



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

Ministering to All in the Heart of Superior

Introduction and Announcements

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

Gathering

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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

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Canticle

Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Message

Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Colleen Elonen

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

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and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

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nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

Gospel Acclamation

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**Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia! You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

When the Poor Ones

ELW 725

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People

P: God of Grace, C: **hear our prayer.**

Peace

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

Canticle of Thanksgiving

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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

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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

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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

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Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

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

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Archive Committee is having an extra meeting on Wednesday, February 19th to prepare something for Mariner Sunday and the March meeting will be Wednesday, March 12th. Both meetings go from 9:00 – 12:00. You don't have to be there for the whole time. Any help is much appreciated.

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. 1st and 3rd Sunday's at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel starting in February. Will also be on March 30th.

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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

SOUPer Bowl Sunday!

Join in a friendly competition between the ELCA congregations of Superior as we work together to tackle hunger in our community. Still time 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 23rd at 10:00 at Zion Lutheran Church. Let's Go Pilgrim!

Still looking for Greeters! 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.

Sunday Night Suppers

Join us on Sunday evenings for a **Community Meal at 5:30.**

Following the format of our campus ministry meals last fall, we are excited to open the doors to anyone who would like to join us for food and fellowship every Sunday here at Pilgrim.

Please note that we will be responsible for providing the meal on Sunday, February 16th.

Helpers for today, February 16

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

Sound system – Jeff

Worship Asst. – Colleen Elonen

Altar Guild – Laura and Greg

Hospitality – Anna Hansen and Joan Altman

Greeter - Eileen Ward

This week at a glance:

Monday- Office Closed

Tuesday -
11:00 Pastor's Text Study
3:15-5:30 Eliza's classes
4:00-5:30 lessons by Teresa
5:00 Step in Line Dancing
5:30 Choir Practice
6:30 Praise practice

Wednesday –
9:00 – Noon Archives Meeting
4:00 Confirmation Class
4:15 – 7:30 Eliza's classes
4:45 Girls Scouts
7:00 - Theology on Tap (at Tap on Tower, 1106 Tower Ave.)

Thursday –
8:45-9:45, 2:00-6:00 Eliza's classes
No Bible Study – Pastor's Conference Gathering

Friday -
11:00-8:00 Eliza's classes

Saturday
9:00 – 12:00 - **Quarterly Quilters** (Making draw string bags)

Next Sunday – **10:00 Worship at Zion Lutheran Church** - *Potluck will follow*
4:00 NA Group
5:30 Community Meals (free)

Helpers for next Sunday , February 23

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

Sound system – Greg

Worship Asst. – Julie McLaren

Altar Guild – Rachel and Colleen

Hospitality – Colleen Elonen

Greeter - Sandy Breitzmann

Adult Education

We are excited to offer a new opportunity for learning together with an Adult Ed class on Sunday evenings at 6:00. Come for the community meal at 5:30 and stick around to learn and discover together. Topics will range for biblical studies to theology, faith traditions to catechism. **Our first session will be tonight, Sunday, February 16th.**

Koinonia: Hygge & Conversation

Join us for an informal gathering of ELCA Lutherans from around the Twin Ports, particularly those in the **young-midlife(ish) season of life (think GenX-Millennial)**. Craving community beyond your kids' activities? Your rainbow colored calendar? A break from the weariness of the world? Come and be a part.

We will gather from **6-8pm on Friday, Feb 28th in the Welcome Space at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth**. Imagine a fireplace, a space where the kids can play, yummy food, conversation, and capping the evening with Holden Evening Prayer.

Please bring a tapas, hors d'oeuvres, or appetizer to share. We will provide non-alcoholic drinks and a hot cocoa bar. Questions? Contact Pastor Taryn Montgomery at taryn.montgomery@nemnsynod.org.

"Koinonia" translates to "community" in ancient Greek. Let us create it.

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Greetings NWWI Colleagues!

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod is hosting a Godly Play Introductory Workshop on Saturday, March 29th at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth. And we would love to invite you!

We will gather at 10am and wrap up by 1pm. Lunch will *not* be served, but light refreshments (and coffee!) will be available.

I invite you to share this with your CYF teams, Sunday School teachers, volunteers working with youth, etc. Our hope is to introduce the model with this workshop, and then follow-up with a 3-day core training in Fall 25 or Winter 26. For more information on Godly Play: <https://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/>

Attached is a graphic you can use for advertising. The link below can be used to register, as well as more information. We are asking \$10 per participant. This covers our speaker fee and her travel expenses.

www.cognitofirms.com/NortheasternMinnesotaSynod/GodlyPlayRegistration

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We hope you can join us!
With God's peace,
Pastor Taryn

41st Annual Garbage Omelet Breakfast sponsored by the Kings of Columbus Council 7106 on Sunday, February 23 at Holy Assumption Church Hall, 5601 Tower Ave., Superior from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Adults:\$12 and 12 & under \$6. Check out the flyer for menu.

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.

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

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.

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!

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.

Pilgrim Community School will be hosting another Draw string bags making class.

Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall here at Pilgrim.

We will be making Draw string bags of various sizes. Please bring one yard of cotton or twill material to use on the bag. Draw strings will be provided. Bring your sewing machine if you are able. This is open to all ages! Please call the office or email celonen@yahoo.com and let us know if you are coming so we can have materials ready. Otherwise, just show up!

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Colleen Elonen

First Reading:

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

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Psalm 1 (read responsively)

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Lesson:

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

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

Gospel **Luke 6:17-26**

P: The Holy Gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ