



Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve | 4:00
The ABCs of Christmas
Wednesday, December 24, 2024

Ministering to All in the Heart of Superior

Prelude

Introduction and Announcements

Tonight we celebrate the birth of Jesus – Emmanuel, Messiah, King of Kings, Lord of Lords – God With Us. We invite you to participate in a special telling of this story as together we laugh and sing and share the good news of Christ’s birth. Welcome to worship on this Holy Night – and Merry Christmas!

Welcome

*A is for Angel | B is for Bethlehem | C is for Census
D is for Donkey | E is for Exhausted | F is for Family*

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279

G is for the Gospel | H is for Herds | I is for Imaginations

Carol

Angels We Have Hear on High

ELW 289

The congregation will be led in song by our Sunday School

Children’s Message

J is for Joy | K is for Kindness | L is for Love | M is for the Manger

Carol

Away in a Manger

ELW 277

N is for Noel | O is for Offering

Offering

Carol of the Bells

Pilgrim Bell Choir

Offering

Prayer

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

P is for Prayer and Praise and Pondering and Peace

Prayers of the People

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace

*Q is for Quiet / R is for Revelation / S is for one Special Star
T is for Table / U is for Unity*

Thanksgiving at the Table

ELW p.190

The Lord be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Here at Pilgrim, everyone is welcome at God's table of grace.

*At the usher's direction, please come forward to receive the wafer,
and dip it into the chalice of either red wine or white grape juice; then return
via the side aisles. Gluten free elements are also available.*

*You may also receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over
your chest as you walk forward. If you don't feel comfortable coming to
the front, please let an usher know and we will bring the sacrament to you.*

Communion Music

My Dancing Day

Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella

O Come All Ye Faithful

Pilgrim Choir

ELW 283

Blessing of the Meal

Prayer after Communion

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. Amen.

V is for Vulnerable / W is for Wonder

Lighting of the Candles

*As we share the Light this evening, the ushers will light their candles from the pastor's candle, and then pass the Light of Christ to the whole assembly. **The lit candle is never tilted** but is always held upright when giving light to another. As the light is shared, please join as we sing.*

Carol of Light

Silent Night, Holy Night

ELW 281

X is for Christ / Y is for You / Z is for Zeal

Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the deep and abiding peace of the Christ Child. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.

Carol

Joy to the World

ELW 267

Dismissal

Go in peace, let your lights shine!

Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this evening! We're so glad you're here. If you are new or a visitor here today, please take a moment to fill out the info card in the pew and drop that into the offering plate as it comes by. You can also use this card to submit any prayer requests you have.

A reminder: If you or someone you know is in the hospital and you'd like Pastor Tanner to visit or call, please let the church office know. Federal law prohibits hospitals from calling the church and letting us know that you are ill, even if you've indicated who your church is on your forms. Thank you!

Poinsettias – remember if you have purchased a flower you are welcome to take it home after worship. Thank you!

PrayGround: Here at Pilgrim, everyone is welcome and wanted in worship. We love having children in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place in the front of the sanctuary on the right side that is our designated PrayGround, where kids can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn, and grow as part of our faith community. Adults are encouraged to sit where children can see them while they are using the PrayGround, in case they need assistance.

Attention all Youth: We have Sunday school on Sunday about 10:15. All kids are welcome. Confirmation is going very well. We meeting on Wednesdays at 4:00. Anyone is still welcome to join. Talk with Pastor Tanner if you are interested or have any question. Youth Group meets on Sunday's at 5:30. Will be starting up again soon. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information. Any questions about this talk to Noah.

Generous Together is a year-round stewardship experience intended for congregations to use to help us name, claim, and give language to the generosity already present in our congregation. On Sunday, January 5th we will welcome the Rev. Taryn Montgomery, Synod Minister for Discipleship and Christian Community in the Northeastern Synod of Minnesota, to preach and lead us in the first session of this initiative. Please plan to join us for worship that Sunday, and stick around to hear more about the program.

Sourdough Baking Class: Will be on January 18th from 9:00 – Noon. Registration is required.

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Pianist: Lorelei Holland
Violinist: Eliza Wilson
Choir Director: Curt Hanson
High School Youth Leader: Noah Holland
SAM – Jenny Dudderar

FREE COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS DAY
dinner

December 25, 2024
1:00pm—3:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church
2022 East 2nd Street, Superior WI

All are welcome!



This Christmas Zion Lutheran Church will be serving a free sit-down community meal, December 25, 2024, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Our meal will include ham, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, cranberries, pickles, rolls, and Christmas cookies. Served with punch, coffee, decaf coffee, hot apple cider, and a goodie bag filled with a popcorn ball, an orange or apple, and candies.

COME AND JOIN US!

Coins for the Community. For October – December we will be collecting for The Superior Area Ministerium's Good SAMaritan fund.

Also on the table by the coins we are collecting pop tops. They will be going to the Ronald McDonald house in Duluth. These go to the funding of having families stay with their kids while they are in the hospital. It means so much to be able to have your family with you when you are going through medical things. Let's fill up the jars.

Annual reports: All reports for the Annual meeting need to be turned in by 9:00 a.m. on January 6th. Thank you to all who serve on our council.

Budget Forum Meeting will be on January 19th after worship.

Annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th following worship.

Sunday Evening Prayer: Can't make Sunday mornings? A Sunday night service here at Pilgrim just for you. It's a great way to start your week with a calming and peaceful service to quiet your mind and talk to God. Sunday's at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Walk the Talk Campaign - We are currently at \$5,070 towards our goal of \$5,000. Awesome job!!! Thank you !!

Helper for Christmas Eve, December 24th 4:00 p.m.

Ushers – Team 1: Ted Nelson, Capt.; Greg Elonen, Elaine Arnovich,

Dean & Katherine McCall and

Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.; Clyde Johnson, Mary Matheson and Joan Altman

Sound system – Tyler

Worship Asst. – Jenny Dudderar

Altar Guild – Laura

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Ushers and Sound– Jeff Gronski and Tyler Austreng

Worship Asst. – Noah Holland

Altar Guild – Laura

Helpers for next week, December 29

Ushers – Team 3: Jeffrey Gronski, Capt; Roger Breitzmann and Gary Blaisdell

Sound system –Greg

Worship Asst. – Sue Connolly

Altar Guild – Rachel and Colleen

Hospitality – Julie & Tim McLaren

Greeter - Sandy Breitzmann

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Christmas Poinsettia Garden 2024

Thank you to the following for contributing to the poinsettia garden:

Lucy Johnson

In memory of Aronson and Johnson Families
In honor of Grandchildren & Great-grands

Don & Jean Miller

In memory of Parents and Grandparents
In honor of Grandchildren: Ethan and Natalie Miller, Frederick Wherland,
Anders and Tuomi Gilbertson

Molly & Rick Warring

In memory of Roy & Virginia Nelson

Robert E. Patterson

In memory of Sylvia A. Patterson

Elaine Arnovich

In memory of Stephen Arnovich, precious son;
Dwaine Erickson, twin brother;
and John & Gertrude Erickson, parents
In honor of Austin, Blake & Aili Arnovich, grandchildren

Debbie Landgreen

In honor of my kid and grandchildren

Dean & Kate McCall

In honor of Lars

Nancy Somerville

In memory of My husband Bud and son, John
In honor of My Family

Ken & Julia Kochsiek

In honor of grandchildren; Caroline, Madi, Sami, Gabi and Walker

Gary & Julia Blaisdell

In honor of Our Family



Tad & Mary Matheson

In memory of Sylvia Patterson and
Howard & Deloris Matheson

In honor of Robert Patterson

Dann Gronski, Jeff Gronski and Patti Gronski-Coughlin

In memory of Margaret Cullen, Elaine Fleissner and Elizabeth Gronski

The Grandkids

In honor of Grandpa Don and Grandma Jean Miller and all of the Greats

Sue Connolly

In honor of My Family

Natalie

In honor of Maria

Roger & Sandy Breitzmann

In honor of Our Family

Rachel Austreng

In memory of my loving mother, Sylvia Patterson

In honor of my siblings, Mary, Pamela, Michelle and Patrick

Nancy Clark

In memory of Bob Clark

Eileen Ward

In memory of my sister-in-law, Claire Schlegel

Joyce Klick

In memory of Gregory Klick and Charlie Klick

Judy & Mike Hagen

In honor of Our Wonderful Pastor Tanner

From their children

In memory of John & Mildred Ahlborg

*If you've paid for a flower you can take your flower home
after the worship service.*

*Thank you again for helping make our church look so
beautiful on Christmas Eve.*