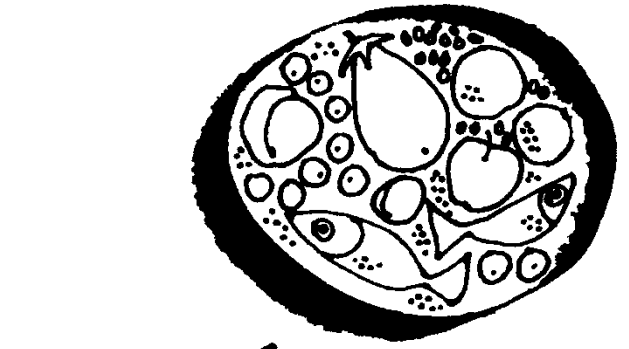


Give Thanks

To the Lord
for He is good;
and His mercy
endures forever

Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Worship services - Wednesday 6:30pm, Sunday 8:00 and 10:30am

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**.

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 and Preaching	Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Organist	David Porth
Instrumentalists	Silas Amundson, Alex Ganshow, Bekah Ganshow, Ethan Ganshow, Keith Gennerman, Noel Iles, Sarah Mayer, Kellan O'Connell

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Opening Hymn

Come, You Thankful People, Come | 491**(1-4)**

Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.o
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.

Please stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

Thanksgiving Litany

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.
God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.
Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:
We thank you, O God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:
We thank you, O God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:
We thank you, O God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:
We thank you, O God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:
We thank you, O God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:
We thank you, O God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom:
We thank you, O God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:
We thank you, O God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:
We thank you, O God.

For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:
We praise you, O God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:
We praise you, O God.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:
We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
God's love is everlasting.

Please be seated

Choir Anthem

Make a Joyful Noise
arr. John A. Behnke

Sung by the Adult Choir
This anthem is based on Psalm 100. For giving grateful praise.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

THE WORD

First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:18-22

18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

"Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 19 And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

20 "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. 21 For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

22 "How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer | 609(1-3)

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Stand

Gospel

Luke 7:36-50

36When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's
house and reclined at the table. 37A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that
Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.
38As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then
she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.
39When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a
prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a
sinner."
40Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."
"Tell me, teacher," he said.
41"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii,
and the other fifty. 42Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the
debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"
43Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."
"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.
44Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came
into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her
tears and wiped them with her hair. 45You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the
time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46You did not put oil on my head, but she

has poured perfume on my feet. 47Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—
as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."
48Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
49The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"
50Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Now Thank We All Our God | 597**(1-3)**

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

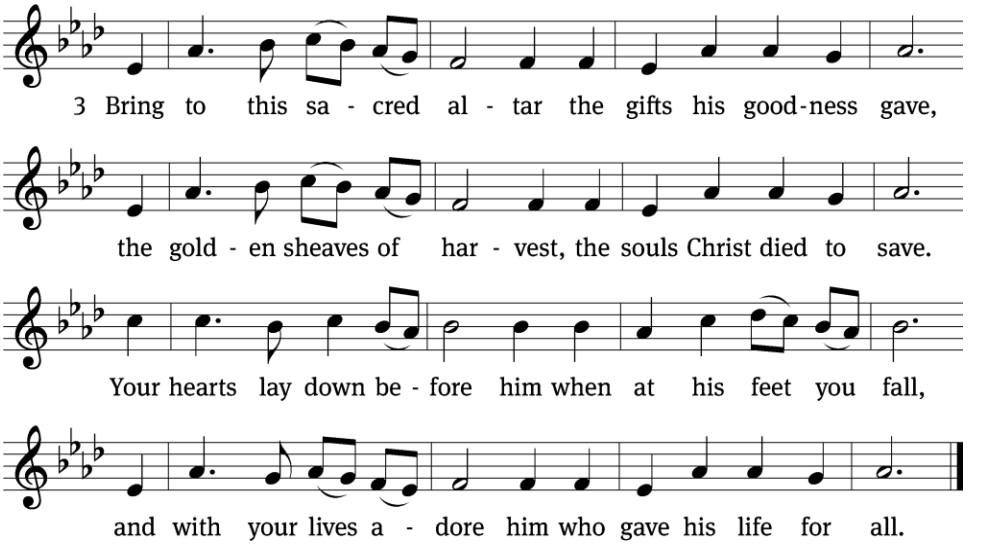
Sermon

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 https://pilgrimcares.churchcenter.com/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

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Please stand

Confession of Faith

I believe that God created me and all that exists, that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

After each petition spoken by the minister, the congregation sings one or two selected stanzas from a corresponding hymn.

We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself into death that we might have life with you forever.

Hymn

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice | 332**(1-2)**

Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son has given.

To this vale of tears he comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with him in heav'n's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.

We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of your Word, through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and hope.

Hymn

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | 640

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gifts of life and health and the abundance of our earthly blessings.

Hymn *Praise to God, Immortal Praise* | 612**(1,3)**

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy,
Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we own,
Source whence all our blessings flow.

Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams,
True religion's holier beams—
Lord for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the growth of your kingdom in all the earth, to the glory of your name and the salvation of precious souls.

Hymn *Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word* | 902**(1,6)**

Spread abroad, O mighty Word,
telling of a gracious Lord
whose all-pow'rful gospel call
fills his heav'nly banquet hall.

Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

For all these and countless other blessings to body and soul which are new to us every morning, we unite our hearts and voices in songs of praise and thanks:

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 624**(5)**

Praise to the Lord,
oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen"
sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor ┼ and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living | 507**(1-2)**

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

The annual Pilgrim Pie Social and Chili Cook-Off
will be held tonight after our worship service!
Please join us!

Pilgrim's Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 2, 9, 16 ..... Midweek Advent Services - 3:30pm and 6:30pm

December 13 ..... 8:00am and 10:30am Advent Song Service

December 20 ..... 10:30am Children's Christmas Service in the gym
8:00am Divine Service in Church

December 24 ..... 4:30pm Lessons & Carols
6:30pm Candlelight Service

December 25 ..... 8:15am to 8:45am Hymn Sing
9:00am Christmas Day Festival Service with Holy Communion

No Wednesday Evening Worship on December 23 and December 30.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church can receive offerings electronically through a secure website. Scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to Pilgrim's giving page or visit pilgrimcares.org and click on the Give button. Save the check – give online!

Weekly Parish Calendar
November 22 - November 29

Day	Time	Event
TODAY (22)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY (23)	6:00 PM	Building Committee Meeting
TUESDAY (24)	6:00 PM	Pickleball
WEDNESDAY (25)	6:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
	6:45 PM	Chili Cookoff & Pie Social (Gathering Space)
SUNDAY (29)	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Divine Services w/ Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Advent by Candlelight (Gathering Space)

Readings for Next Sunday, November 29

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

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