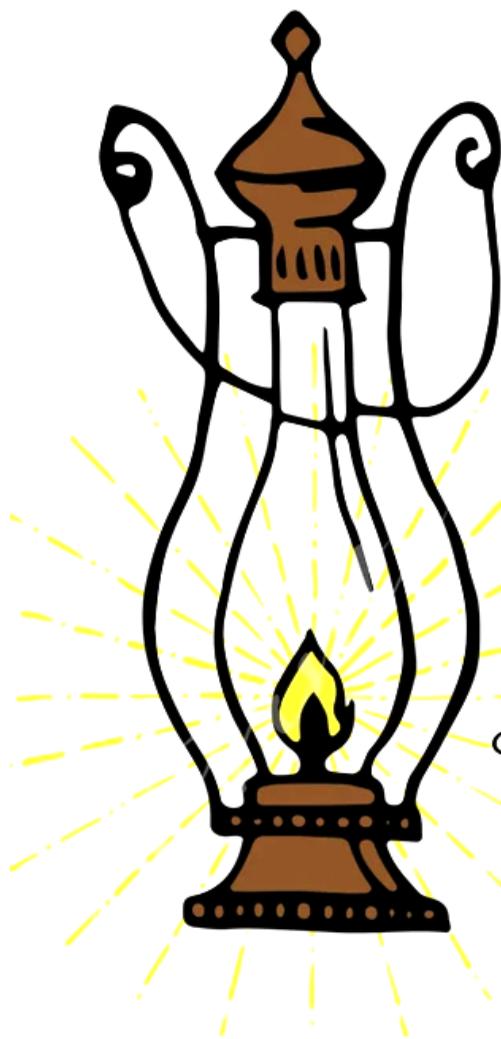


PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

3901 1st Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55409



Thy
Word
is a
Lamp
unto my feet
and a
Light
unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

November 28, 2021
Ask the Pastor Sunday



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: We bring our questions and seek answers of the Lord

Pastor: Steve Schmeling

Organist: Arthur Wessels

Audio/Visual: Joe Sorensen

Camera: Oliver McAghon

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. Visitors, we are glad you are here with us today. Please complete the communication card that has been inserted into your bulletin and place it in the offering baskets at various entrances to the church. If you want to know more about our worship service or about Pilgrim please contact Pastor Schmeling at 612-222-2050.

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🎵 CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN

Lead me, Guide me, along the way!

Refrain: **Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

- Solo** 1. I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**
- 2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness; Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**
- 3. I am lost, if you take your hand from me; I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS / FORGIVENESS OF SINS

🎵 SONG: **10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)** Matt Redman/Passion

🎵ALL: **Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul I worship Your holy name**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

♫ C: HYMN OF PRAISE:

#372

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

QUESTION #1 What does Proverbs 10:27 really mean?

LESSON: **Proverbs 10:27** The fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—
³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Prob 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

QUESTION #2 Is cremation an ok way for christian burial? Is it spoken about in the Bible, how should one be buried?

LESSON: **John 5:28-29** “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

QUESTION #3 How do we know which part of Revelation is “true” = literal or a vision? Like the emerald street, etc.?

LESSON: **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

♫ HYMN:

#735

Speak O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.
2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

QUESTION #4 Is it possible for a person actually to make a deal with the devil?

LESSON: **Ephesians 6:10-13** The Whole Armor of God ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

QUESTION #5 **What does the Bible say about tattoos / body piercings?**

LESSON: **Isaiah 49:13-16** Shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth. Let mountains burst forth with shouts of joy, because the Lord is comforting his people, and he is showing mercy to his afflicted ones. The Faithful Few Are Not Forgotten ¹⁴ But Zion said, "The Lord has abandoned me. The Lord has forgotten me." ¹⁵ Can a woman forget her nursing child and not show mercy to the son from her womb? Even if these women could forget, I will never forget you. ¹⁶ Look, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands. Your walls are never out of my sight.

QUESTION #6 **Diversity** **How can Pilgrim be open to diversity in outreach ?**

LESSON: **Luke 14:12-14** Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
Ephesians 2:19 "So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family."

CONFESSION OF FAITH...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 fully 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.

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.

🎵 OFFERING HYMN: CW #460 How Can I Thank You, Lord

As stewards of God's gifts, we thank him with our offerings:

1. How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving-kindness,
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.
4. Grant that your Spirit's help To me be always given,
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that he give me strength In my infirmity;
May he renew my heart To serve you willingly.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

NEW MEMBER WELCOME We would like to welcome **Mark Hoffmann Jr., Evelyn Schmeling** and **Mary Turner** into our church family. It is important to note that God's Word binds us together as a family. And so I would like to ask you to profess that bond and unity in the Word. I ask you:

- Do you acknowledge the teachings of this church to be Biblical truth?
- Do you accept the canonical books of the Bible as the inspired Word of God?
- Are you convinced that the Word and Sacraments of God are handled in this congregation as Christ intended them to be?
- Is your intention to be faithful to the Word by what you say and do?

Then answer: *"Yes, with the help of God."*

May God give you strength to carry out these intentions! As Paul says, “*Encourage one another and build each other up.*” We wish to welcome you and invite you to join in the fellowship of Pilgrim.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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. **C: Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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**

♪ HYMN: CW #451 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

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



Worship Assistants: John & Phyllis Martin

Next Week: Chuck & Jodi Nelson

Coffee Hour: Ladies Guild

Next Week: Open

THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM

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| TODAY | Bible Study | 8:30 AM |
| | Worship Service with Communion | 9:30 AM |
| | Coffee & Treats | 10:45 AM |
| Tuesday | Confirmation Class (Zoom) | 4:30 PM |
| | Bible Study | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | Bible 101 Class | 8:00 AM |
| Thursday | Bible Study (In Person & Zoom) | 10:00 AM |
| | Worship Committee | 11:15 AM |
| Next Sunday | Bible Study | 8:30 AM |
| | Worship | 9:30 AM |
| | Coffee & Treats | 10:45 AM |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **NEEDED:** Photos of church activities to include in social media posts- email to Ruth @jeffersoneducationgroup@outlook.com or text to Pastor's phone 612.222.2050. Also we are looking for another photographer to capture images of Pilgrim events. Please talk to Pastor or Ruth if you are interested in volunteering as a photographer.
2. **CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING** - The Church Council asks that you prayerfully evaluate your offerings to Pilgrim. We currently are struggling to keep up with the costs of our mission and our daily expenses. There are two ways to give an offering if you are unable to attend church: 1. use online giving (there is a link in the weekly newsletter) 2. Mail your offerings Motivated by our Savior's gifts and promises we want to continue to offer our gifts to him as our response. Online giving can help with that.
You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Deuteronomy 15:10

Watch for information on these upcoming events:

December 12 Camp Croix Presentation / Pilgrim Christmas Party at Sorensen's House
December 19 Christmas Cookie Social - Christmas decorating after worship
December 24 Christmas Eve Worship 3:00 PM
December 25 Christmas Day Worship 9:30 AM
January 2 Toast to the New Year

***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