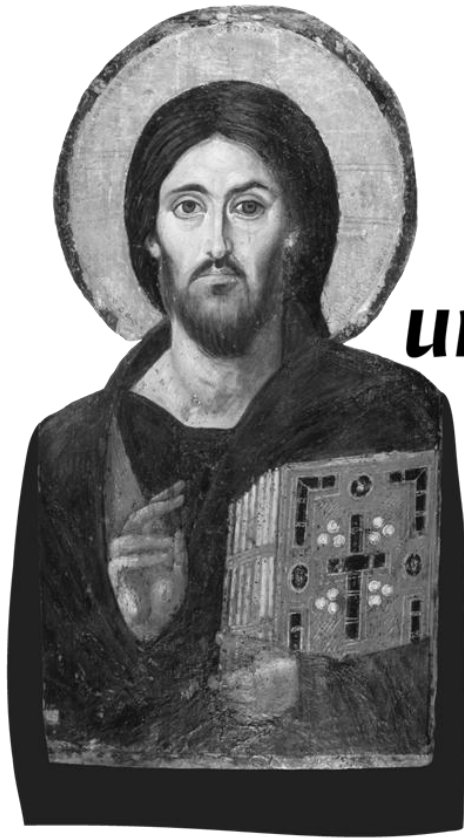




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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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The Son of Man is God

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 worshiping 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**.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding & Preaching

Organist

Vocalists

Instrumentalists

Pastor Aaron Winkelman

David Porth

Ethan Ganshow, Jared Justman

Kevin Kieper, Will Lambrecht, Greg Lyon

Elise Mayer, Keagan Mayer, Sarah Mayer

Morning Praise

Built on the Rock

CW 856

The vocalists will introduce the first stanza.



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
 choos - es to live with us in love,
 yet he would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 with all his grace and his fa - vor.
 and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

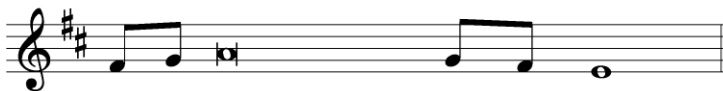
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Stand

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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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,

Refrain
 you made the seas and the dry land.
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

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

First Reading

Exodus 34:5-9

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹“Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63

Refrain



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse



1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for
you my soul is thirst-ing. My bod-y pines for you like a
dry, wea-ry land with-out wa-ter. So I gaze on you in the
sanc-tu-ar-y to see your strength and your glo-ry.

Verse

2 For your love is bet-ter than life, my lips will speak your

praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your

name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a

ban-quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

Refrain

Verse

3 On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I

muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the

shad-ow of your wings I re-joice. My soul clings to

you; your right hand holds me fast.

Refrain

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Second Reading

Romans 10:5–13

⁵Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 564

The vocalists will introduce the first stanza. The final refrain will be sung twice.



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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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 - 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!**

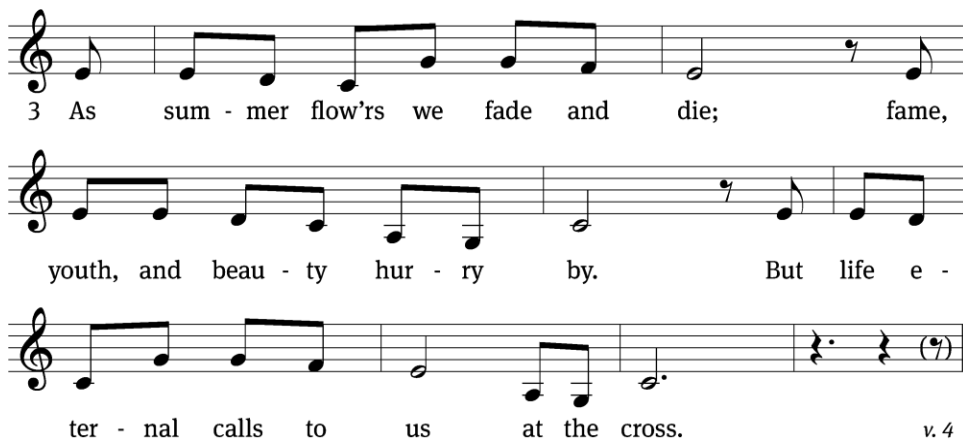
Be seated

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.

Offering Hymn

CW 753 sts. Ref, 3



3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -
ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

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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Installation of our New Teachers

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his church: “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.”

The Savior loves children and desires to share all his promises with them. Christian schools provide believers with a unique opportunity to nourish the faith of children that they may walk with Christ throughout their lives.

Dear Josh, Maddie and Alyssa,

Pilgrim Lutheran Church has charged you to serve as teachers in the public ministry of the gospel.

As servants of Christ, you are to teach all your classes in the light of God’s Word and lead your students to understand God’s holy law and saving gospel. You are to keep them in your prayers and guide and guard their spiritual growth.

You are to set aside time for personal study of the Scriptures so that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are to strive to be an example of Christian faith and life so that others may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

You are to work together with the parents of your students so that the witness of law and gospel may be consistent at home and at school. You are to serve alongside the other called workers in this ministry with love, patience, and respect.

In all your tasks and responsibilities, our Lord Jesus equips you with the gospel of the forgiveness of sins, the gift that makes you truly competent as servants of Christ. St. Paul wrote: “Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.”

In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, I ask you before God and his people:

Do you believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired and inerrant Word of God and the only source of truth for faith and ministry?

I do.

Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds—the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian—as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors that they condemn?

I do.

Do you solemnly promise that all your service in its various forms will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions?

I do.

Will you endeavor to live a life that reflects the love God has for you so that all may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Are you willing to carry out this work according to the grace that God gives?

I am, and I ask God to help me.

Friends in Christ,

You have heard the promises spoken by the teachers you have called. I encourage you to receive them with joy and remember what the Word of God calls you to do.

Work together with them for the benefit of the Lord's kingdom, so that your shared service may bring spiritual blessings to the Savior's people.

Support them as they teach the young, so that they may be brought up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Keep them and their work in your prayers, so that their ministry may be blessed and that they might carry out their work with joy.

Provide for their physical needs, for the Savior says, "The worker deserves his wages."

Honor and love them, as St. Peter urges: "All of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."

I now ask you in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive your teachers as servants of Christ? Will you show them love and honor and support them with your gifts and prayers? If so, answer: We will, and we ask God to help us.

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The almighty and merciful God strengthen you to do what you have promised.

Dear students, the Savior calls on you to honor and obey all your teachers and instructors so that their work may bring them joy and be a blessing to you. As you learn from your new teachers, show your love for Jesus by respecting and listening to them, especially when they share the Word of God with you.

Installation

Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of all wisdom, we thank you for the opportunity we have to send our children to Lutheran schools. May your life-giving Word be the center of all teaching and every activity so that all may come to know and believe your holy law and saving gospel. Equip our new teachers with spiritual wisdom that they may faithfully carry out the duties of their call. Move our students to godly obedience and cause them to grow through their instruction in your Word so that they may serve you throughout their lives and finally inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and make your ministry a blessing to others.

Anthem

9:30am, Sung by Audrey Balza and Maddy Justman

Before You I Kneel

- 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

Lord, Have Mercy

The musical score for 'Lord, Have Mercy' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). 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.'

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 of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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.

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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.

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

CW 581



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, taught my dark - ened
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
heart and mind; else the world had yet en - thrall'd me,
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,



had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
to your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship
Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it



sin that stained me, cleans - ing me to be your own; for this
none a - bove you; for your grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing
of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -



pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
well that, if I love you, you, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

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	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Ushers		
8-23	Phill Lepple Tim Pankow	Glen Kuphall Carl Wolff
8-30	Glen Kuphall Josh Weber	Jim Prekop Andy Steeno
Worship Hosts		
8-23	Joe & Marlene Bedalov	Bryan & Ellen Giesenschlag
8-30	Pete & Amy Kuske	Ann Wood
Attendance		
8-12	41	
8-16	98 + 118 = 216	



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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?

Weekly Parish Calendar

August 23 - August 30

Day	Time	Event
TODAY (23)	8:00 & 9:30 AM	Divine Services
	9:30 AM	New Teacher Installation & Reception to follow
MONDAY (24)	6:00 PM	Building Committee Meeting
TUESDAY (25)	8:00 AM	First Day of School
	8:15 AM	School Chapel Service - All are invited!
WEDNESDAY (26)	6:30 PM	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
SUNDAY (30)	8:00 & 9:30 AM	Divine Services w/ Holy Communion

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