



# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

### January 19, 2025

*Ministering to All in the Heart of Superior*

#### **Introduction and Announcements**

*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.  
**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

**Most merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

*Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

**ELW 523**

**Gathering**

ELW p.213

The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you!**

**Kyrie**

ELW p.213

**Canticle**

*Glory to God*

ELW p.213

## **Prayer of the Day**

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

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

### **Readings**

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#### **Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p.216

**Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Alleluia! You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel: John 2:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

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

#### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** *For the Fruit of All Creation* **ELW 679**  
**The Apostles' Creed** ELW p.217  
**Prayers of the People** P: God of Grace, C: **hear our prayer.**

**Peace**

**Offering** Special Music

**Offertory** *Canticle of Thanksgiving* ELW p.219

**Offering Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

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 191**

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in your name!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer** ELW p.221

*All are welcome at God's table of grace. Today we will receive communion via intinction. At the usher's direction, come forward and receive the bread, then dip your wafer into the red wine or the white grape juice. Gluten free elements are available. You may also come for a blessing – simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward.*

**Communion Music**

*Lamb of God*  
*Here I Am, Lord*

ELW p.154  
**ELW 574**

**Blessing of the Meal**

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

**Sending Song**

*This Little Light of Mine*

**ELW 677**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lutheran Disaster Response - California Wildfires

Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with tens of thousands of people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. News is still unfolding about the full impact as firefighting efforts continue.

**Our Response as a Church:** Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities for months and years to come.

### What you can do?

**Pray:** Please pray for communities in California impacted by the wildfires. May God's healing presence bring them peace and hope in their time of need and give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

**Give:** Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to communities affected by wildfires and related disasters. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

To give by phone, call **800-638-3522**. Visit [www.LDR.org](http://www.LDR.org)

Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**

**P.O. Box 1809**

**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**Welcome to worship today!** 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.

**Budget Forum Meeting** will be on **TODAY** after worship.

**Annual meeting** will be on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**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!

**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 meet 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.

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*Choir Director: Curt Hanson*

*High School Youth Leader: Noah Holland*

*SAM – Jenny Dudderar*

Website - [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org)



**Coins for the Community.**

For January and February we will be collecting for The Ruth House

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.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Will also be on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Greeter!** We are in need of greeters. There is a sign up sheet by the big calendar. Pick a Sunday to greet everyone that comes to church.

**SOUPer Bowl Sunday!**

Join in a friendly competition between the ELCA congregations of Superior as we work together to tackle hunger in our community. On Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> (Super Bowl Sunday) you are encouraged to bring in a nonperishable, easy-open food item or personal hygiene item. All donations will go toward stocking the free food shelf at Zion Lutheran Church, and the congregation who collects the most items will receive a fabulous prize – to be presented at our Joint ELCA Worship Service on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 at Zion Lutheran Church. Let's Go Pilgrim!

**Offering envelopes** – there are still some that need to be picked up.

**Have you connected with us online?** Be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook and 'Subscribe' to our YouTube channel. Just jump on those platforms and search for 'Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Superior'. You can also visit our website for updates and events: [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org)

### **Helpers for today, January 19**

Ushers – Team 2: Tad Matheson, Capt.; Clyde Johnson, Mary Matheson and Joan Altman  
Sound system – Max  
Worship Asst. – Don Miller  
Hospitality – Molly Warring

Altar Guild – Laura and Greg  
Greeter - Eileen Ward

### **This week at a glance:**

Monday                      Office Closed

Tuesday -                      2:00-6:30 Eliza's classes  
5:00 Step in Line Dancing  
5:30 Choir Practice  
6:30 Praise practice

Wednesday –                4:15 – 8:00 Eliza's classes  
4:00 Confirmation Class  
4:45 Girl Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap\_(at Tap on Tower, 1106 Tower Ave.)

Thursday –                    8:45-9:45, 4:00-6:00 Eliza's classes  
10:00 Bible Study

Friday -                        11:00-2:00, 3:30-8:30 Eliza's classes

Saturday -                    1:30 – 2:30 Eliza's classes  
2:00-5:00 Recital Practice - Eliza

Next Sunday –                9:30 Worship  
10:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Annual Meeting  
12:30 Eliza's classes  
3:00 Recital - Eliza's classes  
4:00 NA Group  
6:30 Evening Worship

### **Helpers for next Sunday , January 26**

Ushers – Team 3: Jeffrey Gronski, Capt; Roger Breitzmann and Gary Blaisdell  
Sound system – Jamie  
Altar Guild – Rachel and Colleen  
Greeter - Sandy Breitzmann

Worship Asst. – Julie McLaren  
Hospitality – Mary Johnson-Garay

January 19<sup>th</sup>

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**Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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**Lesson:**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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**\*Please Read: Please stand for the Gospel as you are able**

Gospel **John 2:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**