



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One

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 Collin Vanderhoof
Pastor Aaron Winkleman
Amy Balza

Service of the Word

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
- 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

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Stand

Invocation

The grace of our Lord † Jesus 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

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1–7

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

²He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 45B

Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone



My heart is stirred by a / noble theme
as I recite my verses / for the king.
You are the most excel- / lent of men
and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.
Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. *Refrain*

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Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.
You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.
I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.

**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

Acts 10:34–38

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Mark 1:11

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. 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

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CW 377



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: “This is my Son,” was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
his de - cree, “the one I love, who pleas - es me.”

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
to save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon

Stand

The 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.

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

CW 753 sts. Ref, 4

4 I will not boast in wealth or might, or
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will
boast in know - ing Christ at the cross. *Refrain*
Refrain
I re-joice in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,
well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my
soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

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Prayer of the Church

Loving Father, lead us to rejoice every day as we remember our baptism. When we sin against you and others, give us power to put down the sinful nature that was drowned in the water of baptism. When we doubt your love, cause us to remember the promises you made when we came to the font. When we feel weak, invigorate us with the hope of eternal life that awaits all who are baptized and believe in you.

Keep in your care all our brothers and sisters who are suffering in sickness, enduring hardship, carrying a cross, or mourning the death of someone they love. Let them also return to their baptism and remember the blessings you bestowed on them through the water and the Word. Keep all the baptized in your care and bring us at last to the river of the water of life in heaven.

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.

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

CW 374



1 The star pro-claims the King is here; but, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood the pure and
 4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
 5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for



why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
 on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they
 ho - ly Lamb of God; the Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
 red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry
 his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
 pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.
 dove, con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
 shown and put their trust in him a - lone.
 dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Stand

Closing Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

CW 692



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - firm - i - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day that



mong the glo-rious, heav'n-ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
by this sac - ra - ment we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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News & Notes

THANK YOU! - What a blessed joy it is to celebrate and share the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born to us who is Christ the Lord! Along with that joy we are so grateful for all the holiday greetings, well wishes, prayers, encouragements, cards, and gifts that so many have shared with us. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for all these things and for the privilege you have bestowed on us along with Christ to be your pastors. Wishing you all the best in this New Year, Pastor Vanderhoof and Pastor Winkelman.

CONGRATULATIONS! - Join us in giving thanks to God and wishing His richest blessing upon Nathanael and Jessica Wendland (nee Waege) who were united in Christian marriage on December 28, 2025! May God shower their lives and their home with His love.

Please update your Church directory listing. There is a printed copy of our Church Directory on the shelf in the narthex. Please take a moment to check your information and make any updates. New phone? Email address? New address for an adult child in your family? You can also call or email the office. Please let us know!

Crafting for a Cause Saturday, January 17, this is our 50th event! We would like people to stop by on Saturday from 1-4 to see what Crafting for a Cause really is. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Abel at jabel4826@gmail.com

Evensong: A Discipleship Event Join us on the Third Thursday of January, January 15, in the church for a night of study and fellowship. Our evening will begin with a look at the rich theology and history of a few hymns. We will look at each appointed hymn, their origins, and their messages. Following our study we will break for fellowship and conversation during which charcuterie and wine will be served. We will end the evening with an evening prayer service in which those same hymns will be featured. Evensong begins at 6pm and wraps up around 8pm. We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars and dine out for a cause at Chick-fil-A in Menomonee Falls from 4-8pm on Wednesday, January 21st! Pilgrim Lutheran School will receive 15% of mobile order sales placed during this time. Mobile orders are placed using the Chick-fil-A app, and orders can be made for dine-in, carry-out, or picked up in the Mobile Drive-Thru lane. Flyers are available in the narthex, or follow the link that was in the Thursday Look Ahead email.

Answers Class - Tuesday, January 27 we will begin a new session of Answers at 6:30pm. Answers is for those looking to dig into the basics of what the Bible teaches. Upon completion those interested in membership at Pilgrim are eligible to join. Already a member but looking for a refresher course on the basic teachings of the Bible? Answers is for you too!

Helping 5 Collection for January~ Our member, Peggy Haas, is collecting items for an upcoming trip to provide care for underserved people. We will be collecting multivitamins (gummy vitamins for kids or adults), small bottles of acetaminophen (adult or child), toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. Please bring your donations to church throughout the month of January! Peggy is planning on taking 200 pounds of items!!!

The 2026 Flower Chart is on the wall outside of the Mother's room. The cost for one family (2 vases) is \$60. For two families (1 vase each) is \$30 per family. Make checks payable to **Pilgrim** and put in Box #20 (Glatzel). When you order flowers, they can be picked up after the second service. **Please make sure to return the containers to church after you have disposed of your flowers, they are reused.** If you have any questions, contact the office.

Marriage Retreat – Christ Alone Lutheran Church invites married couples from area WELS churches to our 2026 Marriage Retreat, “The Meaningful Relationship Toolbox”, as presented by Holly Schneider – local author and Licensed Clinician. The event is Saturday morning, February 21 from 8:00 am – Noon at 13 North in Grafton (formerly Milwaukee Ale House). You'll learn tools to understand emotions that blocks our ability to stay aligned with God's plan for marriage. Call to register 262-242-4710. Sign up by January 23 to receive the early-bird rate!

You are invited to St. John's Lutheran (on 68th & Forest Home) for our Organ Rededication on Sunday, January 18 at 2:00 PM. The 1979 Casavant-Frères organ was refurbished by Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders in 2025 and was reinstalled in late October. There will be a short organ rededication rite followed by a hymn festival and recital by organist, Craig Hirschmann. Light refreshments to follow. There will also be a brief demonstration of the new features of the organ later on. Please join us for this celebration! St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church is located at 6802 W. Forest Home Avenue in Milwaukee (enter on Forest Home Ave. and use door #5).

The WELS Bargain Center is located at [8401 W. Lisbon Ave.](#) in Milwaukee. Help support WL Institutional Ministries, The Point of Grace (they have students that volunteer monthly) and Lighthouse Youth Centers. The month of December they will receive \$2196 each. Our sales for 2025 were up 2% from the previous year. God is good! We need and appreciate gently, used clothing, household items, toys, books, and electronics. Please donate! We will be having construction issues beginning this spring at the corner of our building. We will especially need your help with donations and volunteers.

Ushers

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
1-11	Glen Kuphall Jason Wetzel	Jim Prekop Mark Murphy
1-18	Phill Lepple Keith Gennerman	Bryan Giesenschlag John Kufahl

Worship Hosts

1-11	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner	Delores Tessmer & June Bitney
1-18	Irene Lape & Pat Knack	Paul & Kathy Arnhold

Attendance

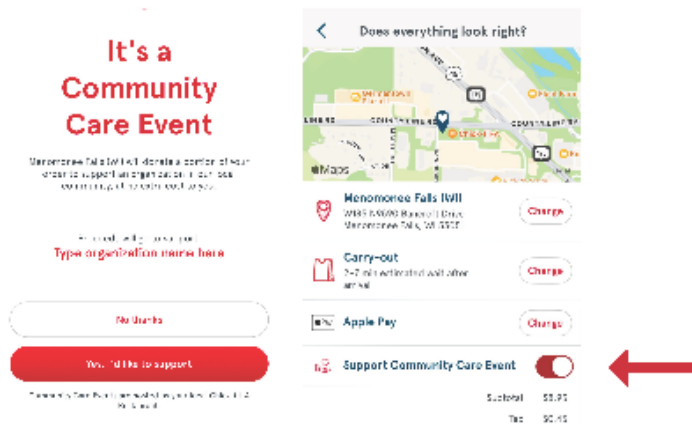
12-24	207 + 91 = 298
12-25	210
12-28	60 + 76 = 136
1-4	196 + 95 = 291



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!

App-solute Win!

Chick-fil-A Menomonee Falls is partnering with
Pilgrim Lutheran School
for a **MOBILE ORDER SPIRIT NIGHT!**
Wednesday, January 21st
from 4 - 8 PM ONLY at
Chick-fil-A Menomonee Falls



1. Download the Chick-fil-A App, create an account, and add a payment method.
2. Place a Mobile Order for Chick-fil-A Menomonee Falls using the Chick-fil-A App the night of your spirit night. This includes Mobile Thru, Mobile Carry-out, Curbside and Mobile Dine- in orders.
3. Be sure to select that you are supporting your Community Care Event.
4. 15% of THIS sale will be donated back to your organization!*



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