

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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IF ANY
WOULD COME
AFTER ME
LET THEM



DENY THEMSELVES
AND TAKE UP
THEIR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME.

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September 19, 2021

Pentecost 17



David said, "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord." We pray that you find continual strength and guidance as you regularly worship your Lord.

Worship Theme: Just the facts!

Pastor: Pastor Schmeling

Organ: Arthur Wessels

Audio Visual: Jon Jackson

Camera: Seth Witte

WE THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. Visitors, we are glad you worshipped with us today. During the offering, please complete the communication card that has been inserted into your bulletin. As the ushers return from taking up the offering they will gather these sheets. We hope you find our worship service enjoyable and meaningful. If you want to know more about our worship service or about Pilgrim please let Pastor Schmeling know (612.222.2050) so that he can arrange a time to meet with you to answer any questions.

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♪C: **HYMN** #478

With the Lord Begin Your Task

1. With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it. For his aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it. Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And, when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.
2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration. On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is your salvation. Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With his presence cheer you.
3. With your Savior at your side Foes need not alarm you; In his promises confide
And no ill can harm you. All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR OUR FORGIVENESS

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**



FIRST LESSON**Isaiah 50:4-10****The Fact of Innocence**

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE DAY**James 2: 10**

Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

LESSON**James 2: 1-5, 8-10, 14-18****The Fact of Sin and Faith's Expression**

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.

² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?

¹⁵ Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

1. Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.
2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe To our home we go.
3. When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won.
Heav’nly Leader, still direct us; Still support, console, protect us
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Mark 8:27-35

The Fact of Necessary Payment

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man **must** suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

SERMON THEME

Get The Facts Straight

The facts about our Lord / his life / and our life

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING The members of Pilgrim have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.



COMMUNICATION CARD Please fill out the communication card that has been inserted into your bulletin.

♪C: **OFFERING HYMN** CW #489 Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

Lord, you love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to you.

PRAYER and 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.

C: Amen

♪C: **CLOSING HYMN** CW 467 May the Mind of Christ My Savior

1. May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.
5. May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,

Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

- 6. May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.

Worship Assistants: Schochenmaier/ Bade **Next Week:** John & Phyllis Martin
Altar Flowers: Arthur Wessels **8:30 AM Bible Class Coffee & Coffee & Treats:** Arthur Wessels

Everyone is invited to Coffee & Treats in the lower level following the worship service.



Council Meeting Notes 9/13/21

- 1. Auction has ended and items will be removed and should get a report of how it went.
- 2. Council will be doing Oktoberfest Coffee Hour on Oct 17 (brats, beer and fun)
- 3. **Envelope giving was down for August and therefore our overall budget is in the RED**
- 4. Since we are getting a new sign and doing some other public appearance we are thinking of changing our Logo before this happens, if you have thoughts please let the council know.

LWMS -- St. Croix Circuit -- VIRTUAL Fall Rally

LWMS LINK to the Trinity Lutheran YouTube site: [Trinity Osceola - YouTube](#)

WHEN: Sunday, October 3rd; 2:00

LWMS Door Offering TODAY

<u>Food Pantry Needs:</u>	Peanut Butter	Jam/Jelly	Instant Oatmeal
Canned Fruit	Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce	Pancake Mix/Bisquick
Franco American Spaghetti O's/Chef Boyardee Ravioli			

VIRTUAL BIBLE CLASSES - Join us on Tuesday evening or Thursday Morning for Bible Class.

- **Tuesday** goes through the Sunday readings in an informative and interactive way.
- **Thursday** class looks at the forming of the new Christian Church; The Book of Acts - **Thursday's class will be held in person in the Fireside Room and on Zoom.**

THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM

TODAY	Bible Study	8:30 AM
	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Coffee & Treats	10:45 AM
Tuesday	Bible Study	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Voice of the Middle Ground Bible Study	4:30 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	Bible Study (In Person & Zoom)	10:00 AM
	Worship Committee	11:15
Next Sunday	Bible Study	8:30 AM

Worship with Communion
Coffee & Treats

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible Information Classes** for membership will be starting soon - please contact Pastor at (612)222-2050 if you are interested or if you know someone that is interested in becoming a member.
2. **Confirmation Class** for students in 6th - 8th grade will be starting. Please contact Pastor 612-222-2050 or pilgrim@pilgrimonline.net if you have a child in this age group.
3. There is a new sign up for **Coffee & Treats** starting OCTOBER 10th (when Arthur's retires from the 10:30 AM general coffee hour) through the end of 2021 on the kitchen door.
4. **Holy Bible Evangelical Heritage Version** - We have 10 EHV Bibles available for purchase at **\$20.00 each**. Please contact Bonnie in the church office if you are interested.
5. **Christian Worship Hymnal** is now available for purchase. Examples are available in the Pastor's office. Pilgrim will eventually want to purchase these for use in Worship. Cost is **\$24 each**.

L.I.F.T. - Next Date: 9/25/2021---"Rahab: Bad for a Season, Not Forever".{ Knockin ' on Heaven's Door} ALL Saturday's times for the LIFT Study are from 10:00 AM til 11:30 AM. We meet EVERY OTHER Saturday morning. BRING A FRIEND OR TWO- As ALWAYS-- ALL are welcome!!!



Bible Class: Celebrating Every Tribe

Wednesday's at 4:30 - 6:30 in person and on Zoom

Contact Ruth Jefferson for more information.

October 3 - Watch for more information on an event on October 3 and a chance for a conversation about diversity at Pilgrim

Watch for information on these upcoming events:

Oktoberfest & Church Building Anniversary- October 17

October 31 Reformation

Thanksgiving Pie Social - November 24

Advent - December 12

Christmas Cookie Social - December 19

Face masks - Pilgrim will follow CDC & Minnesota state guidelines - no masks are required at this time - we ask that you follow your judgment and do as you feel comfortable.

***At Pilgrim... It is our mission,
according to God's Word and command***

*... to GATHER around His Word,
... to GROW in His Word,
... and to GO with His Word!*



WELCOME! We welcome all of you into our midst today. We hope that you benefit from your worship with us. May you always rejoice in God's Gospel News and look forward to life with Jesus in heaven. We ask all visitors to please fill out the communication card inserted in your bulletin. If you desire further information concerning membership in our church...

**Pastor Steve Schmeling can be reached at home: (call or text) 612.222.2050
Off: 612-825-5375, or (Church web = www.pilgrimonline.net)**

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OTHERS While we encourage our worshipers to visit with each other, please keep in mind those who are already in the pews preparing for the service. We also ask that you turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices during the service. Thank you for caring about the others who are sharing in worship with you today.

WE BELIEVE:

- *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).*
- *The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).*
- *God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).*
- *The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin (1 John 1:7).*
- *It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast (Ephesians 2:8, 9).*
- *You may declare the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).*

COMMUNION CUSTOM

At Pilgrim we practice "Close Communion." Members, along with members of other WELS or ELS churches, are invited to publicly confess our unity together as we receive this sacrament. This practice does not reflect upon a person's faith, or deny forgiveness. Forgiveness is a gift available to all through Jesus Christ in his Holy Scripture. We look forward to discussing Biblical truths together and one day soon to share in this celebration of unity together with you. We ask guests partaking in Communion to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service.

***This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28***

