



PILLAR  
CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
April 2, 2017

## Welcome

Welcome to Pillar Church this morning. We're glad that you're here. If you've been worshipping here for a long time or you're entering the doors of a church for the first time today it is our hope that you'll experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries.

### Note on Communion

We celebrate Communion via intinction, that is, we dip the bread in the cup before partaking in the sacrament. During the 9:00 service there are three stations up front (with one gluten-free & vegan-friendly station by the timpani available at both services) During the 10:30, there are five stations in the front and one in the lobby. A communion server will be available to serve you if you are in need of assistance.

### Liturgical Note

During the season of Lent you are invited to use the sanctuary from 12-1 as a place for prayer and reflection. Use one of the banners as a focus for your reflection or you may use the Lenten prayer card found on the communion table.

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## Approach to God

Gathering Music

Welcome

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Call to Worship

*Salvation Has Come*

*Salvation has come to this house for the Lord has brought it near to us here;  
He has come to seek the lost and he has come to save us from sin;  
He has come to fill the law and he has come to make us new;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Hymn of Praise

#770 *In Christ Alone*, vv. 1-4

Call to Lament

Prayer of Lament

Assurance of Pardon

*Who is Like the Lord Our God?*



1. Our Fa-ther, He lifts from the ash-es\_ He rais-es the poor and the lost;\_  
2. Though e - qual to God in his glo-ry,\_ Christ Je - sus be-came like a slave;\_  
3. O saints, fix your eyes on the sav ior\_ and count all your right-eous-ness lost. \_



He seats them to dine at his ta - ble,\_ to feast with-out mon - ey or cost.  
He hum-bled him-self in o - be - dience to death, and the cross, and the grave.\_  
Be found in his love and his fa - vor, and share in his death on the cross.\_



The lone-ly he set-tles in fam-'lies, the bar-ren, a moth-er he makes;\_  
Vic - to-rious he rose to the high - est;\_ In glo - ry the Sav - ior was raised.\_  
That all of his po-wer in vic - tory, im-part-ed to you may a bound;\_



O hap-py the heart of the stran-ger\_ Who's wel-comed by this King of Grace.  
His name a - bove all names ex - alt - ed;\_ The heav - ens and earth sing His praise.  
And shar-ing the suff rings of Je - sus, \_ You share in his glo - ry and crown.



Who is like the Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But



hum-bles him-self with the bro-ken to dwell Who is like our God?

Peace

*Children may leave for Children's Ministry activities at this time.*

Response

*Who is Like the Lord Our God? (refrain)*

Offering

Testimony

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to 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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Word of God

Song for Illumination

#859 *Be Thou My Vision, vv. 1,3 & 4*

Sermon

Sermon Notes/Drawings:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sanctus*

O, ho - ly are you, Lord, the earth pro - claims your glo - ry;  
We join in to a - dore, O, you are ho - ly Lord;  
Bles - sed is the one who comes in your good name;  
Save us, Lord, we pray; Ho - san - na in the high - est

Most righteous God we remember in this meal...  
Together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

So, send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...  
Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Communion Prayers

*Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Communing*

If you are not coming forward to receive Communion, please feel free to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*Prayers for Those Searching for Truth*

“Lord Jesus, you claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life. As I search for spiritual truth, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the life that you promise. Amen.”

*Prayer of Belief*

“Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Trusting in God’s love and in your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask you to forgive me, most merciful Lord, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Relying on your grace, I promise to confess you publicly before others, to serve you daily and to walk in your way. Amen.”

*Prayer of Commitment*

“Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.”

Communion

*Salvation Has Come*

Sal-va-tion has come to this house for the Lord has brought it near.  
 Sal-va-tion has come to this house for the Lord has brought it near, near to us, here.  
 He has come to seek the lost, and He has come to save us from sin.  
 He has come to fill the law, and He has come to make us new, make us new!  
 A-le - lu - ia! A-le - lu - ia!

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:  
 Skills and time are ours for press-ing, toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your grace conferred;  
 nature's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door;  
 all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined the church made one.  
 ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.  
 gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our - selves in praise;  
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self - a - lone;  
 O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,  
 thank - ful songs shall rise for - e - ver, grac - ious do - nor of our days.  
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Response to God

Sending Song

*Psalm 126 (refrain)*

Re-store us, O Lord Re-store us, O Lord Although we are weep - ing,  
 Lord help us keep sow - ing, the seeds of your king - dom, for the day you will  
 reap them Your sheaves we will car - ry, Lord please do not  
 tar - ry, all those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of joy

Benediction

Postlude

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### Worship Leaders Today

Preacher: Jon Brown  
Liturgists: Jenna Brandsen and Alisha Riepma  
Ensemble: Angela Wagenveld, Alex Damaska, Lydia Beukelman and Jonathan Gabhart  
  
Organist: Sheryl Beerens  
Sound: Ben Oegema  
Communion Servers:  
9:00 Chuck & Barb Bobeldyk, Jon Brown, Jenna Brandsen & Alisha Riepma  
10:30 Steve & Valerie Spoelhof, Daniel, Lisa, Nora & Joshua Woolsey, Loren, Lisa, Caleb & Natalie Vredevoogd, Blake Johnson, Alisha Riepma, Jon Brown, Jenna Brandsen and Jake helder

### Worship Leaders on April 9

Preacher: Jon Brown  
Hospitality: Al & Kerri Nykamp  
Set Up Bob & Jennifer Bieri  
Clean Up

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### Deacons' Announcements

**Please include these people in your prayers:** for Michael DeVries as he and his doctors discern a treatment for his prostate cancer that has spread to his bones. Pray also for Jodi Syens as she has completed her cancer treatments and for Greg Diekema as he undergoes treatment for metastatic melanoma.

**April's Special Offering** is designated to Community Action House. CAH seeks to "end poverty in our community" by providing food, clothing, shelter, and the opportunity to build necessary skills for the stability and flourishing of families. The special offering will be received Sunday, Apr. 23, but feel free to give at any point by labeling your gift as "CAH." **This month's distribution offering** will also be for CAH; you are invited to donate any of the following items by bringing them to the baskets in the lobby: canned veggies, broths, soups and meats (low sodium), spaghetti sauce, fruit cups in 100% juice, refried beans, ground coffee, small bottles of cooking oil, baking powder, baking soda, spices, all purpose cleaners, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, laundry & dish soap, toothpaste, diapers (sizes 4-6) and deodorant.

### Adult Formation

**Join a City Group!** City Groups are an integral way Pillar Church can be "for the city." They are a place to belong, be discipled, and to serve together. If you would like to join a group, email [jenna@pillarchurch.com](mailto:jenna@pillarchurch.com)!

### Student Ministries

Middle School: No City Group or Youth Group this week and next week due to spring break.  
High School: No City Group or Youth Group this week and next week due to spring break.

### College Ministries

The last Student Soirée will be held on Tues., April 18 from 7-8:30pm at Lemonjellos. Come for fellowship, coffee and treats!

The last college luncheon is Sunday, Apr. 23 after the 10:30 service. All college students are welcome!

### Children's announcements

**Infant and Toddler Nursery** is available on the lower level during both the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services.

**Little Lambs** (2-3 year olds) meets today during the 10:30 am service today. You may sign your children in prior to attending church.

**Sunday School for kids 4 years old - 5th grade:** Please bring your kids downstairs and sign them in their Sunday School Classrooms at 9:15am. 4th and 5th grade Sunday School meets in the Pieters Room upstairs.

**Children in Worship for children aged 4 - 2nd grade:** will take place today at the 10:30 service. Please bring your child to the back of the lobby during the passing of the peace to meet a greeter who will lead the kids downstairs.

**Next week is Palm Sunday: April 9:** Children 5th grade and under are invited to meet downstairs in 10 minutes before the services begin, to receive a palm branch so that they can take part in a processional to the front of the sanctuary. This will take place at both services, and your children are invited to join in whatever service you are attending. You may want to walk with your child or carry them if they are under 3 years of age. Your children have learned a refrain that will be sung on that day. It would be wonderful to have as many voices as possible to sing along. The children are invited to return downstairs after the processional for a special teaching on the sacrament of communion.

**Holy Week Prayer Walk:** On Good Friday from 11am – 2 pm and on Saturday from 10am – 1 pm there will be a simple, hands on, self guided prayer walk open downstairs for children of all ages and their families. You are invited to come on Friday or Saturday and plan on taking as few as 15 minutes, or as long as you like to experience the walk. This is self-guided and participatory in nature so that you can actively pray together as a family and individually along side one another. In order to for us plan well, your family is invited to sign up for either Friday or Saturday Sign up begins on April 2. Please RSVP by emailing: [office@pillarchurch.com](mailto:office@pillarchurch.com).

### Children's Ministries continued

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY April 16:** Childcare will be provided for ages 0 - 3 year olds in the nurseries during the 9am and 10:30 am Worship Services. In addition, there will be a staffed classroom open downstairs for 4&5 year olds, if needed. Activity bags and children's worship bulletins appropriate for kids 4-10 years will be available outside the doors of the Sanctuary before each Worship Service.

**The P3 play group** meets Fridays at 10am at the Activity Center (200 E. 14th St). Contact Amy Deur, [amy.deur@gmail.com](mailto:amy.deur@gmail.com), for more information. All moms/dads with young kids are welcome!

#### Overview:

April 2: Sunday school will meet today at 9:15 am. Children and Worship will meet 10:30 am.

April 16: There will no Sunday School or Children in Worship on April 16th due to Easter Sunday.

April 23, 2017: Regular Children's Ministry resumes.

May 14, 2017: Sunday School concludes for the year.

### General Announcements

**Pillar is looking to hire a full-time Ministries Coordinator.** If you are interested in learning more about this position, you can find a link on the home page of [www.pillarchurch.com](http://www.pillarchurch.com)

**The church office will be closed** on Friday, April 7 due to spring break.

**Despite cultural warnings** regarding discussing religion and politics, we believe people of faith are precisely the people to handle the delicate topic of politics. Join us on April 15 & 29 and May 6 as we discuss the intersection of faith and politics with Kristen Johnson, David Ryder, and Kris VanEngen. We will discuss the history of politics in America, how people of faith can think critically about politics, and ways to engage as it pertains to our work in refugee care. Save the dates and look for more information to come.

#### Building Update

We are excited to proceed to the next phase of the proposed Pillar Church Expansion Project. Design development (DD) services take the initial design documents from the schematic phase and move them one step further along. This phase begins to lay out additional details with regard to architectural, structural, and systems details. This work is done in order to give us a better idea of how the project can be developed, provides an opportunity for more specific cost estimates, and ultimately results in another level of approval. The next phase to follow, then, would be the actual preparation of construction documents.

Meetings with all of those connected to Pillar are being set up with Pastor Jon in order for them "see" the project, as well as to have the opportunity to ask questions, share hopes, and gain clarity as the project proceeds.



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