

THIS WEEK AT PILGRIM: MARCH 15 – 21

Today

9:30 am Worship
4:00 pm NA

Monday

5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio

Tuesday

10:30 am Clergy Text Study
5:30 pm Choir
6:00 pm Nar Anon
6:00 pm Property Committee
6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Confirmation (LOGOS)
at Zion Lutheran Church
5:00 pm Stretch, Tone, & Cardio

Thursday

6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.
Asst. Minister: Craig Peterson
Lector: Anna Hansen
Sound: Curt Hanson
Driver: Kristin Cochran
Altar Guild: Elaine & Nancy
Hospitality: Samantha Wray

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers: Team 3: Tanya Pero, Capt.
Asst. Minister: Andrea Rubesch
Lector: Mary Johnson-Garay
Sound: Sue Winner
Driver: Kent Bergum
Altar Guild: Rachel & Sally
Hospitality: Brenda Blomfelt

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

9:30 a.m.

“Whoever **drinks** the **water** I give him
will **never thirst**.”



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LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Attendance

Sunday, March 8

9:30 am ~ 51

Offering Received (*gen. fund*)

Envelope / Loose: \$ 2,342.00
Electronic: \$ 475.82
Total Rcvd: \$ 2,817.82

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Rev. Will Mowchan, Pastor
Dr. Steven & Bethany Friberg, Missionaries in Tanzania

Samuel Gray, Organist
Curt Hanson, Choir Director / Office Manager
Mark Pero, Custodian



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 will not be served today due to concerns with the virus outbreak.

For Our Visitors — Using the Hymnal: Most 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 LENT

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

P — Pastor A — Assisting Minister C — Congregation

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

* Opening Hymn **Amazing Grace** # 779

* 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.**

* Confession **Lord, Have Mercy**

(leader sings verses, congregation joins on refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ~ The March newsletter is available in the narthex.

PILGRIM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ~ are available in the church office. Deadline to submit May 1.

YOU'RE INVITED! TAX EFFICIENCY ROUNDTABLE: DIVERSIFY YOUR TAXES ~ Today's tax environment makes more diversification more important than ever.

- Assess how taxes can affect your retirement goals.
- Understand the impact of pre-and after-tax contributions.
- Learn how to optimize your overall tax efficiency.

Hosted by Thrivent Financial Representative: Jeffrey A. Hakala
FIC, RICP, CLTC.

Monday, March 23 from 6:00 — 7:00 p.m. Pilgrim Lutheran Church

To register, please call Jeffrey A. Hakala at 218-625-4010 or email jeff.hakala@thrivent.com by March 19

2020 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

There are no Wednesday Lenten services at Pilgrim. You are welcome to attend mid-week Lenten services at any of the following Superior ELCA churches:

- Bethel Lutheran Church Supper at 5, service at 6
- Concordia Lutheran Church Service at 12:15 followed by lunch, or Service at 6 (no evening meal)
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church Supper at 5:30, service at 6
- Zion Lutheran Church Supper at 5:45, service at 6:15

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

* Prayers

* Sharing the Peace (*Due to illness concerns, please feel free to not shake hands during the peace.*)

MEAL

Offering

Musical Offering Come to the Water Foley, arr. Schrader
Pilgrim Choir

* Offertory Hymn **Restore in Us, O God** # 328

* Offertory Prayer (*spoken together*)

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

* Lord's Prayer (*spoken together*)

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.

SENDING

* Benediction

* Closing Hymn **My Life Flows On in Endless Song** # 763

* Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Refrain



Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy



on_____ me. Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy.



Lord have mer - cy on_____ me.

1. Jesus, I've forgotten the Words that you have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again. (**refrain**)
2. I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you.
Now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgression; help me love you again. (**refrain**)
3. I have longed to know you and your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness ever-flowing without end.
I bow my heart before you in the goodness of your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. (**refrain**)

* Prayer of the Day

WORD

Hymn of Reflection **Stay with Me** # 348

First Lesson: Exodus 17: 1-7 (*the Message*)

Directed by God, the whole company of Israel moved on by stages from the Wilderness of Sin. They set camp at Rephidim. And there wasn't a drop of water for the people to drink. The people took Moses to

task: "Give us water to drink." But Moses said, "Why pester me? Why are you testing God?"

But the people were thirsty for water there. They complained to Moses, "Why did you take us from Egypt and drag us out here with our children and animals to die of thirst?"

Moses cried out in prayer to God, "What can I do with these people? Any minute now they'll kill me!"

God said to Moses, "Go on out ahead of the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel. Take the staff you used to strike the Nile. And go. I'm going to be present before you there on the rock at Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will gush out of it and the people will drink."

Moses did what he said, with the elders of Israel right there watching. He named the place Massah (Testing-Place) and Meribah (Quarreling) because of the quarreling of the Israelites and because of their testing of God when they said, "Is God here with us, or not?"

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

Psalm 95: 1-7 (*spoken responsively*)

A: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

A: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

A: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

C: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

A: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Second Lesson: Romans 5: 1-5 (*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!

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

* Gospel Acclamation **Let Your Steadfast Love** p. 103

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

* Holy Gospel: John 4: 5-30, 39-42 (*the Message*) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Due to its length, the Gospel reading is not printed this morning.

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

Lenten Hymn **Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow** (v. 1) # 327

Sermon Pastor Mowchan

* Hymn of the Day **Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty** # 777

* Affirmation of Faith (*spoken together*)

A: As we worship together, let us be unified in speaking the truths of our connected faith.

C: We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God, who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.