



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Jesus Is the Light

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

Pastor Aaron Winkelman

Preacher

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

Organist

David Porth

Instrumentalists

Dominic Faust, Noel Iles, Madelynn Justman, Elliana Lyon, Elise Weber

Morning Praise

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

CW 648 sts. 1, 3, 5



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
3 There - fore we have come to you, in our arms this
5 Now in - to your heart we pour prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; with this child we now draw near
in - fant bear - ing. Shine your heav'n - ly light a - new -
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
may our warm de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
now have giv - en; write it in the book of heav - en!

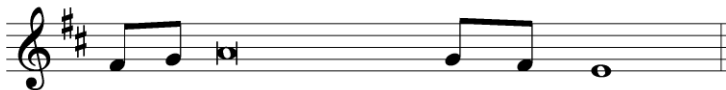
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Stand

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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10:30am, *The service continues on page seven.*

Holy Baptism

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Scripture makes plain the need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature, and we would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin, and by his death on the cross he redeemed us and all people. It is the Father’s will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and he will raise them up at the Last Day. Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” The apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment, the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan, your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the washing that you give us in Holy Baptism. Holding firmly to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Emma and Asher. Through this water of Baptism, drown in them all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil they may do. Set them apart from the unbelieving world, and hold them safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep them always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that they may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rite of Holy Baptism

Ella Grace Thompson, Asher Louis Brandt

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation to Parents and Sponsors

As parents and sponsors, it is your responsibility and privilege not only to bring this child to Baptism, but to remember them in your prayers, to remind them of their baptism, and to bring them up in the true Christian faith. If you are willing to do so, answer: “Yes, and we ask God to help us.”

Yes, and we ask God to help us.

Exhortation to the Congregation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this child has been baptized into the family of believers, the holy Christian Church. It is our privilege and responsibility to care for the children of our congregation, to remember them in our prayers, to encourage their parents in their God-given work, and to demonstrate a Christian life. If you are willing to do so, answer: “Yes, and we ask God to help us.”

Yes, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Emma and Asher as your own children and made them a member of Christ’s body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to them and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 8:19—9:4

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We Are Singing

Psalm 27D

8:00am, Seventh and eighth grade will introduce the refrain and sing the psalm verses.

10:30am, Dorian Medrow will introduce the refrain and sing the psalm verses.

Refrain

We are sing - ing, for the LORD is our light, we are
sing-ing, for the LORD is our light. We are sing - ing, for the
LORD is our light, we are sing-ing, for the LORD is our light.
We are sing-ing, oh, we are sing-ing, for the
LORD is our light. We are sing-ing,
oh, we are sing-ing, for the LORD is our light. (Last time)

Verses

The LORD is the strength of our lives; of
One thing have we asked of the LORD, yes,
When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, our
We walk in the strength of the LORD; God's



whom shall we be a - fraid? Though foes may be
this is the thing we seek: to dwell in the
shel - ter is God a - lone. Our feet are ___
love ___ is ev - er sure. We shout that the



near to de - stroy, the LORD will be our light.
house of the LORD, to live with God for - ev - er.
lift - ed high, yes, high up - on a rock.
world _ may hear; we sing a joy - ful song.

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Second Reading

1 John 2:3-11

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12–23

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

CW 904



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, en - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray that they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold, re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more such grace with



those who sit in night; let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; en - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way; let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to your fold; u - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore and end - less praise to



hear your voice and in your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed in you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part, con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
you be giv'n by all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon

You Are God; We Praise You

Refrain



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 - tyr - s 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!**

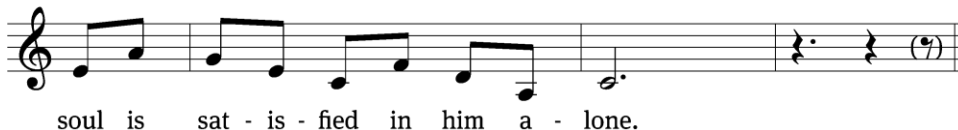
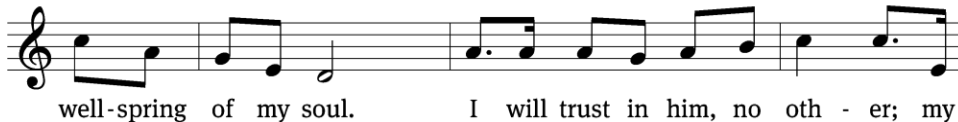
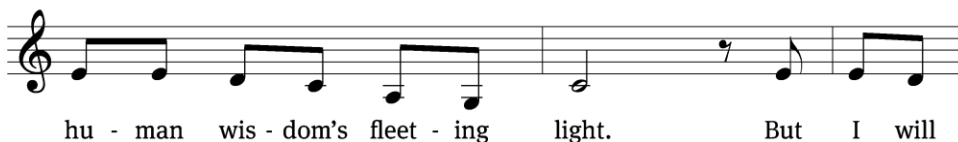
Stand

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

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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 score 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.

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CW 713



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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News & Notes

Call Meeting There will be a call meeting on Sunday, January 25 between services (9:15am) to call a seventh/eighth grade teacher for the 26/27 school year.

Principal Kevin Klug has received a Call to serve as seventh and eighth grade teacher and principal at St. Paul's Lutheran in Howard's Grove, Wisconsin. Please keep the Klugs and the ministries at Pilgrim and St. John's in your prayers.

Save the Date! Sunday, February 8 is our Annual Meeting. We will have one service in the gym at 9:30am followed by a potluck and the meeting. We will hear about what has been going on the last year, plans for next year and an update on our Building Project! No need to sign up, just come and bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Everyone is invited to come and find out what's going on at Pilgrim!

WELS Youth Rally, JULY 14-17, 2026. Curious about the 2026 WELS Youth Rally? Join us for a brief informational meeting on Sunday, January 25th, after the first service in the church basement. We'll share general details about the rally as you consider your interest in our Pilgrim teens attending this exciting event.

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!

The Tabitha Society will welcome Pilgrim's new second-grade teacher, Mrs. Jess Wendland (formerly known as Miss Waege), to our meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 5, at 1:30 in the conference room at school. We will hear about two big events in her life: her first year of teaching and her December marriage to Nate. We're also hoping to see some wedding pictures. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Judy Mayer and Chris Bachmann will provide refreshments.

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!!!

Lent by Candlelight - this annual program will again be held in the Gathering Space Feb 22nd. Please watch for sign up sheets in the back of church. This event is open to men and women high school and older. If you have not joined us before, this is your year! Join us as we prepare our hearts for Lent with the program Hope in the Darkness.

Pilgrim Scrip Program Although Christmas is over, our Scrip Program runs year round! A few announcements about our program: **Upcoming Gift Card Bonuses:** Domino's - 12% (Jan 24 - Feb 6), Kwik Trip - 9% (Jan 24 - Feb 20), Kwik Trip Grocery - 15% (Jan 24 - Feb 20)

Congratulations to our top earner from Thanksgiving to Christmas: MariLynn Toepel. There is a Kwik Trip gift card in the office for you! Great job turning everyday expenses into earnings for tuition, and thank you to everyone who is participating in our RaiseRight program. Let's keep the earnings going! Participants in our RaiseRight program can earn 5% back for tuition every time you dine at your favorite local restaurants! Here's how it works:

- Link a credit or debit card for local dining in your RaiseRight account
- Search for participating restaurants near you in the RaiseRight app
- Dine and earn 5% on your entire bill when you pay with your linked card

Haven't joined our RaiseRight program yet? Don't leave money on the table! Join our RaiseRight program to start earning on your everyday purchases like gas, groceries, or dining.



Pilgrim Lutheran Trivia Night & Auction –February 28

It's that time again! Our biggest fundraiser of the year is almost here—a night full of fun, trivia, and excitement!

We are looking for donations! New, unused items; services or goods; tickets; monetary gifts; or any other creative ideas are welcome. We're also collecting wine donations for our popular wine pull. All items must be dropped off at the school office by Friday, February 13th to be included. **Ticket registration closes Saturday, February 14, so be sure to reserve your spot!** Donation requests and event invitations are available on the shelf in the narthex and also attached to the Thursday, Look Ahead email. Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see you there!

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Ushers		
1-25	Glen Kuphall Rick Kleszczynski	Dave Chmielewski Carl Wolff
Worship Hosts		
1-25	Pete & Amy Kuske	Delores Tessmer & June Bitney

Attendance

1-14 17
 1-18 101 + 117 = 118



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