



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Wednesday 6:30pm and Sunday 8:00 and 10:30am

Jesus Calls You Salt and Light

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us that form and function are closely connected. That means that who we are influences what we do. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus encourages us to be what God says we are as a way of blessing the world through us.

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
Instrumentalists

Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Pastor Collin Vanderhoof
Koiné

The Service

Introduction

Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Blessed Jesus, at your Word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.

Stand

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

C: *(Sings)*

Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Sings)*

***I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.***

P: The blood of his Son purifies us from every sin. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn of Praise *(to the tune of Winchester New)*

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad,
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
Will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.

With your own love may I be filled
And by your Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, whate'er I do.
May be divinely touched by you.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***(spoken)* Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson – Exodus 19:1-8

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” ⁷ So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸ The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 112B

PreK – 1st refrain, - vs.1, PreK – 2nd refrain, Congregation – vs. 2, ALL – final refrain

Refrain



Come, praise the LORD! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Sing out with joy! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Verses



1 How blessed are you who fear the LORD, your joy is
2 How blessed are you who fear the LORD, your faith re -



found in his com - mands, your chil - dren shall be
mains se - cure and strong; when trou - ble threat - ens



known a - broad, their fame shall spread a - cross the lands;
all a - round, your stead - fast heart to God be - longs.



pros - per - i - ty shall they re - ceive, their good - ness last be -
A - gainst the foe, you find re - lief, you lav - ish gifts on



yond their deeds, God's light e - ter - nal casts its
those in need, as way - ward hearts ob - serve your



beam on acts of gen - er - os - i - ty. *Refrain*
ways, but leave dis - mayed, with noth - ing gained. *Refrain*

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Second Lesson – 1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Before You I Kneel

Sung by K-8, congregation joins on stanza three.

- 1 Before you I kneel, my Master and Maker,
to offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day you've given your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad
for the strength I have to live and breathe,
for each skill your grace has given me,
for the needs and opportunities
that will glorify your great name.

- 2 Before you I kneel and ask for your goodness
to cover the work of my hands,
for patience and peace to shape all my labor;
your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream;
wear away the stones of pride and greed,
till your ways are dwelling deep in me
and a harvest of life is grown.

3 **Before you we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands,
and order our steps to seek first your kingdom
in ev'ry small and great task.
May we live the gospel of your grace,
serve your purpose in our fleeting days,
then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to your great name.**

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Stand

Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Thy Strong Word

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

Confession of Faith

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.

Offering Hymn

Christ Is the World's Light

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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; and 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 Blessing

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy people free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

(Musical Interlude)

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

Thank you to Koiné for leading us in worship today!

Common Language. Common People. Extraordinary Message.

It's nothing new in Christian music for traditional songs to be re-shaped by the influences of culture and time. But perhaps it's the way Koiné is combining century-old hymns with a modern accompaniment that is causing people everywhere to take notice of what some in Milwaukee have known for years. Imagine a 1200 year old text and a 600 year old melody, married with a Les Paul, Steinway piano, drums and electric bass. With their arrangements, Koiné strives to find a unique balance between the familiarity of the classic hymn melodies and the raw instrumentation of the new arrangements.

Originally formed in 2003 as a worship band, Koiné quickly began to gain a grassroots following as requests for appearances and sales of their first album, Koiné (Self-Titled) started to roll in.

Local events turned into regional tours. Regional tours turned into trips overseas. Part-time hobby turned into full-time ministry in 2008. Much of their music has a welcome home in traditional worship, but with a modern sound that anyone can identify with.

Koiné (Self-Titled), Gesangbuch, Church Bells, The Vine, Visit, Cross Heart Rose Sky Ring, Emmanuel Lux, and Anno Domini are available for download on iTunes and all major digital distributors, with CDs available from our online store.

News & Notes

Call News Principal, Kevin Klug has returned the call to serve at St. Paul's in Howard's Grove, he will continue his ministry here at Pilgrim. Please keep St. Paul's in your prayers. We also continue to pray for Josh Higgins who we have called to be our seventh and eighth grade teacher.

Today is our Annual Meeting! Following our service we will have 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! Everyone is invited to stay and find out what's going on at Pilgrim!

Pilgrim Lutheran School is looking for a part-time teaching position for next school year. The position is for one year, with the possibility of extension depending on the school's needs. This position will be approximately ½ time and will mainly focus on teaching Math, Reading, and English. A bachelor's degree, preferably in elementary education, or a Wisconsin State Teacher's License is required. If you are interested, please submit a resume to Mr. Klug by February 16: kklug@pilgrimcares.org

Meals for Pilgrim Families Our Pilgrim family is growing! It's so wonderful to see young families in church and even more exciting to witness the baptisms of these little ones. We have an opportunity to show Jesus' love by providing meals for two of these families, the Brandts and the Ausens. If you enjoy serving in this way, please sign up for one or two meals, or whatever you are able to do. The meals do not have to be home-made! You could buy takeout and deliver it. You could give them a premade grocery store or Costco meal. You could even just drop off a gift card that they can use when they need it. Ausens: <https://mealtrain.com/ror21l> Brandts: <https://mealtrain.com/n9dyqq> Please direct any questions to Amy Balza at amybbalza@gmail.com. Thank you!

2025 Giving Statements were emailed a few weeks ago. If you would like a printed copy, or you would like yours sent again – just let us know! Call or email the office.

WLHS Update On Sunday, February 15 during the adult Bible class hour, John Sebald from Wisconsin Lutheran High School will present an update on what's going on at WLHS!

Join Us for the WELS Youth Rally! Pilgrim Lutheran Church is excited to plan a group trip to the WELS International Youth Rally (July 14–17, 2026, Bowling Green, OH) for students who have completed 8th grade through high school. This is a wonderful opportunity for worship, fellowship, and growing in God's Word together. To help us plan well, **we are asking families to share a commitment to attend by February 22**. We would also love to hear from adults who may be interested in serving as a chaperone. For more information or to express interest, please contact **Greg or Amy Lyon or Pastor Winkleman**: lyonfamilyo6@gmail.com; awinkleman@pilgrimcares.org

Lent by Candlelight sign up sheets are in the back of church. Please consider signing up to decorate a table and/or bring food to share. Doors open in the Gathering Space at 5:30, food served by 6:30 with program at 7 on Feb 22nd. This event is open to men and women high school age and older. Our theme this year is Hope in the Darkness.

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. See the included flyer for all the details and your invitation!

Valentine's Day is extra sweet when you earn with RaiseRight Scrip. Participants can shop limited-time bonuses to earn even more on gifts, dinner reservations, kids' craft supplies, and more. Plus, you can shop the Valentine's Day category for inspiration!

WLHS Kids Carnival – Sunday, February 15 - Join us at Wisconsin Lutheran High School for the Kids Carnival on Sunday, February 15, 1:00–3:30 p.m. Kids ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to enjoy 45+ games, live animals, and more! Tokens and wristbands can be purchased at the door or online [here](#). Adults are free—bring your camera!

Once Upon a Delight: Anastasia Princess Night - Saturday, March 7 | 5:30–6:30 p.m. Children in PK3–Grade 3 are invited to a magical evening of royal fun! Young guests will receive the “royal treatment” as they arrive in costume (optional) and enjoy Anastasia-themed creativity stations—then cap off the night with a photo on stage with the cast after the show on Saturday. Ticket sales open Monday, February 9 at <https://www.wlhs.org/>.

KML Winter Musical *Fiddler on the Roof* Tickets are now on sale at kmlhs.org/theatre for KML's production of *Fiddler on the Roof** on Friday & Saturday, February 20 & 21, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, February 22, at 2:00 PM. Tickets are general admission and \$12 each. Online ticket sales for all shows ends at 11:59 PM on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

St. Paul's Little Learners in Slinger is looking for a dedicated daycare teacher. Contact Kaitlyn Beversdorf at littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org for all the details.



2026

PILGRIM LUTHERAN WINTER GAMES TRIVIA NIGHT & AUCTION

February 28th, 2026
Pilgrim Lutheran School
W156 N5429 Bette Drive
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-pilgrim-lutheran-winter-games-trivia-style

Appetizers provided by our very own Chef Eagon

Silent auction and cocktail hour begins at 5pm

First round of trivia begins at 6:30pm

Attire is dressy casual - OR dress to the theme!

Beer, wine and a specialty cocktail will be
available for a nominal donation

RSVP via QR code by February 14th



If you prefer you may register at the
school office with check payable to
Pilgrim PTA

8:00am

10:30am

Ushers

2-8 (9:30am) Matt Lawonn, Tim Pankow, Dave Chmielewski, Dan Vaghar

2-15 Glen Kuphall

Jim Prekop

Josh Weber

Andy Steeno

Wednesday evening ushers are Patrick Renner and Jason Marten.

Worship Hosts

2-8 (9:30am) Melissa & Allen Brander

2-15 Bill & LaVonne Kirchner

Ann Wood



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!

My Worship Notes

Name _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today?

What is the color of the church today? Circle one: Blue White Purple Red Green

The sermon text was:

This is in the: Old Testament New Testament



What is the sermon about?

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

Yes
 No



Communion?

Yes
 No

My favorite song today was:

What did you learn about God today?

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What are you thankful for today?

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