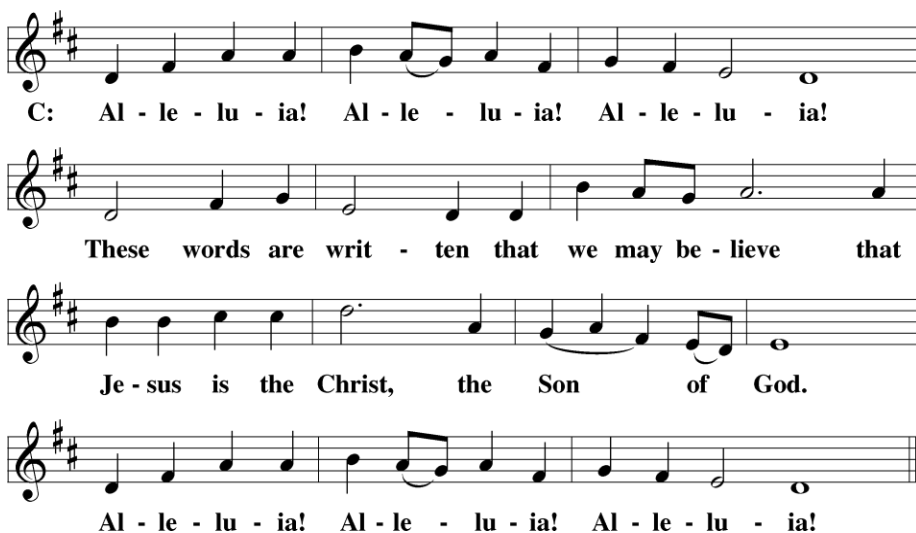
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

John 10:22–30

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

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Sermon

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.

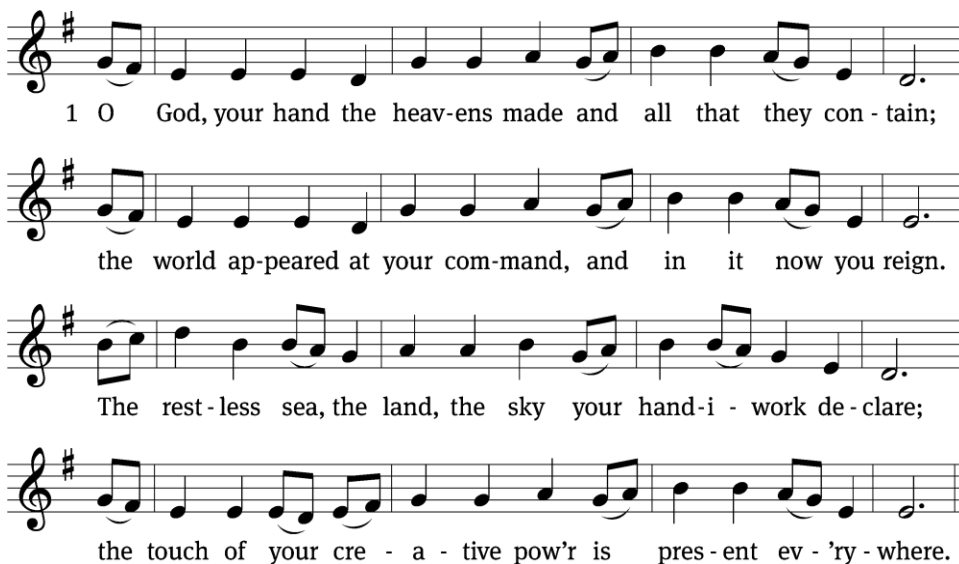
Be seated

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 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 751 st. 1



1 O God, your hand the heav-ens made and all that they con - tain;
the world ap-peared at your com-mand, and in it now you reign.
The rest-less sea, the land, the sky your hand-i - work de - clare;
the touch of your cre - a - tive pow'r is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.

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Prayer

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

Good Shepherd, hear us. 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.



Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

CW 471



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 heart and will on things a - bove that we
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer thro' your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the

heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - 'ry
in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he
by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me

day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

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News & Notes

Bible Class this Sunday will continue our study of Revelation. This will be our last Sunday morning Bible Class until September.

Service Time Change Starting Sunday, May 25, we will return to our summer worship schedule. Sunday services will be at 8:00 and 9:30am, Wednesday evening services will continue at 6:30pm. This schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

Open Forum for the Budget Sunday, May 18 between the 8:00 and 10:30am services we will have an open forum to go over the proposed budget for next year.

The Open Table, another concept in our Third Thursday series, is a space where curiosity meets faith. With this new series concept, friends and members of Pilgrim are able to ask any questions, big or small, and engage in thoughtful and open conversations with the pastors. Whether seeking clarity on scripture or everyday life challenges, this is a understanding of God and his word. We will meet in the Gathering Space on Thursday, May 15 from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Bring your favorite snack/dish/beverage to share with your table.

Blood Drive at Pilgrim On Tuesday, May 20 from 1:00pm – 6:00pm we will have our second Blood Drive at Pilgrim. There is more information, including the sign up, on the included flyer.

The Helping \$5-During the month of May we are having a **Rise and Shine Food Drive** for the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry. Please consider donating breakfast items needed! (Cereal, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, granola, canned fruit, raisins, jam/jelly, coffee/tea) Thank you for supporting our Community Food Pantry!

Lawnmower Needed! – Help Us Care for Our Grounds Our current teacherage lawnmower has faithfully served us for over 20 years, but it's time for a much-needed upgrade. To continue maintaining the grounds at both of our teacherages, our facilities team recommends replacing it with a reliable used zero-turn mower. The total cost is \$2,500. We're asking our church family to prayerfully consider donating toward this need. If you wish to contribute, please mark your donation "Lawnmower Fund" and place it in the offering or give through our online platform. Thank you for helping us keep our grounds beautiful and well cared for!

Mom's love to worship with their families on Mother's day. What a great opportunity to invite others to join you. Our students want to make the day special by handing out flowers to everyone woman who attends either service.

Crafting for a Cause: You're invited! May 17 from 10:00am – 10:00pm in the school gym. Contact Pat Knack bbbox2go@yahoo.com or Nancy Abel jabel4826@gmail.com with questions, to get all the details or to RSVP.

Save the Date! Sunday, June 22 after the 9:30am service we will have a farewell gathering for the Brandts! Jim and Kathy will be moving to Thailand by the end of summer. Let's all get together to thank Mrs. Brandt for her many years of teaching at Pilgrim and wish them well on their new Mission in Thailand. More details soon!

PM GEMs at Amy Balza's on Monday evenings between 6-8 p.m. The official study happens between 6:30-7:30. Drop in anytime! Call Amy w/questions at 414-759-1257.

GEMs Please join Pilgrim Moms on Wednesday, May 7 for Bible Study. We will dig into God's Word, hearing Jesus call himself the Light of the World. We are meeting at MariLynn Toepel's home at 9:00am. W133N6242 Hummingbird Way, Menomonee Falls.

NOW through June 30th, EVERY time you shop at Shady Lane Greenhouse, mention Pilgrim Lutheran PTA and they will donate 25% of your sale back to us! You must mention Pilgrim Lutheran PTA. Shady Lane Greenhouse is a family run greenhouse in Menomonee Falls, located at W172N7388 Shady Lane. They offer a variety of services, including custom planters, landscape design, garden maintenance, holiday decorating, and so much more! The nursery stock includes: Bedding plants, Annuals, Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials. They carry a wide variety of each and would love to help you find exactly what you're looking for. You can visit their website at: <https://www.shadylanegreenhouse.com/>, and be sure to stop in!

Job Available—Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is seeking candidates for the position of assistant librarian. This position works closely with the library director to support both administrative and core library functions, including access services, technical services, and cataloging. We are open to full-time or part-time candidates, with the position beginning after August 1. Candidates should have relevant library experience. Strong organizational skills and a willingness to assist across a variety of library functions are essential. The position runs for nine months of the year, with a limited number of additional hours possible during the summer. If interested or for further information, please contact the library director, Prof. Nathan Ericson, at nathan.ericson@wls.edu.

Seminary Spring Concert The Seminary Chorus, a 63-voice choir composed of men studying for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, will present their annual spring concert at the seminary on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The chorus will present hymns and anthems in traditional and contemporary styles, accompanied by various musical instruments. Some selections include congregation participation. This year's program is titled *My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone*. The seminary is located at 11831 N Seminary Drive, Mequon, WI. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ushers8:00am10:30am

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Carl Wolff

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Matt Lawonn
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Joe & Marlene Bedalov

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Irene Lape

Paul & Kathy Arnhold

Attendance

4-30

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Tuesday

**MAY
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1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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meal and drink plenty of
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