



What Makes Christians *Different*

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

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Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Christians are Planted by the Word

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 Eric Roecker
Seminarian Rees Roecker
David Porth

Service of the Word

Hymn Requests

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.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope 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.



Be seated



First Reading

Isaiah 55:6–11

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Every Heart Its Tribute Pays

Psalm 65B



1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its
2 Ev - er while his deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion
3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with



song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to
stands se - cure; he whose fin - gers spun the earth, gave the
bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren



him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind
seas and moun - tains birth, tamed the o - cean, formed the land,
earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,



full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,
spread the skies with might - y hand: far - off shores re -
na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in



loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.
vere his name, day and night his pow'r pro - claim.
plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:5–11

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

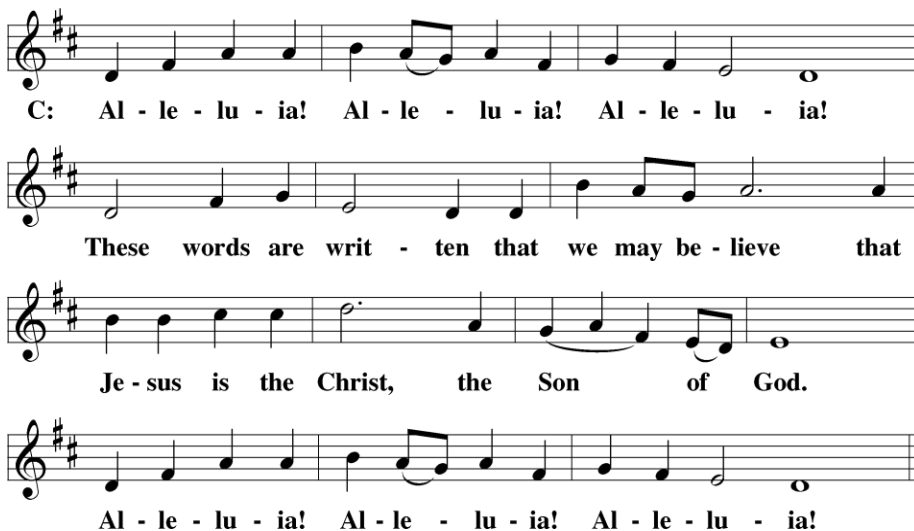
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 55:11

Alleluia. My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. 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

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated

Hymn Requests

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.

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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3 In his earth - ly life, our Sav - ior knew the
care of faith - ful friends; may our deeds of
ded - i - ca - tion of - fer love that nev - er ends.

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 on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of a main melody and a refrain. The main melody is marked with a '3' at the beginning, indicating a triplet. The lyrics are written below the notes. The refrain is marked 'Refrain' and begins with 'Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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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.
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.

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Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

Hymn Requests

Acknowledgments

Service of the Word

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News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by David and Elizabeth Porth in celebration of their second wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary David & Elizabeth!

Pastor Winkelman returns from vacation July 13. If you need spiritual care, please contact Staff Minister David Porth. dporth@pilgrimcares.org or 262.305.9411

Office hours over summer will vary. If you are stopping in at school for anything, please call first to make sure someone is there. Email and voice mail are both being checked regularly. If you leave a message we will get back to you as soon as possible!
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The WELS Youth Rally is being held this month in Bowling Green, Ohio, from July 14 to July 17. Pilgrim is blessed to have six teens and three youth leaders attending amongst the 2200 registered attendees! The cost is \$450 per person. If you would like to donate towards Pilgrim sending this group, please put your donation in an envelope labeled Youth Rally and drop it in the offering box or in the school office. You can also donate online. Use the "other" tab on our website and indicate that it's for the Youth Rally. Thank you for considering helping out our youth and thank you very much to those that have already donated!

Summer Park Hop Join us this summer as we head to some local parks for fun in the sun! You'll find other Pilgrim friends, starting at 9:00am. Some parks have splash pads and there are three scheduled in the evening. Check out the schedule, invite your friends and stay connected throughout the summer! The schedule is available on the website.

Crafting for a Cause Our next gathering will be July 24 and 25. 10:00am – 10:00pm each day. Come and spend time doing whatever your craft is - with a great group! If you have questions, or to sign up, contact Nancy Abel at jabel4826@gmail.com

Pilgrim member needed to serve as a representative on the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School General Board. For all the details – please speak to Principal, Kevin Klug. kklug@pilgrimcares.org

Music At First Come join the fun at 5:30pm on the first Friday of June through October at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 728 Village Street in Racine. Check out the schedule at www.firstracine.org Pilgrim's own David Porth will perform on Friday, September 4!

Join Us for the Klomp! Join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Saturday, August 15, at 9:00 AM for the Kettle Klomp 5K race, 2 mile walk, and 1/4 mile Klip Klop! Area runners and walkers of all ages, KML alumni, parents, and students; as well as area high school and grade school cross country runners are invited to participate. Visit kmlhs.org/klomp for more info and to register.

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Ushers		
7-12	Phill Lepple Keith Gennerman	Bryan Giesenschlag Collin Mayer
7-19	Glen Kuphall Tony Jackson	Jim Prekop Paul Arnhold
Worship Hosts		
7-12	Josh & Sarah Bauer	Melissa and Allen Brander
7-19	Pete & Amy Kuske	Delores Tessmer and June Bitney
Attendance		
7-1	32	
7-5	56 + 113 = 169	



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