



**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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## Scripture / Anticipation

*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**

Pastor Aaron Winkelman  
Pastor Collin Vanderhoof  
David Porth

# Morning Prayer

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## Thanks to You, O Christ Victorious!



*All:* 1. Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious!  
*All:* 2. You have died for my trans - gres - sion;  
*Choir:* 3. *Grant me grace, O bless - ed Sav - ior,*  
*All:* 4. For the joy your ad - vent gave me,



Thanks to you, O Lord of life! Death has now no  
all my sins on you were laid. You have won for  
*and your Ho - ly Spir - it send that my walk and*  
for your Gos - pel's great re - ward; for your bap - tism



pow - er o'er us, you have con - quered in the strife.  
me sal - va - tion; on the cross my debt was paid.  
*my be - hav - ior may be pleas - ing to the end;*  
which has saved me, for your sup - per and your Word;



Thanks be - cause you did a - rise and have o - pened  
From the grave I shall a - rise and shall meet you  
*that I may not fall a - gain in - to death's grim*  
for your death, the bit - ter scorn; for your res - ur -



par - a - dise! None can ful - ly sing the glo - ry  
in the skies. Death it - self is tran - si - to - ry;  
*pit and pain, whence by grace you have re - trieved me*  
rec - tion morn: Lord, I thank you and ex - tol you,



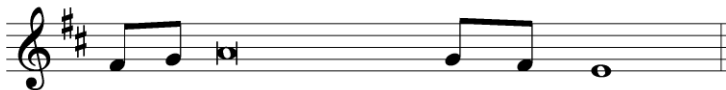
of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
*and from which you have re - lieved me.*  
and in heav'n I shall be - hold you.

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.

## Refrain

## Confession

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

**Cleanse me from my sins.**

**Release me from my guilt.**

**Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

## Absolution

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Habakkuk 1:1–3; 2:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. <sup>2</sup>How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. <sup>4</sup>I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. <sup>3</sup>For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. <sup>4</sup>“See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# I Will Wait for You

Psalm 130G

The adult choir will sing verses one, two and the first chorus.

LORD, from the depths I call to you;  
(Lord,) in your pres - ence who can stand,  
Lord, hear me from on high  
if you our sins re - cord?  
and give at - ten - tion to my voice  
But yet for - give - ness is with you,  
when I for mer - cy cry. Lord,  
that we may fear you, Lord.

## Verses

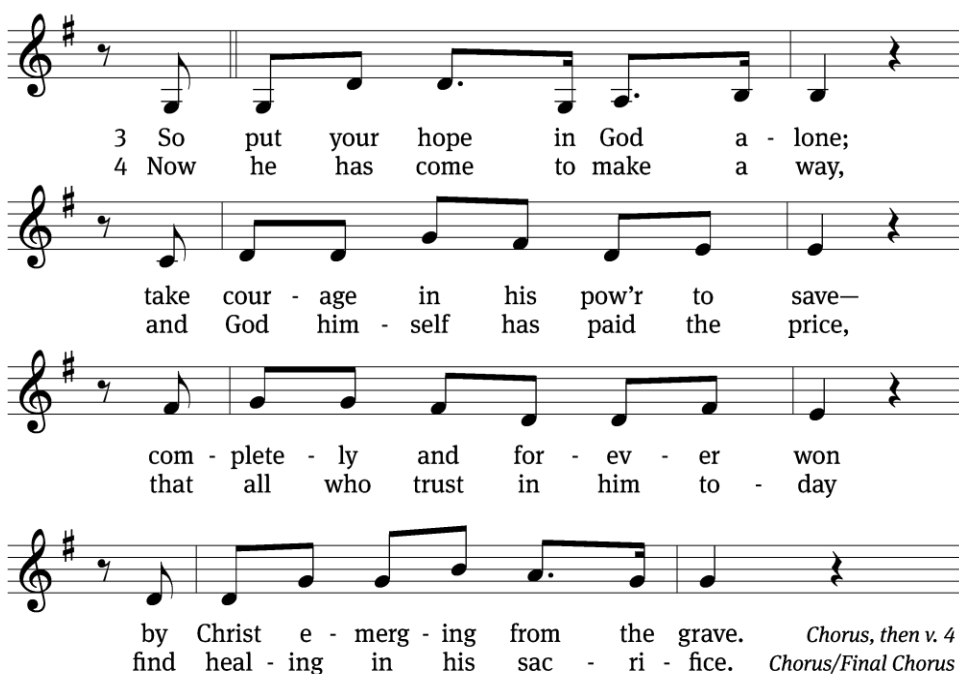
1 Out of the depths I cry to you,  
2 Were you to count my sin - ful ways,  
in dark - est plac - es I will call;  
how could I come be - fore your throne?  
in - cline your ear to me a - new,  
Yet full for - give - ness meets my gaze;  
and hear my cry for mer - cy, Lord. v. 2  
I stand re - deemed by grace a - lone. Chorus

Chorus



I will wait for you, I will wait for you; on your  
word, I will re - ly. I will wait for you, sure - ly  
wait for you, till my soul is sat-is - fied.

Verses



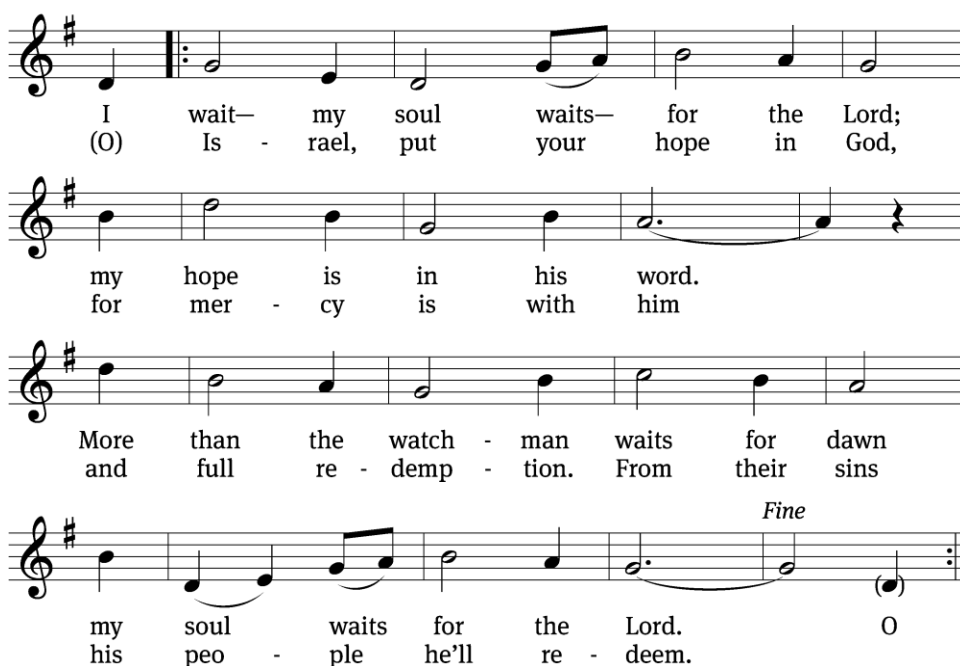
3 So put your hope in God a - lone;  
4 Now he has come to make a way,  
take cour - age in his pow'r to save—  
and God him - self has paid the price,  
com - plete - ly and for - ev - er won  
that all who trust in him to - day  
by Christ e - merg - ing from the grave. *Chorus, then v. 4*  
find heal - ing in his sac - ri - fice. *Chorus/Final Chorus*

*Final Chorus*



I will wait for you, I will wait for you; through the  
storm and through the night. I will wait for you, sure-ly  
wait for you, for your love is my de-light.

*Outro*



I wait— my soul waits— for the Lord;  
(O) Is - rael, put your hope in God,  
my hope is in his word.  
for mer - cy is with him  
More than the watch - man waits for dawn  
and full re - demp - tion. From their sins  
*Fine*  
my soul waits for the Lord. O  
his peo - ple he'll re - deem.

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## Second Reading

Revelation 22:6–13

<sup>6</sup>The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup>“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.

<sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

<sup>10</sup>Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

<sup>12</sup>“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel

Luke 12:35–40

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup>It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup>It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup>But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

# Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

CW 487



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee



once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 those who set at naught and sold him,  
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:  
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.  
 wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

# Sermon

Stand

## You Are God; We Praise You

Refrain

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 - tyrs 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!**

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](http://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.

## O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

CW 751 st. 3



3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims, true stew - ards we would be;



en - dow us with a deep de - sire to live un - self - ish - ly.



A full ac - count - ing we must give and see you face to face;



let us ap - proach your throne with joy, sup - port - ed by your grace.

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## Lord, Have Mercy

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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." The first two staves cover the first line of lyrics, the next two staves cover the second line, and the final two staves cover the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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.

## Anthem

Sung by Audrey Balza

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness (CW626)*

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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



Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

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# Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



**A - men.**



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



**A - men.**



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**A - men.**

*Be seated*

# It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought - my  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll - what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain*  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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## News & Notes

**Please join us for an Open Forum** on Sunday, November 30 at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary. Our Council and Elders have prayerfully reviewed Pilgrim's staffing needs in light of upcoming transitions and long-term ministry goals. At this forum, we will share two options for how we can best support our congregation moving forward. This is your opportunity to hear the details, ask questions, and provide feedback before any recommendations are finalized. Your input is vital as we seek God's guidance together. Depending on the direction the congregation chooses at this forum, we could immediately proceed with a call meeting following the forum or schedule a call meeting for a later date.

**'Tis the season to feed the hungry!** Pilgrim will be hosting a food drive to support the Falls Area Food Pantry starting this week and running through Sunday, the 23rd. There will be bins to collect donations by each school entry and one in the church narthex. Please see the flyer about what food items are needed and which they have plenty of this month. God has been so generous to all of us; let's reflect His love to our community!

**Scrip News Raise Days: November 20-21** Continue earning with the biggest event of the year! Earn up to 23% with 175+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. It's the perfect time to check off your holiday gifting list or just stock up for household expenses! *Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards; Participants must have an online account to participate.*

November is the time to earn big rebates on all your shopping and gifting, when you buy gift cards or shop online through Pilgrim's RaiseRight program! Please email Vicki Klessig if you have any questions ([pilgrimscrip@pilgrimcares.org](mailto:pilgrimscrip@pilgrimcares.org)) Happy Earning!

**Pie Social** - The annual Pilgrim Pie Social will be held after our Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30pm. If you would like to donate a pie, please have it precut and dropped off in the Gathering Space prior to the worship service. Please join us for fellowship and a slice of pie. Thank you!

**Advent by Candlelight** is next Sunday on November 30, doors opening at 6:00pm and dessert being served at 6:30pm. Sign up today on the sheet in the narthex if you are attending, decorating a table, and/or bringing a dessert! We look forward to seeing you. Contact Irene Lape or Karen Maio with any questions.

**The women of the Tabitha Society and their friends are having a Christmas party on Thursday, December 4th**, and you are all invited. Meet us at Olive Garden, [N91 W15848 Falls Parkway, Menomonee Falls](#), at 11:30 AM. We will order from the menu, so no payment is due at this time. Please sign up on the sheet in the church narthex. Join us for good food and fellowship. To add to the fun, bring a wrapped \$5 gift for our annual gift exchange. (We're always amazed at the variety of things \$5 can buy!) Hope you can join us!

**KML Facility Expansion Dedication & Open House** On Sunday, November 30, you are invited to join us for a special celebration of God's faithfulness and the incredible blessings he has provided. We would be honored to celebrate with you the dedication of our facility expansion and rejoice together in this joyful milestone. Our annual open house for families of prospective students will follow the dedication. Register to attend at [kmlhs.org/2025dedication](http://kmlhs.org/2025dedication). The registration deadline is November 14.

**Bethlehem Dedication** Bethlehem Lutheran Church joyfully invites you to join them in the dedication of their new sanctuary. A service of worship and dedication will take place on December 7th at 2 pm, with an hors d'oeuvres reception to follow, at our Germantown campus. N108 W14290 Bel Aire Lane Germantown, WI



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	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
<b>Ushers</b>		
11-23	Matt Lawonn Rick Kleszczynski	Dave Chmielewski Carl Wolff
11-30	Glen Kuphall Karl Osterman	Jim Prekop Paul Arnhold

**Worship Hosts**

11-23	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	Bryan & Ellen Giesenschlag
11-30	Pete & Amy Kuske	Peggy Haas & Carol Bradtke

**Attendance**

11-12	37
11-16	118 + 205 = 323

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