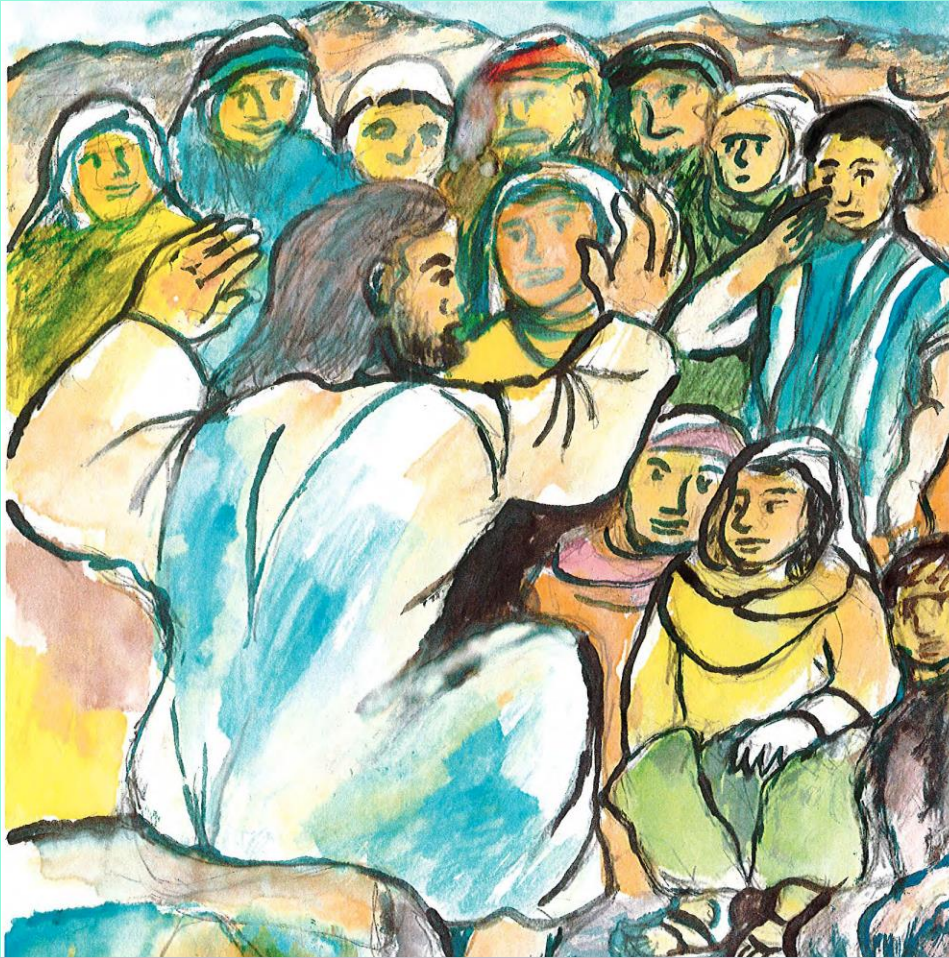


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Jesus taught them saying: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Matthew 5: 6- 8

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Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

We welcome all who have chosen to worship with us this morning and pray that the Holy Spirit fills you with joy. Please join us for some fellowship time following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Lord's Supper

All who are baptized and believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the Holy Sacrament and are truly sorry for their sins are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. We celebrate Holy Communion in both worship services every Sunday. Individual wafers will be distributed first, followed by individual wine and grape juice cups, and the ones with grape juice will be in the middle of the tray. Please come up for the Lord's Supper using the middle aisle and return to your pew using the side aisles. May God bless you today as you join us in worship and praise to Him!

As We Gather

From where does true and lasting peace and hope come – from earthly possessions or from eternal possessions? Why, and what are the implications of this for our daily lives? Come meditate on these questions with me today.

✠ Preparation ✠

Prelude (10 AM)

*Air from "Rinaldo"
G. F. Händel*

Greeting



Please stand

Opening Hymn

“We Praise You, O God”
LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!



Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession & Absolution

(Silence for personal repentance of sin.)

P We confess:

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C **From where does my help come?**

P My help comes from the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The LORD is your keeper;

C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C **he will keep your life.**

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in,

C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

A **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**



This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:6-12

⁶“I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

⁷Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ ⁸“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a

curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD

Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so

much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before

it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty. ¹²“Then all the nations will call you blessed, for

yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Special Music (10 AM)
Senior Choir

The Voice of God
Lloyd Larson

In every local language, in every native tongue, God hears the hearts of people and speaks to everyone.

The limits of our language, God easily transcends.

Love hears our weakest whimper and always comprehends.

God speaks in every language to all both far and near.

With words of grace and mercy Love longs for all to hear.

But whether still and quiet or with a mighty sound, wherever love is spoken, the voice of God is found.

The languages of nature, of land and sky and sea, of all the living creatures, God speaks them fluently.

All things that God created converse in different ways, so even trees and mountains can offer up their praise!

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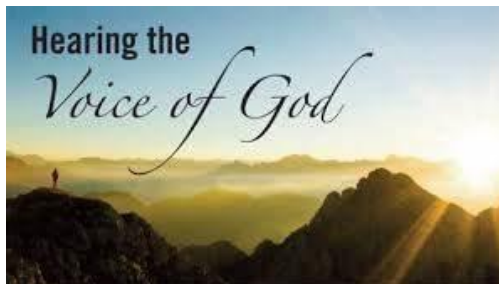
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God speaks at times with thunder and mighty rushing wind; At other times, a whisper, a gentle thought within.

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The voice of God is found.



Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-12 and 17-19

⁶ Godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

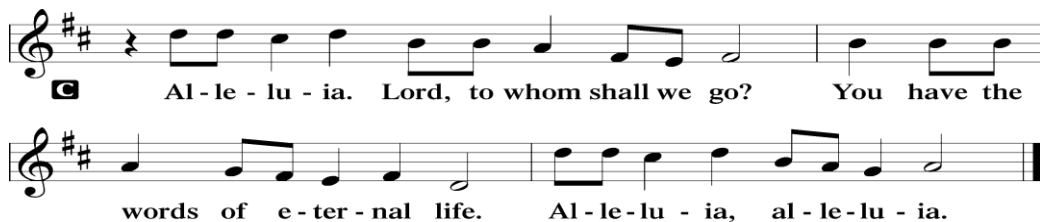
R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C 

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’” ¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’” ²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’” ²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

*“Be Thou My Vision”
See Insert*



Sermon

Reverend Joshua Rusert

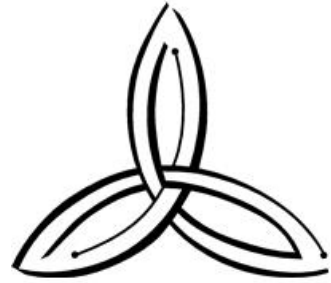
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Nicene Creed

LSB 158

☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For last week's midterm elections in our county, state, and nation, that whatever the outcomes, that we would continue to praise You for the freedom we have to vote, for Your continued steadfast and faithful reign through any and all changes in our laws and our elected representatives, and for You always being our One constant anchor amidst the sometimes chaotic and uncertain waves of this life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for those who serve our nation through military service, that we may honor them by using our liberty responsibly; for our nation's blessing; and for freedom for all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in the midst of affliction, that they may endure, persevere, and overcome with God-given strength, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all of us who eat and drink the body and blood of Christ today, that the Holy Spirit would give us repentant hearts to receive the forgiveness of sins and to proclaim joyfully Christ's death and resurrection until He arrives again in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, Heavenly Father, as the days pass and all things move to Your planned and appointed end, keep us alert so that when the day comes, we may gladly greet and welcome You and rejoice in Your gift of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering



Offering Music (10 AM)

Cantabile in D, Op. 17

*N. Paganini
Jinwoo Lee, violin*

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Please stand

Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

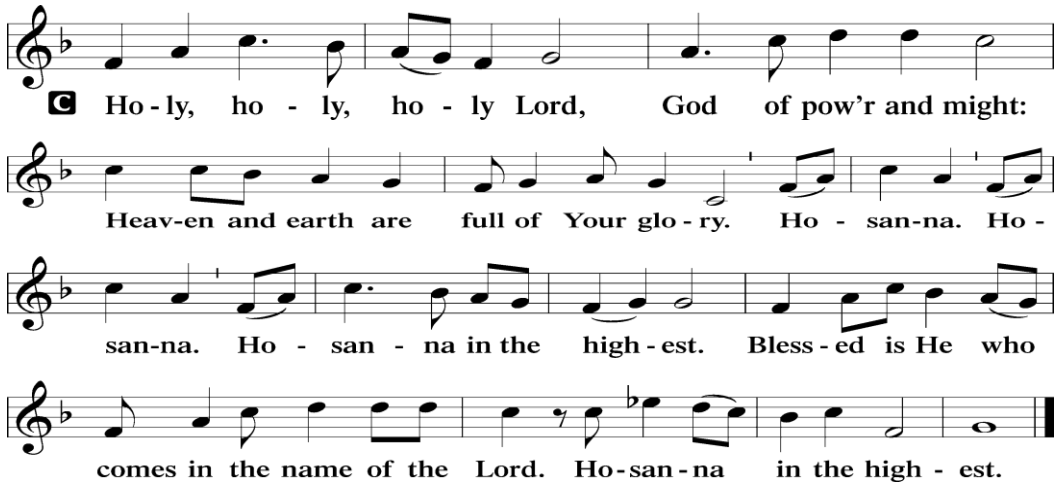
Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 162

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
- For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

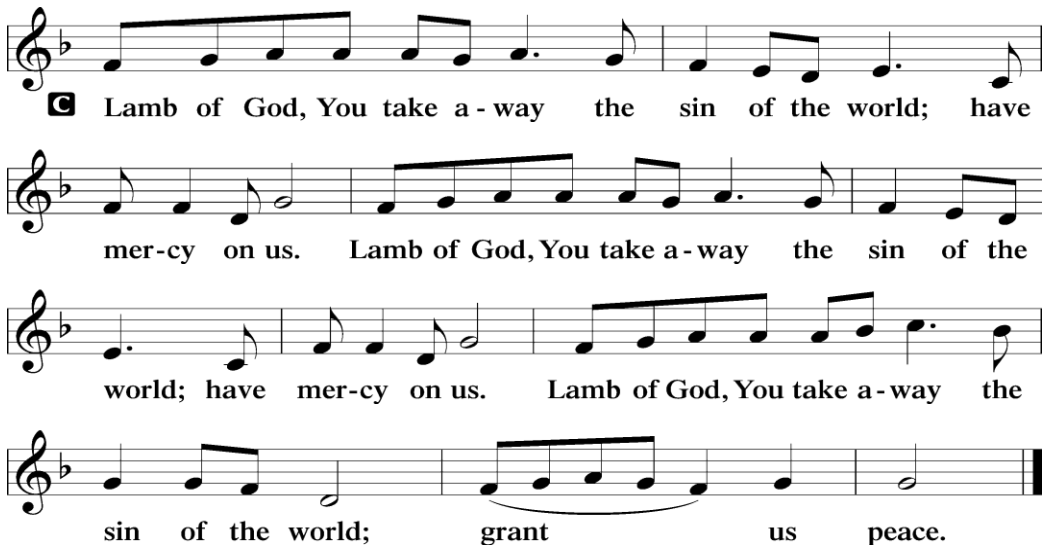
Pax Domini

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

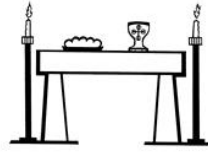
Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated
Distribution



Please stand for the Dismissal

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Sending Hymn

“For the Fruits of His Creation”

LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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Please be seated

Announcements

Reminder that there will be an IN-PERSON Congregational Meeting

TODAY beginning shortly after the conclusion of the late worship service. Lunch will be provided, and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend as reports will be shared from different aspects of Pilgrim's ministry and facilities. Officers and Elders will be elected



for the coming year, and a budget for 2023 will be proposed. Join us as we review and praise God for the past and also look ahead to the future.

The donations for our November Nehemiah Project will go to World Vision's efforts for hurricane relief in the wake of recent Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. From their website: "World Vision is positioned and equipped to respond to disasters across the United States, including in hard hit areas like Puerto Rico and Florida suffering from the effects of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. When disaster strikes, World Vision is often one of the first organizations to respond. Our relief workers connect with partners – including churches – in affected regions to help hard-hit communities. World Vision also stays long after disasters have faded from the headlines, in order to help communities rebuild." Please prayerfully consider giving. To give, simply write a check to Pilgrim with "November Nehemiah" in the memo line. Thank you.

Reminder that next Sunday, November 20th, is Pledge Sunday. You should have received the pledge form as an attachment in your email inbox. Extra copies are also available in the Fellowship Hall. After prayerfully contemplating and planning your monthly giving in 2023 and filling it in on the form along with your name, you are welcome to bring the upper half of the pledge form with you to worship next Sunday where you can drop it off during the designated time in either worship service. If you are unable to be there Sunday, or would rather turn it in earlier, you can send it in to the Pilgrim office in-person, by mail, or by email to office@pilgrimbethesda.org by Sunday, November 20th. Please keep the bottom half of the form for your records. Thank you for your generous giving to Pilgrim and thank you for your pledge for the coming year!

Notable Upcoming Holiday Season Worship Services here at Pilgrim:

There will be No Thanksgiving Eve or Thanksgiving Day Services.

Wednesdays 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14 - Advent Midweek Services at 7:30pm

Sunday, 12/11 - Family Christmas Service - One Service Only at 10am (No Adult Bible Class and No Children's Sunday School)

Saturday, 12/24 - Christmas Eve Service at 7:30pm

Sunday, 12/25 - Christmas Day Service - One Service Only at 10am (No Adult Bible Class and No Children's Sunday School)

Sunday, 1/1 - New Year's Day Service - One Service Only at 10am (Yes Adult Bible Class but No Children's Sunday School)

Thank you to all who participated in the 3rd annual PLC food drive! We appreciate all who donated food and volunteered. Your generosity of time, money, and food helped make this community event a resounding success! 16 volunteers gathered in the Meditation Courtyard on a beautiful, sunny, October 29th to collect and box up 920 food items.

It was a fun day for all who participated in this event, as well as the volunteers' dinner at Ledo Pizza afterwards. L'Enfant Montessori families also participated and donated 109 items. Thrivent Financial supported this event by covering our expenses and will be donating \$500 to Manna because we collected a minimum of 500 food items. Thank you to Michael Boerger for being our liaison with Thrivent. Manna Food Center staff has expressed its gratitude to you as well saying, "Thank you to Pilgrim Lutheran Church for your donation of over 1000 pounds of food - 3 times the average food drive donation!" To learn more about Manna please visit: <https://www.mannafood.org>. More photos and details of the fun event will be provided in the next PLC newsletter.



Dismissal

- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Postlude (10 AM)

Postlude
A.E. Batiste

Program Notes for the Offertory:

Paganini has been considered the best violin virtuoso in his time and influenced modern violin technique. His compositions mainly served as a tool to demonstrate his virtuosity and they were technically creative and expanded the timbre and the known ability of the violin. In this piece, however, he toned down his virtuoso violin technique and the result is a heartfelt instrumental aria. In addition, it is the only piece that Paganini wrote originally for violin and piano: all other non-solo works were accompanied either by an orchestra or by one of his favorite instruments, guitar.

✠ Bulletin Notes ✠

This Week at Pilgrim

Sunday, November 13th

In-Person Congregational Meeting 11:15 AM

Sunday, November 20th -Thanksgiving and Pledge Sunday

In-Person Early Worship Service 8:15 AM

In-Person and Livestream Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM

In-Person Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM

In-Person and Livestream Late Worship Service 10:00 AM

In-Person Senior Choir Rehearsal 11:30 AM

November Birthdays

November 1st Nancy Parenti
November 2nd Joy Rusert
November 7th Amelia Graef
November 7th Michael Summerville
November 8th Vicki Porter
November 9th Lance Graef
November 13th Melanie Bourne
November 17th Nellie Plitt
November 18th Barbara Nail
November 24th Rob Mueller
November 27th Robin Summerville



November Anniversaries

November 7th Brooks Hanner and Jamila Tekalli Hanner
November 11th Pastor Josh and Sammy Rusert
November 28th David and Lynn Frank

Those Who Serve Today

Livestream Host: John Weihrauch
Ushers: Lance Graef/ John Summerville
Musicians: Henning Vent/ Eunice Kim
Senior Choir: Carolyn & John Summerville/ Melanie Bourne/ Pauline Anunciacion
...../ Alicia Hatcher/ Nellie & Bob Plitt/ Henning Vent/ Mike Boerger
Elders: Maria Majar/ John Weihrauch
Altar Guild: Judith Graef/ Maria Majar/ Laura Simo/ Laura Weihrauch
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