



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2026

SUNDAY, August 30, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Cross Comes Before Crown

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 & Preaching
Organist
Cantor

Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Joel Schwartz
Alyssa Schwartz

Setting Five

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CW 867 sts. 1–2, Ref, 3–4



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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Please stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession *8:00am*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

8:00am, the service continues on page 7.

Holy Baptism

Confession 9:30am

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.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan’s power. His promise is for

you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

9:30am, Pearl Elizabeth Stein, Daughter of Mike and Andrea Stein

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Pearl, 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.

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 Pearl. Through this water of Baptism, drown in her all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil she may do. Set her apart from the unbelieving world, and hold her safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep her always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that she 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.

Glory to God in the Highest

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The cantor will sing the verses.



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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. **Refrain**

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; 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

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹"I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

I Trust, O LORD, Your Holy Name

Psalms 31D

The Cantor will introduce stanza one.



1 I trust, O LORD, your ho - ly name; O let me
2 Bow down your gra - cious ear to me and hear my
3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, my for - tress
4 With you, O LORD, I cast my lot; O faith - ful
5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty to Fa - ther,



not be put to shame nor let me
cry, my prayer, my plea; make haste for
strong a - gainst each shock, my help, my
God, for - sake me not, to you my
Son, and Spir - it be, our God for -



be con - found - ed. My faith, O LORD,
my pro - tec - tion, for woes and fear
life, my tow - er, my bat - tle sword,
soul com - mend - ing. LORD, be my stay,
ev - er glo - rious, in whose rich grace



be in your Word for - ev - er firm - ly ground - ed.
sur - round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.
al - might - y LORD— who can re - sist your pow - er?
and lead the way now and when life is end - ing.
we run our race till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:18–25

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. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

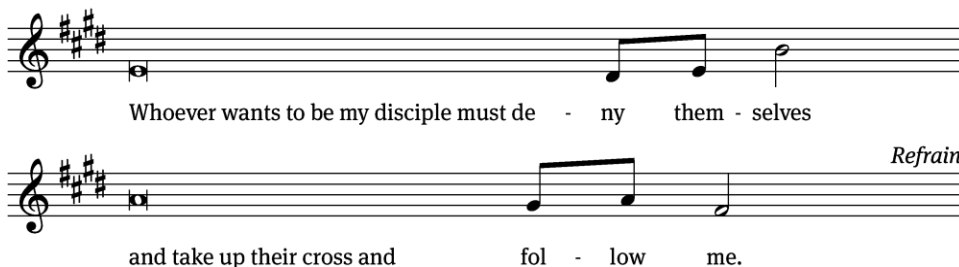
Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34

Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Matthew 16:21–26

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de-spised, for - sak - en, you on
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

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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The Sacrament

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Because of the Bible's teaching regarding altar fellowship, our congregation observes the historic church's practice of close communion. We welcome communicant members of WELS and ELS congregations to receive the Sacrament today as an expression of our shared confession of faith.

As you prepare to receive our Savior's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, we encourage you to review the Christian Questions on pages 295–296 of the blue hymnal as a devotional preparation.

If you would like to learn more about our beliefs and practices, we invite you to speak with our pastor, who would be happy to visit with you.

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, grant us your peace.

A - men.

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Be seated

Distribution

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

CW 812



1 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor in the
 2 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor while the
 3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the
 4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we



fu - ry of the storm— when the winds of doubt blow
 tem - pest ra - ges on— when temp - ta - tion claims the
 floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my
 face the wave of death— when these trials give way to



through me and my sails have all been torn,
 bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
 soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
 glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -
 Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er



sink - ing hopes are few, I will hold fast to the
 just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the
 love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the
 hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the
 faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the



an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

4th stanza repeat italics

Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

CW 678



1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on
 2 His bod - y and his blood I've tak - en in his blest
 3 Though death may come to - day, to - mor - row, I know in
 4 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed and die with -



Christ and made him mine; now, num - bered with God's sons and
 sup - per, feast di - vine; now I shall nev - er be for -
 Christ I per - ish not; he grants the peace that stills all
 out a thought of fear; to God's good plans I have con -



daugh - ters, I share his peace and love di - vine. My God, for
 sak - en for I am his and he is mine. My God, for
 sor - row, gives me a robe with - out a spot. My God, for
 sent - ed, my faith is fo - cused, firm, and clear. By grace, in



Je - sus' sake I pray your peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 Je - sus' sake I pray your peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 Je - sus' sake I pray your peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 Je - sus' name I say, "Lord, you will bless my dy - ing day!"

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

CW 405



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, King of grace,



that life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures have no pow'r to hide your face.



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, and my glo-ry and sal-va - tion.

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News & Notes

Bible Information Class – Tuesday, September 1, we will begin a new session of our Bible Information Class at 6:30pm. Bible Information Class 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? This class is for you too!

Welcome, Pilgrim moms! Let's meet for Bible study on Wednesdays at 9:30am this year. Little ones are welcome to join as we gather to study God's Word and leave feeling built up by a group of sisters in Jesus. Please see the qr code for information about where the group will meet throughout the month of September.



Men's Bible Breakfast on Saturday, September 5. Come for breakfast and Bible Study at 7:30am. Invite a friend! We meet in the lower level at Church.

It's Time for Tabitha! (Well, almost.) The Tabitha Society's first meeting of the 2026-'27 season will be held on Thursday afternoon, September 10th (that's the first Thursday AFTER Labor Day), at 1:30 in the conference room at school. Our guest speaker will be Mr. David Porth, who will answer the question "What, Exactly, Is a Staff Minister?" All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend. We'd love to have you join us. We meet once a month and offer you various ways to support Pilgrim Church and School as well as the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, interesting programs, friendships with other women, and tasty treats. Irene Lape and Joan Meier will provide refreshments for this meeting. Also, please speak to Irene or Joan if you have any questions about Tabitha. See you soon!

Kickoff Sunday is September 13! Welcome back! Join us on Sunday, September 13, as we launch into our fall schedule with a morning full of fellowship, worship, and time in the Word.

Here is what you can look forward to:

- Classes Resume: Sunday School (for ages 3k through eighth grade) and Adult Bible Class are officially back in session!
- All-School Sing: We will be blessed with a special anthem as our PreK–8th grade students raise their voices together.
- New Adult Bible Class Topic: Dive deep into our new study, *"The Earth Is the Lord's: Stewardship as Faith, Vocation, and Worship."*

Sign up for the Golden Agers Dinner! Saturday, September 12 at 5:30pm. Everyone 62 and older, along with their spouses, is invited to come to this special dinner, held in our Gathering Space. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex, or you can contact the office to sign up.

Volunteers Needed! Help make our home volleyball games a success by volunteering for our home game-day roles! We are looking for volunteers to assist with: Scoreboard, Scorebook, Line Judge & Concessions. Have a high schooler who needs volunteer hours? These opportunities can apply to those hours! Scan the QR code to see the list of volunteer slots available via sign up genius. Any questions contact Athletic Director Maksim: mmaksim@pilgrimcares.org



Is your wardrobe missing Pilgrim spirit wear? Pilgrim spirit wear is now available to order through Three Point Custom Designs til September 4. Please use the QR code to open up the link to the online store.

Thrivent Live Generously Pilgrim Lutheran 5th/6th Grade Book Drive A

Thrivent grant has been obtained to purchase book shelves for the 5th/6th grade room. In conjunction with that, a book wish list has been created on Amazon. These books teach about recent historic events, different cultures, diversity, and interacting with others of different ethnicities, economic levels, and abilities (physical, emotional, and learning). To help with this project by purchasing a book or two, use this QR code to reach the wish list. Books may be shipped directly to the school or dropped off in the school office. Thanks for supporting our project!



Music At First Come join the fun at 5:30pm on Friday, September 4th at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 728 Village Street in Racine. Pilgrim's own David Porth will perform!

The Open Table, another concept in our Third Thursday series, is a space where curiosity meets faith. Friends and members of Pilgrim are able to ask any questions, big or small, and engage in thoughtful and open conversations with pastor. Whether seeking clarity on scripture or everyday life challenges, this is a welcoming environment structured by you for learning, growth, and deeper understanding of God and his word. We will meet in the Gathering Space on Thursday, September 17 from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Bring your favorite snack/dish/beverage to share with your table.

New Griefshare Starting Soon Losing a loved one to death affects us emotionally, mentally, socially, physically and often spiritually. Our entire world is shaken as we grieve and seek to make sense of it all. GriefShare is a Christian support group for those who desire to go from mourning to joy as they seek a new normal without their loved one here on earth. All ages are welcomed to attend a series of 13 meetings whether the loss has been recent or took place years ago. Please note our new schedule. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, starting on September 19 from 9:00-10:30am at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lannon. We gather in the small conference room attached to the lower level fellowship hall at church. Please call Mimi Festerling at 262-352-1070 or Cindy Weiland at 262-510-4361 for more information. Register by going to <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/304160>

Gridiron & Gratitude: Remembering 9/11 and Honoring Our First Responders - Join Wisconsin Lutheran High School at Zeitler Stadium on Friday, September 11, as we commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and honor the first responders who serve our communities. Active and retired first responders and one guest will receive free game admission, a complimentary pregame reception from 5:45–6:45 p.m., and recognition during halftime. The WLHS Vikings take on the Hartford Orioles at 7:00 p.m. First responders should [RSVP](#) using the QR code or at <https://www.wlhs.org/gridiron-and-gratitude>. Community members are warmly invited to attend, remember the past, and thank those who serve.

Rummage Sale at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Saturday, September 12 • 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Join us for our rummage sale! W76N627 Wauwatosa Rd. in Cedarburg. Cash only. All proceeds will benefit the Redeemer Tuition Fund. For more information, contact Mary Belling at 262-689-6427

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Ushers		
8-30	Glen Kuphall Josh Weber	Jim Prekop Andy Steeno
9-6	Matt Lawonn Please Volunteer	Bryan Giesenschlag John Kufahl
Worship Hosts		
8-30	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner	Paul & Kathy Arnhold
9-6	Pete & Amy Kuske	Ann Wood

Attendance

8-19 31
8-23 77 + 196 = 273

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 30 - September 6

Day	Time	Event
TODAY (30)	8:00 & 9:30 AM	Divine Services w/ Holy Communion
TUESDAY (1)	6:30 PM	Bible Information Class begins
WEDNESDAY (2)	6:30 PM	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
FRIDAY (4)		No School - Labor Day Weekend
SATURDAY (5)	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY (6)	8:00 & 9:30 AM	Divine Services w/ Holy Communion

Readings for Next Sunday, September 6

First Reading: **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

Second Reading: **Galatians 2:11-16**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:15-20**

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