

THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM: FEBRUARY 19 – 25

Today

8:45 am Worship
 10:00 am Worship
 4:00 pm NA

Monday *Progress Articles Due*

9:30 am Morning Prayer
 12:00 pm Al Anon
 5:00 pm Walk & Tone

Tuesday

5:30 pm **NO** Choir
 6:00 pm Nar Anon
 6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study
 5:15 pm Meal / AAL
 6:30 pm WOW

Thursday

11:30 am Assemble Bulletins
 5:00 pm Walk & Tone

Saturday

10:00 am Cooking with Kids (PCS Class)

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Team 4: Dale Johnson, Capt.
Asst. Minister: Torrie Greer
Lector: Paul Goesling
Sound: Don Miller
Driver: Kent Bergum
Altar Guild: Rachel, Shirley, & Diana
Hospitality: Mission Trip Team:
 Emily Rickman

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.
Asst. Minister: Colleen Elonen
Lector: Anna Hansen
Sound: Jack Notenberg
Driver: Greg Elonen
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Mission Trip Team:
 Emma & Hannah

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Attendance

Wednesday, February 8th

6:30 pm ~ no service

Sunday, February 12th

8:45 am ~ 38

10:00 am ~ 70

Offering Received (gen. fund)

Envelope: not counted
 Electronic: \$ 53.00
 Total Rcvd: \$ 53.00

Weekly Average Required to
 Meet Budget: \$ 3,650.00

Weekly Average Through
 January 31: \$ 3,051.03

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The 7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 2017

10:00 a.m.



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Rev. Will Mowchan, Pastor

Rev. Donald Berg, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Steven & Bethany Friberg, Missionaries in Tanzania

*David Tryggestad, Organist
 Cedric Johnson, Custodian*

*Curt Hanson, Choir Director/Office Manager
 Laura Swanson, Lay Ministry Coordinator*

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PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We are lovingly Lutheran.
We worship, learn, serve, and support.*

Welcome to Pilgrim! We are glad that you are with us today. If you are seeking a church home or would like the pastor to call, please fill out one of the information cards in the pew back in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We also invite you to sign our guest book located in the narthex near the elevator.

Holy Communion is offered for everyone. This morning, communion will be served by intinction. As the ushers invite you, please walk down the center aisle, receive a wafer, and dip it into the chalice of either **red wine** or **white grape juice**. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate to the Pastor if you need one. You may then return to your pew by the side aisle.

For Our Visitors — Using the Hymnal: Nearly all congregational responses are printed in the bulletin. If you wish to follow along in the hymnal, page numbers are indicated as “p.” and are at the front of the hymnal. Hymn numbers are indicated as “#” and begin following the Psalms about 1/3 into the hymnal.

Refreshments are available before and after worship. Please enjoy in the narthex.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY ELW SETTING 1

** Please stand as you are able. Congregation responses in **bold** print.*

P — Pastor L — Leader C — Congregation

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

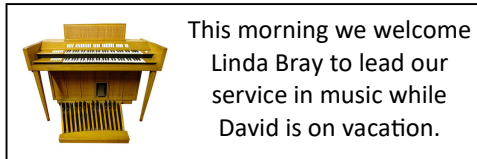
GATHERING

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Loving God,...

C: ...we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about



This morning we welcome Linda Bray to lead our service in music while David is on vacation.

SENDING

* Benediction

* Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

836

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACH’S “EIN FESTE BURG” AND MUSIC OF EARLY LUTHERAN MASTERS WITH THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR ~ The National Lutheran Choir will present a concert featuring Bach’s Cantata 80, *Ein feste Burg (A Mighty Fortress)*, performed with chamber orchestra, along with works by other early Lutheran composers including Johann Walther, Heinrich Schütz, and Michael Praetorius, at First Lutheran Church in Duluth on Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 pm. Tickets (adults \$20) can be purchased by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006, or order online at NLCA.com. Tickets may be available at the door on the day of the concert. This is an **outstanding** choir and will surely be a memorable concert.

WEEKLY PARKING AT PILGRIM ~ We would like to remind everyone who comes to the church during weekly business hours to park in the blue parking spaces if at all possible. The yellow striped spaces are contracted with UWS for their use. UWS Parking Services monitors the lot and will ticket those who park improperly. In exchange for permitting the university partial use of Pilgrim’s lot, the university helps to maintain it by plowing in the winter which saves the church quite a bit of money.

There are five blue spaces designated for Pilgrim use only on the south side of the church next to the old elevator door. There are about 20 blue spaces in the main lot area closest to the portico. (*Of course they are hard to see in the winter.*) The signs in the middle of the lot show where the designations begin and end. For major events such as funerals, and for groups who regularly meet at the church, we notify the university and Pilgrim patrons are permitted to park anywhere in our lot. Parking configurations may change next year with the coming Belknap Street project. If unsure where you can park, check with the church office.

67TH ANNUAL MARINERS’ SUNDAY ~ March 5th at both services. Join us for a small reception in the library following both services. All donations from reception benefit Twin Ports Seafarer’s Ministry.

PCS SPRING CLASSES ~ **Love Wins**, a book discussion led by Craig Peterson, Wednesdays March 8, 15, and 22 from 5:30—6:30. **Cooking with Kids** with Tanya Haugland, tentatively Saturdays April 15, 22, 29, and May 6 from 10:00—12:00.

the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

* Prayers & Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering

Musical Offering

* Offertory Hymn **O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts** (v. 1) # 658

**O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all:
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.**

* Offertory Prayer (*spoken together*)

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Words of Institution "In the night in which he was betrayed..."

* Lord's Prayer (*spoken together*) p. 112

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns: **O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts** (v. 2-4) # 658
 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart # 440
 (*text & music by Martin Luther*)

* Blessing

* Prayer

L: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now — today, tomorrow, every day — that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

* Opening Hymn **O Holy Spirit, Enter In** # 786

* Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

* Hymn of Praise **All Glory Be to God on High** # 410

* Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Lesson: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-19, 33-36 (*the Message*)

God spoke to Moses: "Speak to the congregation of Israel. Tell them, be holy because I, God, your God, am holy.

"When you harvest your land, don't harvest right up to the edges of your field or gather the gleanings from the harvest. Don't strip your vineyard bare or go back and pick up the fallen grapes. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am God, your God.

"Don't steal.

"Don't lie.

"Don't deceive anyone.

"Don't swear falsely using my name, violating the name of your God. I am God.

"Don't exploit your friend or rob him.

"Don't hold back the wages of a hired hand overnight.

"Don't curse the deaf; don't put a stumbling block in front of the blind; fear your God. I am God.

"Don't pervert justice. Don't show favoritism to either the poor or the great. Judge on the basis of what is right.

"Don't spread gossip and rumors.

"Don't just stand by when your neighbor's life is in danger. I am God.

"Don't secretly hate your neighbor. If you have something against him, get it out into the open; otherwise you are an accomplice in his guilt.

“Don’t seek revenge or carry a grudge against any of your people.

“Love your neighbor as yourself. I am God.”

“Keep my decrees.

“Don’t mate two different kinds of animals.

“Don’t plant your fields with two kinds of seed.

“Don’t wear clothes woven of two kinds of material.

“When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don’t take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt. I am God, your God.

“Don’t cheat when measuring length, weight, or quantity. Use honest scales and weights and measures. I am God, your God. I brought you out of Egypt.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119: 33-40 (*spoken responsively*)

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

C: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

C: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

L: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

C: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

L: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

C: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-23 (*the Message*)

What makes them worth doing is the God we are serving. You happen to be God’s field in which we are working. Or, to put it another way, you are God’s house.

Using the gift God gave me as a good architect, I designed blueprints; Apollos is putting up the walls. Let each carpenter who comes on the job take care to build on the foundation! Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ.

You realize, don’t you, that you are the temple of God, and God himself is present in you? No one will get by with vandalizing God’s temple, you can be sure of that. God’s temple is sacred — and you, remember, *are* the temple.

Don’t fool yourself. Don’t think that you can be wise merely by being up-to-date with the times. Be God’s fool — that’s the path to true wisdom. What the world calls smart, God calls stupid. It’s written in Scripture,

He exposes the chicanery of the chic.

The Master sees through the smoke screens of the know-it-alls.

I don’t want to hear any of you bragging about yourself or anyone else. Everything is already yours as a gift — Paul, Apollos, Peter, the world, life, death, the present, the future — all of it is yours, and you are privileged to be in union with Christ, who is in union with God.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation **Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** (*v. 1*) # 594

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing, And, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, proclaim the vict’ry God has won, How precious is our ransom! (*text by Martin Luther*)

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48 (*the Message*) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Here’s another old saying that deserves a second look: ‘Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.’ Is that going to get us anywhere? Here’s what I propose: ‘Don’t hit back at all.’ If someone strikes you, stand there and take it. If someone drags you into court and sues for the shirt off your back, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously.

“You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best — the sun to warm and the rain to nourish — to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.

“In a word, what I’m saying is, *Grow up*. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Scripture Hymn **Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult** # 696

Sermon Rev. Will Mowchan

* Hymn of the Day **The Church of Christ, in Every Age** # 729

* Apostles’ Creed (*spoken together*) p. 105

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by