

THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM: JUNE 18 – 24

Missionary support is given today by Josh & Diana Miller.

Today

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

Monday

9:30 am Morning Prayer
12:00 pm Al Anon
6:30 pm Property Committee

Tuesday

6:00 pm Nar Anon
6:30 pm Church Council

Thursday

11:30 am Assemble Bulletins
6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Friday

8:00 am Upward Bound

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.
Sound: Jack Notenberg
Driver: Greg Elonen
Altar Guild: Rachel, Shirley, & Diana
Hospitality: Bonnie Pauna

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Sound: Sue Winner
Driver: Kristin Cochran
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Rosie Perala

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Attendance

Sunday, June 11th

8:45 am ~ 14

10:00 am ~ 67

Offering Received (*gen. fund*)

Envelope: \$ 3,745.00

Electronic: \$ 53.00

Total Rcvd: \$ 3,798.00

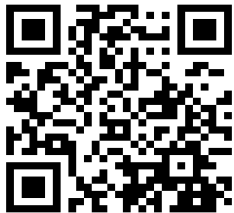
Weekly Average Required to

Meet Budget: \$ 3,650.00

Weekly Average Through

May 31: \$ 3,552.52

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The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2017

10:00 a.m.



LORD **OF THE**
HARVEST

Rev. Will Mowchan, Pastor

Rev. Donald Berg, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Steven & Bethany Friberg, Missionaries in Tanzania

David Tryggstad, 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.

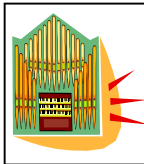
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

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

P — Pastor L — Leader C — Congregation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



This morning we welcome Dick Peterson who will lead our worship in music while David is away.

GATHERING

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Eternal God our creator,...

C: ...in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To ALL VOLUNTEERS ~ It’s that time of year when we refresh our team lists. Thanks to all who have given of their time and efforts for ushering, driving, altar guild, hospitality, lectors, assistant ministers, and funeral helpers. Your willingness to serve your congregation in this way is greatly appreciated. We are continuing to build up our volunteer ranks and are now asking for your continued support. If you are unwilling or unable to continue to help out, please let us know in the office so your name can be removed from our team lists. We will continue to try to add new members and look forward to another successful year. There are also sign-up sheets on the kiosk in the narthex. Thank you. Laura, Lay Ministry Coordinator

SUMMER MUSIC ~ The choir is now off for the summer. If you would like to offer your musical talents to enhance our summer worship, please sign up on the kiosk.

WHAT’S IN YOUR PACKAGE? ~ Superior Christian Women’s Gathering, Tuesday, June 20th, 11:30 am—1:00 pm at Barker’s Island Inn, Michigan/Ontario Room. Main Speaker, Ruth Motter, Pengilly, MN: “What’s in Your Package?”. Music: Kami Scott, Superior.

SHOE DRIVE ~ A Shoe Drive (shoes of any condition) is being held as a fundraiser for Corner of Kindness, Animal Rescue. The shoes will be sent to a third world country. Shoes can be brought to church and will be collected until August 1st. Any questions, please contact Anna Hansen or Carolyn Amys.



Have a wonderful summer everyone, but don’t forget your offering commitments as you’re basking in the sun. Pilgrim’s bills must be paid during the summer as well.



MEAL

Offering

Musical Offering

- * Offertory Hymn **Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ** (v. 1) # 402

**Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
And only you can teach me how to pray.**

- * Offertory Prayer (*spoken together*)

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through 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:

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ (v. 2-3) # 402
This Is My Father's World # 824

- * Blessing

- * Prayer

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

- * Benediction

- * Closing Hymn **On Our Way Rejoicing** # 537

- * Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners; and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

- * Opening Hymn **Our Father, by Whose Name** # 640

- * 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 People That on Earth Do Dwell** (v. 1-3, 5) # 883

- * Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 18: 1-15 (*the Message*)

God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them.

He said, "Master, if it please you, stop for a while with your servant. I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I'll get some food to refresh you on your way, since your travels have brought you across my path."

They said, "Certainly. Go ahead."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said, "Hurry. Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread."

Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to the servant who lost no time getting it ready. Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the calf that had been roasted, set the meal before the men, and stood there under the tree while they ate.

The men said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?"

He said, "In the tent."

One of them said, "I'm coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man.

Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?"

God said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh saying, 'Me? Have a baby? An old woman like me?' Is anything too hard for God? I'll be back about this time next year and Sarah will have a baby."

Sarah lied. She said, "I didn't laugh," because she was afraid.

But he said, "Yes you did; you laughed."

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

Psalm 100 (*spoken responsively*)

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

P: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Lesson: Romans 5: 1-8 (*the Message*)

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us — set us right with him, make us fit for him — we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand — out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary — we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't, wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.

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

* Gospel Acclamation **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage** # 509

* Holy Gospel: Matthew 9: 35 — 10: 8 (*the Message*) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. "What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"

The prayer was no sooner prayed than it was answered. Jesus called twelve of his followers and sent them into the ripe fields. He gave them power to kick out the evil spirits and to tenderly care for the bruised and hurt lives. This is the list of the twelve he sent: Simon (they called him Peter, or "Rock"), Andrew, his brother, James, Zebedee's son, John, his brother, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, the tax man, James, son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, the Canaanite, Judas Iscariot (who later turned on him).

Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge:

"Don't begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don't try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

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

Scripture Hymn **Faith of Our Fathers** # 813

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** # 588

* 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 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