



MIDWEEK ONE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

The Song of Mary

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 Collin Vanderhoof

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David Porth, Amy Balza

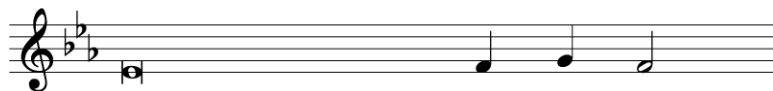
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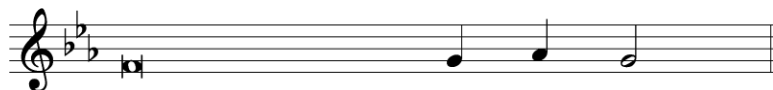
Evening Prayer

Stand

Service of Light



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here.

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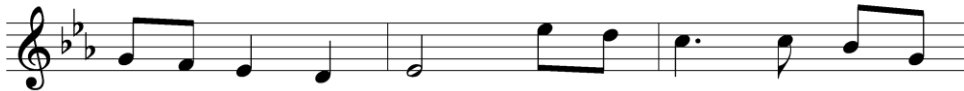
Evening Hymn



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing glow of
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing
3 You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing



God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
star of night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



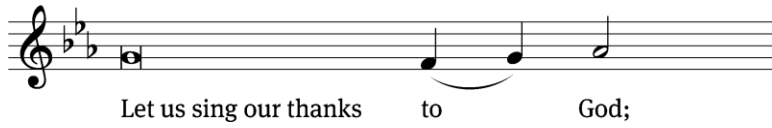
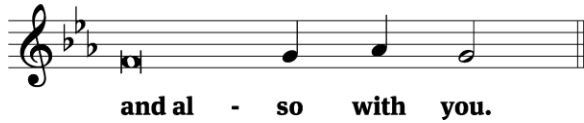
round us we shall raise our songs to you, God of
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing



day - break, God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

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Evening Thanksgiving



Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—
from old you have led your people by night and day.
May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright,
for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways,
and you are the light and life of all creation.



Be seated

Psalm 141

Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Verse

1 O LORD, I call to you, come to me now; O
hear my voice when I cry to you. *Refrain*

Verse

2 Keep watch with - in me, LORD; deep in my heart may the
light of your love be burn - ing bright. *Refrain*

Verse

3 All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all
praise to the Christ and the Spir - it of love. *Refrain*

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May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

Amen.

The Light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

Blessed Be the Name of the LORD

Psalm 113D

3:30pm, Grades 7-8 will introduce the refrain and sing the verses.

Refrain

Bless-ed be the name of the LORD for - ev - er.

Tone

From the rising of the sun to the place / where it sets,
the name of the LORD is / to be praised.

The LORD is exalted over all the / nations,
his glory above the / heavens.

Who is like the / LORD our God,
the One who sits en- / throned on high,
who stoops / down to look
on the heavens / and the earth? *Refrain*

He raises the poor / from the dust;
he seats them with the princes of his / people.
He settles the childless woman / in her home
as a happy mother of children. / Praise the LORD.

**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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Psalm Prayer

O Lord our God, you rule over all things by your powerful word. Lift up all those who have been beaten down by the trials of life, and remember all of us as we call on the name of Jesus, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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and the darkness has not overcome it.

Reading

Luke 1:39–56

³⁹At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

⁴⁶And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." ⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Tell Out, My Soul

CW 955

3:30pm, Grades 7-8 will sing stanza one.



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his Word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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Sermon

Annunciation

An angel went from God
to a town called Nazareth
to a woman whose name was Mary.
The angel said to her,
“Rejoice, O highly favored,
for God is with you.
You shall bear a child,
and his name shall be Jesus,
the Chosen One of God Most High.”
And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God,
I live to do your will.”

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Magnificat



1, 3 My — soul pro - claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2 You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up-



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might-y are you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your
Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One, strong is your



kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to



weak — and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart. st. 2
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more. st. 3

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Stand

Litany

Response:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

- 1 In peace, in peace, we pray to you: (Response)
- 2 For peace and salvation, we pray to you: (Response)
- 3 For peace between nations, for peace between peoples: (Response)
- 4 For us who are gathered to worship and praise you: (Response)
- 5 For all of your servants who live out your gospel: (Response)
- 6 For all those who govern, that justice might guide them: (Response)
- 7 For all those who labor in service to others: (Response)
- 8 Grant weather that nourishes all of creation: (Response)
- 9 Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger: (Response)
- 10 For all the beloved who rest in your mercy: (Response)

Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

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Great and merciful God, source and ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes understanding, and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to 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.

Final Blessing



Let us praise the Lord:



thanks be to God.



May God the Fa - ther bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our



guide and path, for all of our days.



A - men.

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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 or go to pilgrimcares.org/giving.



Pilgrim Lutheran Church can receive offerings electronically through a secure website. Scan the QR code with your smart phone (you might need to download a free QR scanning app) to be directed to Pilgrim's giving page or visit pilgrimcares.org/giving. Save the check – give online!

Pilgrim's Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 3, 10, 17Midweek Advent Services - 3:30pm and 6:30pm

December 148:00am and 10:30am Advent Song Service

December 2110:30am Children's Christmas Service in the gym
8:00am Divine Service in Church

December 24 4:30pm Lessons & Carols
6:30pm Candlelight Service

December 258:15am to 8:45am Hymn Sing
9:00am Christmas Day Festival Service with Holy Communion

No Wednesday Evening Worship on December 31

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