



# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

## Christmas Eve | 10:00

### Wednesday, December 24, 2024

*Ministering to All in the Heart of Superior*

#### **Prelude**

#### **Introduction and Announcements**

*In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.*

#### **Gathering Hymn**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**ELW 283**

#### **Gathering**

Alleluia! Christ is born!

**Christ the Savior is born! Amen!**

#### **Lighting of the Wreath and Christ Candle**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**ELW 254**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

May the grace and truth and love of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!** Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Readings

<b>First Reading</b>		Isaiah 9:2-7
<b>Hymn Response</b>	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (v.1, 4, 7)	<b>ELW 257</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>		Luke 2:1-7
<b>Hymn Response</b>	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	<b>ELW 277</b>
<b>Third Reading</b>		Luke 2:8-14
<b>Hymn Response</b>	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	<b>ELW 275</b>
<b>Fourth Reading</b>		Luke 2:15-20

**Sermon** Pastor Tanner Howard

**Hymn of the Day** *I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve* **ELW 271**  
*Jeg er så glad hver julekveld*

**Nicene Creed** **ELW p.104**

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

## Sharing the Peace

Offering

*Special Music*

Offertory

*Love Has Come*

**ELW 292**

Offering Prayer

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

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**ELW 282**

*What Child is This*

**ELW 296**

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.**

## 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.*

## Hymn of Light

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

**ELW 281**

## 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.

*The candles are extinguished.*

## Sending Hymn

*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!

**Sourdough Baking Class:** Will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – Noon. Registration is required.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*Custodian: Anna Johnson*

*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 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who serve on our council.

**Budget Forum Meeting** will be on January 19<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**Annual meeting** will be on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.**

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;  
Dwayne 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.*



DECEMBER 24, 2024

10:00 P.M.

NOAH HOLLAND

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

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NOAH HOLLAND

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Luke 2:1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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**3<sup>RD</sup> READING: Luke 2:8-14**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

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PASTOR TANNER

**4<sup>TH</sup> READING: Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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