



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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## Son of God

*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**

**Soloist**

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

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Katie Ausen

Micah Vanderhoof

# Morning Prayer

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## Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

CW 332



1 Let us all with glad-some voice praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears he comes, here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for he was poor; is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, bless us and be near us.



who, to bid our hearts re - jice, his own Son has giv - en.  
that with him in heav'n's fair homes we may reign in glad-ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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Stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

Christmas To us the Christ is born:

**praise and thanks to God!**

## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

CW 208

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a great God  
 3 The sea is his, for he made it,

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and his hand formed the dry land.

1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
 4 For he is our God,

1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
 2 the heights of the hills are also his.  
 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of his  
 pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Be seated*

## **Anthem**

*Sung by Micah Vanderhoof*

*Joseph's Lullaby*

*Mercy Me*

## **First Reading**

*Isaiah 63:7-9*

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,  
the deeds for which he is to be praised,  
according to all the LORD has done for us—  
yes, the many good things  
he has done for Israel,  
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

<sup>8</sup>He said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will be true to me";  
and so he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup>In all their distress he too was distressed,  
and the angel of his presence saved them.  
In his love and mercy he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them  
all the days of old.

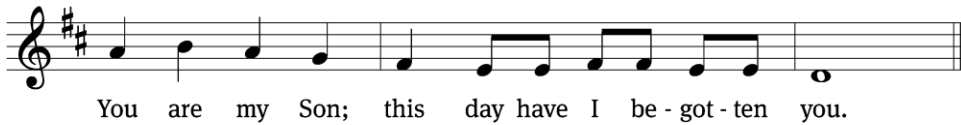
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# You Are My Son

Psalm 2A

## Refrain



## Tone



Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD  
and against his A- / noointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,  
“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

**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 Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

<sup>6</sup>Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## All Hail! You Infant Martyr Flowers

CW 978 sts. 1-3



1 All hail! You in - fant mar - tyr flow'rs, cut off in  
2 With ter - ror does the ty - rant hear that God's own  
3 King Her - od ra - ges at the Word: "Go, sol - dier,



life's first dawn - ing hours; like rose - buds, snapped in  
Son to us draws near. On Da - vid's throne he  
with your ruth - less sword, to him, who stands where



dread - ful strife, when Her - od sought our Sav - ior's life.  
comes to dwell and reign as King of Is - ra - el.  
we have stood, and stain the In - fant - crib with blood!"

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## Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

<sup>13</sup>When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

<sup>14</sup>So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup>where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. <sup>17</sup>Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup>“A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup>and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

<sup>21</sup>So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup>and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated

# All Hail! You Infant Martyr Flowers

CW 978 sts. 4-7



4 Oh, what is gained from this of - fense? What prof - it  
5 A voice is heard in bit - ter pain as Ra - chel  
6 Of you, O lit - tle lambs, we sing, first vic - tims  
7 To you, the Vir - gin - born, we raise thanks - giv - ing



comes from vi - o - lence? The Sav - ior - King sur -  
mourns the in - fants slain, re - fus - ing com - fort—  
slain for Christ our King: be - neath the heav'n - ly  
and e - ter - nal praise, whom with the Fa - ther



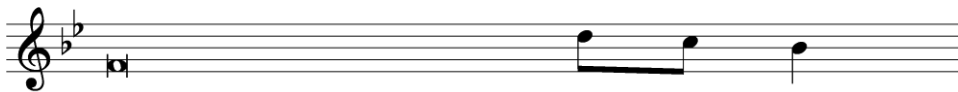
vived the day, as Christ was safe - ly whisked a - way!  
sa - cred lore— be - cause her chil - dren are no more!  
al - tar's ray with mar - tyr - palms and crowns you play!  
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## Sermon

# We Praise You, O God

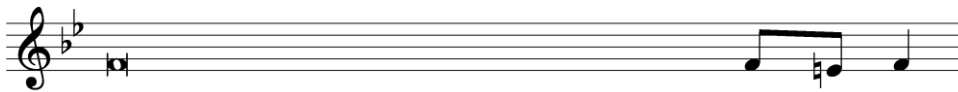
CW 210



1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,  
 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.  
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



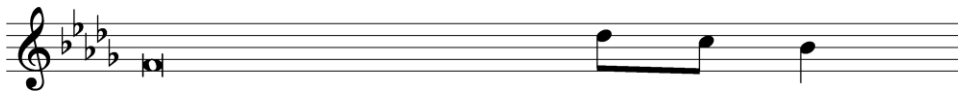
1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.  
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



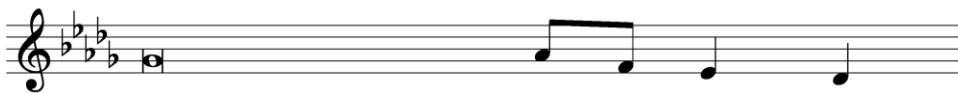
1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:  
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.  
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



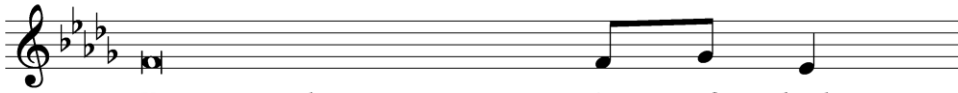
4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



5 When you became man to set us free,  
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

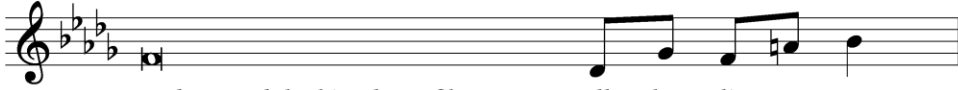


5 You overcame the

sting of death

6 We believe that

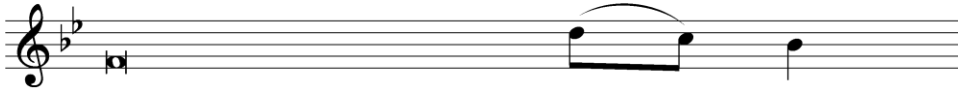
you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.

6 to

be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your

peo - ple,



7 bought

with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints

to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*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 [pilgrimage.org/giving](http://pilgrimage.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.

### Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

CW 752 sts. 1, Ref

1 Gra - cious God, you send great bless - ings new each  
morn - ing all our days. For your mer - cies  
nev - er end - ing, for your love we of - fer praise.

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your  
gifts un - num - bered claim, through the shar - ing  
of your bless - ings may bring glo - ry to your name.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first three staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The fourth staff is the start of the refrain, marked 'Refrain'. The fifth and sixth staves continue the refrain melody with lyrics. The music uses a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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Stand

## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; 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.**

# 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.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

# Silent Night, Holy Night

CW 337 sts. 1-3



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts— sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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