



exactly
what i need

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

W156 N5436 Bette Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI | 262-781-3520 | office@pilgrimcares.org

Exactly What I Need . . . Life

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 Aaron Winkelman
Pastor Greg Lyon
Joel Schwartz

Morning Praise

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

CW 846



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, a rest from all
2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair when ti - dings of
3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; his voice hear all
4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed and take me in -



toil and sor - row; earth folds in her arms my wea - ry frame
joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the air
tribes and na - tions. The trum - pet of God will sound the day
to your keep - ing and say when my spir - it hence is fled,



and shel - ters it till the mor - row. My soul is at
and God to his glo - ry take us, when Je - sus shall
and shake all the earth's foun - da - tions. He calls out a -
"This child is not dead, but sleep - ing." And leave me not,



home with God in heav'n; my sor - rows are past and o - ver.
bid us rise from sleep; how joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
loud, "O dead, come forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
Sav - ior, till I rise to praise you in life e - ter - nal.

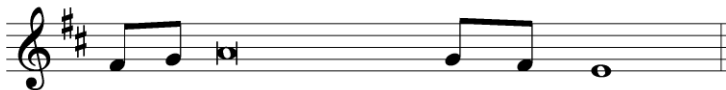
Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–1880, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnary, 1913, alt. Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Opening Sentences



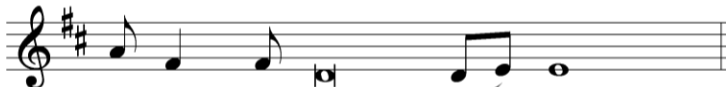
O Lord, o - pen my lips.



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.

Tune: Marty Haugen Tune: © 1995, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712872

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

Confession

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

Absolution

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

Be seated

Anthem

Sung by 3k and 4k

Way, Truth and Life

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17–37

¹⁷But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

¹⁸The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

²²She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

²³"Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath."

"That's all right," she said.

²⁴She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." ²⁵So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There’s the Shunammite! ²⁶Run to meet her and ask her, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’ ”

“Everything is all right,” she said.

²⁷When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why.”

²⁸“Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said. “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes?’”

²⁹Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don’t greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.”

³⁰But the child’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her.

³¹Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy’s face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, “The boy has not awakened.”

³²When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. ³³He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm. ³⁵Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

³⁶Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” ³⁷She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We Are Singing

Psalm 27

Sung by the preschool, Abigail Berg – Cantor, the congregation will join for the final two refrains.

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

1 The LORD is the strength of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy,
the LORD will be our light. (Refrain)

2 One thing have we asked of the
LORD,
yes, this is the thing we seek:
to dwell in the house of the LORD,
to live with God forever. (Refrain)

3 When burdens are heavy to bear,
our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high,
yes, high upon a rock. (Refrain)

4 We walk in the strength of the LORD;
God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear;
we sing a joyful song. (Refrain)

Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

John 11:17–27, 38–45

¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said.



Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
 We walled us in this house of doom, where death had
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod the road to
 that in these gray and lat - ter days there may be



through your bro - ken world; ere light a - woke and life be -
 roy - al scope and room, un - til your ser - vant, Prince of
 bring good news from God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that
 those whose life is praise, each life a high dox - ol - o -



gan, you made for us a ho - ly plan.
 Peace, broke down its walls for our re - lease.
 bring good ti - dings of our sav - ing King!
 gy un - to the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

Sermon

Stand

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 - tyrs 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!**

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.

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

CW 748 st. 1

1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–1872 Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth Text and tune: Public domain

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 cover the second line, and the final two cover the third line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer Tune: © 2002 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: License no. 130028684

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 of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; 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.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Tune: Marty Haugen Tune: © 1997 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712872

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.

Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, abr.; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, Swe den, 1873 Text: © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 712872 Tune: Public domain

Acknowledgments

Morning Prayer from Christian Worship Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House. Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2022 Concordia Publishing House.

News & Notes

Meal Train for the Kuphall Family As many of you know, Jane Kuphall recently suffered a stroke. During this time of recovery, we would like to support the Kuphall family by providing meals. If you are willing to help by preparing or delivering a meal, please consider signing up for the meal train. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated as the family navigates her recovery. Please use this QR Code to sign up.



Easter flowers are available to purchase! The order form is available on the shelf in the back of church.

Sunday, March 29 is Palm Sunday! We will have one worship service at 9:30am in the school gym. We will not have a worship service on Wednesday, April 1. The full holy week schedule is at the end of the worship folder.

Following the Palm Sunday joint service on March 29 at 9:30, please stay to enjoy a scavenger hunt around Pilgrim school or stay to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship time as we begin Holy Week. There will be two different scavenger hunts- one geared towards families with kids toddler through 2nd grade, and the other for 3rd grade through any adults that want to participate! The kids will get an Easter treat when they have finished the scavenger hunt. Please register via this link or QR code and more details will be emailed to you prior to Palm Sunday.



Building Project Listening Sessions As part of the building project planning process, the Steering Committee will be hosting a series of small group listening sessions in April and May. These gatherings are designed to give members an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about the future of Pilgrim's worship space, classrooms, fellowship areas, and overall campus needs. Each session will include 8–12 participants and last about 60–90 minutes. We are currently looking for members who would be willing to host a listening session in their home or another location. If you are interested in hosting, or would like to learn more about the sessions, please contact LaVonne Kirchner at lavonnekirchner@gmail.com. Your participation will help ensure that the congregation's input continues to shape the planning process.

It's time to dine out for a cause again! Come to Panera Bread in Menomonee Falls for some delicious soups, salads and sandwiches and Pilgrim Lutheran School will earn 25% of net sales! Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 2nd from 4pm-8pm. Online transactions made with the promo code **FUND4U** are valid ALL DAY on April 2nd at the Menomonee Falls location only, so you can even order ahead. Showing your support for our school has never been so easy!

YOGA | SPRING HAS SPRUNG! TRY SOMETHING NEW! Ready to learn something new? Yoga is the perfect addition to any person's life and helps improve balance, strength, and flexibility. Christian yoga with Ichthys Yoga adds a dash of Jesus to your fitness routine! **Join us every Monday for yoga in the PLC gym at 6:00 in the evening.** Bring your smile and a willingness to learn. Classes are accessible for all skill levels, props are provided, and yoga is a great way to start your week! Enjoy some fellowship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church! No fee required (\$5 donation suggested). **See you soon!**

LadyLynCreations Fundraiser - Need a gift or something fun to do? LadyLynCreations, owned by one of Pilgrim's own school families, will donate thirty percent of sales from **Saturday, March 21 through Friday, March 27** to Pilgrim School's PTA. Order online to create beautiful gifts - wall/door signs, personalized journals, jewelry, and more...perfect for graduations, confirmations, Mother's Day, etc. Contact Chao at info@ladylyncreations.com with any questions. Check out ladylyncreations.com to learn more. There are flyers available on the shelf in the back of church.

Are you ready for a bit of whimsy? Come to Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Concert Band's spring concert at Schwan Hall, Wisconsin Lutheran College on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 PM. You'll hear Teddy Bears Picnic, the Rubber Chicken Galop, and a song you recognize from cartoons. And you'll see some musicians you recognize! Free admission, free parking.

All women of Pilgrim are invited to attend the LWMS Rally on Saturday, April 25, at Garden Homes Lutheran Church (2450 W. Roosevelt Drive, Milwaukee) from 8 A.M. until noon. Pilgrim belongs to the Milwaukee Metro-North Circuit of LWMS. So, if you are a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, you are a member of LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society). The morning begins with a delicious breakfast, followed by an opening devotion and a short business meeting. The guest speaker is Pastor Philip Hunter from Citrus Grove Lutheran Church, a mission congregation in Wesley Chapel, Florida. There is no cost to attend, but a freewill offering will be collected. We will plan to carpool from church. If you'd like more information or encouragement, talk to Joan Meier or Irene Lape.

Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Hubertus invites the members of the WELS and ELS congregations in our area to attend its Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. The Vigil begins around sunset on Easter Eve, and anticipates the resurrection of Jesus through Scripture, song, silence, and prayer. The joyful announcement of Jesus' resurrection occurs near the end of the service, marking the transition from Lent to Easter. The service concludes with the Lord's Supper. You are cordially invited to attend this unique Holy Saturday service at Crown of Life Lutheran Church, located at 1292 Tally Ho Trail in Hubertus.

Do you love numbers and serving God's mission? Kingdom Workers is looking for a Staff Accountant to support our Christ-centered ministry through excellence in financial stewardship. If you're passionate about faith, integrity, and impact – we'd love to meet you. Please apply by March 20, 2026. <https://kingdomworkers.com/careers/staff-accountant/>

8:00am

10:30am

Ushers

3-22

Matt Lawonn
Glen Kuphall

Dave Chmielewski
Carl Wolff

3-29

Glen Kuphall
Karl Osterman

Jim Prekop
John Kufahl

Worship Hosts

3-22

Joe & Marlene Bedalov

Delores Tessmer & June Bitney

3-29

Bill & LaVonne Kirchner

Bryan & Ellen Giesenschlag

Attendance

3-11

62 + 131 = 193

3-15

107 + 112 = 219



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!

Worship Schedule for the Lenten Season

Midweek Lenten Services – (2/25 – 3/25) 3:30pm & 6:30pm

Palm Sunday (3/29) – 9:30am in the Gym (One Service)

Holy Thursday (4/2) – 6:30pm with Communion

Good Friday (4/3) – 1:00pm (Seven Words from the Cross)
6:30pm (Tenebrae)

Easter Sunday (4/5) – 7:00am Dawn Service
8:30 & 10:00am Festival Service

No Worship Services on Wednesday 4/1

Pilgrimcares.org

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

cvanderhoof@pilgrimcares.org
608.548.0670

Pastor Aaron Winkelman

awinkelman@pilgrimcares.org
219.380.2212

Pastor Greg Hermanson

pastorhermanson@gmail.com
262.505.4377

Principal Kevin Klug

kklug@pilgrimcares.org
920.253.7688

Early Childhood Director Amanda Berg

aberg@pilgrimcares.org
507.829.7267