

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
1730 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica, California 90403



**Called by the Holy Spirit,
we are an intergenerational community of
worship and service
that invites the people
of Santa Monica and beyond
to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ
through Word and Sacraments.**

“Pilgrim’s Progress”

August 2024



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August Calendar at a Glance

Sunday Worship Service Schedule August

8:30 a.m. Bible Class: 10:00 a. m. Divine Service: Indoors and on Facebook and Pilgrim's website.

August 4 † 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Divine Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

August 11 † 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Divine Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

August 18 † 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Divine Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

August 25 † 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Divine Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

Thank you Jane for scheduling our after worship fellowship:

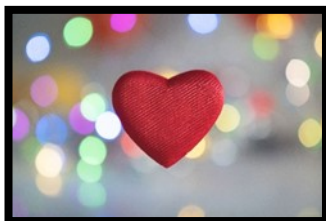
August Fellowship Schedule:

August 4 Lana, August 11 Carolyn, August 18 Chloe, August 25 Jane

StewardshipA Way of Life! GIFTS that you have been GIVEN!

The end of June we held a Luncheon so we could fellowship and get to spend time with others we only see in Church on Sundays. It was a warm sharing with our fellow Pilgrims. We talked about the variety of Gifts that God instilled into our beings when He created us. We are all unique and have something to offer. Offer to whom? **Gifts which God meant for us to share with others!** We use these gifts/ talents/strengths in our families, our work/careers, with our neighbors and even with strangers...be they endowed or in need. As we share, we are reflecting Gods love for us, through us and out of us. That love is shown not only by what we give, but how we care and respond with a Christ like spirit which has been generously given to us.

The half yearly Giving Statements were mailed during June. If you did not receive yours, we need to know if we have your correct contact information. Please let Kathy know in the Church Office.



Stewardship is a generational thing. Those who grasp and practice the depth and joy of faithful stewardship have almost always learned it from the example of those who paved the way before them. The visible generosity of Pilgrim's sanctuary is an example of God's people being willing to sacrifice and give for the sake of the joy of the Gospel being proclaimed to subsequent generations. The needs are more than here and now. But the blessing from God is generational. As the Lord allows us to see our children's children, it gives us the opportunity as stewards of God's grace to share the Gospel and its treasure with the generations that follow us. It is sharing the peace that is ours in the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who follow.

Thank you for your continued support!

WE ARE ONE BODY....WORKING TOGETHER!

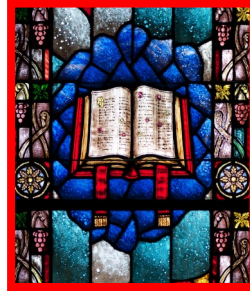
Sunday Gospel Readings for August 2024

August 4, 2024 John 6:24-35

August 11, 2024 John 6:35, 41-51

August 18, 2024 John 6:51-58

August 25, 2024 John 6:56-69



STRATEGIC PILLARS For PILGRIM

1. Connected Meaningfully in Worship
2. Connected in Spiritual Formation through Intergenerational Christian Education
3. Connected Sustainably to our Future through our Gifts and Resources
4. Connected in Witness and Service to our Neighborhood (including digital connection)
5. Connected in Partnership with Pacifica Christian High School
6. Connected in Care with One Another

Bob Newlan is leading the Call Committee. He will keep us updated on the procedure for Calling another pastor, and his call Committee will help.

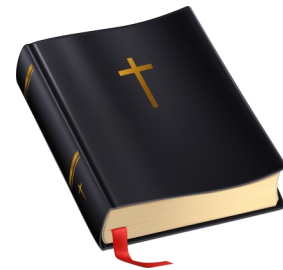
**The following Pastors are scheduled to preach in August:
We will keep you updated on this schedule.**

August 4 Rev. Ken Frese

August 11 Rev. Seth Moorman

August 18 Rev. Lew Upchurch

August 25 Rev. Lew Upchurch



The Santa Monica/ Los Angeles area is one of the most beautiful locations in the world. We are surrounded by our beautiful mountains, beaches, valleys, amazing weather, beautiful architecture and landscaping, and so many other wonderful enticements. Unfortunately, this also makes the Santa Monica/ Los Angeles area a very expensive location to live in. This is one of the issues we face as our Call Committee researches Calling a new pastor. Please pray that we soon find a pastor for our congregation.



Annika Haberl will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, TN starting in August. Annika has been accepted into the doctoral program in physical therapy. She will be with us on August 4th before she leaves for Belmont. Several of us have known Annika since she was born!

For all of you who would like to help Pilgrim successfully meet our 6th Strategic Priority—CONNECTED IN CARE WITH ONE ANOTHER, we invite you to join a group we are calling “THE CARE CREW.” Your task would be to keep our members who are homebound or dealing with health issues in our hearts and minds. Please contact Carolyn B. or Bonnie if you are interested in joining CARE CREW. Our Care Crew has been reaching out to those who cannot attend Pilgrim in person and to those who need extra help.

Thank You (For giving to the Lord) Written and Composed by Ray Boltz

I dreamed I went to heaven And you were there with me;
We walked upon the streets of gold Beside the crystal sea.
We heard the angels singing, Then someone called your name.
We turned and saw a young man running, And he was smiling as he came.

And he said, "Friend you may not know me now." And then he said, "But wait,
You used to teach my Sunday School When I was only eight.
And every week you would say a prayer Before the class would start.
And one day when you said that prayer, I asked Jesus in my heart."

Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am so glad you gave.

Then another man stood before you, And said, "Remember the time
A missionary came to your church And his pictures made you cry.
You didn't have much money, But you gave it anyway.
Jesus took the gift you gave, And that's why I'm here today."

Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am so glad you gave.

One by one they came, Far as the eye could see.
Each life somehow touched By your generosity.
Little things that you had done, Sacrifices made,

Unnoticed on the earth In heaven, now proclaimed.

And I know up in heaven You're not supposed to cry
But I am almost sure There were tears in your eyes.
As Jesus took your hand And you stood before the Lord.
He said, "My child, look around you.
Great is your reward."

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(Writer/s: RAYMOND H. BOLTZ

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With great emotion, Kimshelley sang this 7-2-2017



I found this money outside the courtyard gate July 19, 2024. Someone left three dollars in quarters and two dollars in bills. Thank you to the person who probably had very little money, yet “Gave it to the Lord.”

This meaningful song has always been a favorite of mine. We thank our volunteers, for our Sunday School and Bible Classes. We thank our Pastors, Elders, Church Council, We thank those who supply food for our after church fellowship meetings, we thank those who help us if we are not feeling well. We thank those who film our worship services and those who help us with computer issues, those who occasionally help someone out financially in a confidential manner. Last week, as I was leaving the office, a filthy dirty old man with what appeared to be toilet paper wrapped around his face, coming out of mouth, with a cart of belongings, asked me if I could give him money for some food. I told him I could give him some crackers. I went into the office and brought him several packages of crackers. He thanked me and then he pulled out a biblical map, with a set of scripture and said he had just found it in a trash can. He loved it and began quoting scripture to me. We never know how our comments and actions will affect someone. Kathy

Praise the Lord for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays in August

Corby N. August 1
Gaye K. August 6
Julia A. August 8
Michael H. August 26
Annika H. August 27
Peter S. August 28
Ritch H. August 28
Evelyn Lily August 28



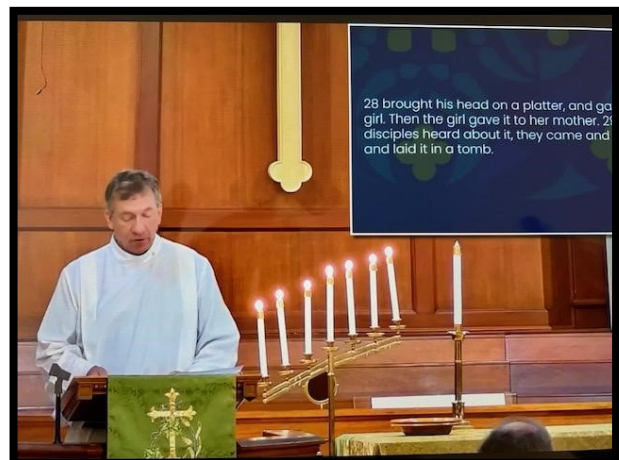
Anniversaries in August

Bob and Corby's 45th Wedding Anniversary!

Pastor Albrecht and Edith's 64th Wedding Anniversary is August 21st!

Let the church office know when your Birthday or Anniversary is!

Pilgrim's beloved Pastor Albrecht and his wife Edith will celebrate their 64th Wedding Anniversary on August 21, 2024. We wish them continued happiness and many blessings.



We thank Head Elder Joseph Perling for his excellent sermons and presentations. We also want to thank him for leading our Psalm Refrain every Sunday morning. Thank you also to Gemma for her talented children's message on Sunday during the worship services.

In Our Prayers. . . .

For Dr. Winge's patients
For Rev. RZ Meyer & Carrie—
health issues.
Pam with Parkinson's disease.
For Fran, with Parkinson's disease
Mothers & Babies
Brad, Enteritis
Mark F. seriously ill
Goldie, for peace
Ralph W. for peace
For those with Dystonia
For James, Speech Apraxia
For Randy—breathing issues
Mark C.—Lungs
Medical personnel, first responders
Hilda's mother Berjik, Health
Hilda's husband Jim, seriously ill
Tiffany's mother and family
Grace, Dystonia
Edith A. shoulder
Jim K, myasthenia gravis & cancer
Julia A. fibromyalgia, arthritis
Cyndy for heart issues
Mary's mother Jean
Pastor G. health and eyesight
Frank, ALS
Annie, Cystic Fibrosis
Greater Evangelism
Marriage difficulties
Unemployment
Lamar, found housing!
Zackary, needs housing
Mary Ann's health
Sharon C. -Healing
Kathy H's sister Alice—MS
For Missionaries
Laurie's mother
Abused children
Peace on Earth toward all people!

Prayers for Those Fighting Cancer

Corby, cancer
Valerie—cancer
Jackson, lymphoma, friend
of Kimshelley & Joe
Valerie in Chicago
Ramona's niece Harriett
and Harriett's' husband
Dan, both fighting cancer
JoAnna, breast cancer
Russel-pancreatic cancer
Myrna, Bob's stepmom
Susan M.
Rudolph A.
George D. Bladder cancer
Cezanne, intestinal cancer
Carole, stomach
Cindy C.
Monique Y.
Steve H.
Susan S.
Ken B.
Hilda's husband Jim
Ivan P.
Dana A.
Kay T.
Kim
Zack
Charles (prostate)
Rich Z.
Greg W.
Paul
Jill
Paul
Arminda, kidney cancer
Continued Prayers
Protection for Police Of-
ficers & Firefighters
Protection for our troops
Jews for Jesus Ministry
The ill and lonely
Persecuted Christians
Andrew S. in military

Prayers of Praise & Thanks

For the Resurrection of Jesus!
For our Wonderful Country!
For Pilgrim's Wonderful Volunteers!

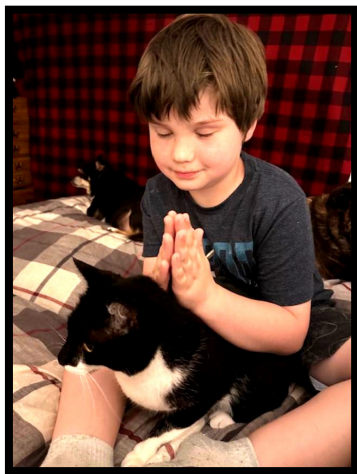
Dear Heavenly Father,

We ask that you hear and honor our prayers, as we pray for healing for those who are sick, for comfort for those who are dying and for happiness for those who have been healed and are living successful lives. We know you hear our prayers, and you are in control, not us. We thank you for your beautiful planet, your beautiful trees, flowers, oceans, rivers, mountains and animals. We thank you for your wonderful diverse planet of many countries, many cultures, and many variations in their climate. We thank you for our wonderful USA and we ask that you bless and protect us, guide us and lead us. For those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, we ask that through your work here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, we may bring unbelievers to Jesus Christ. For those who are already believers, we ask that they continue to support Pilgrim and increase in-person participation here at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Santa Monica, CA.

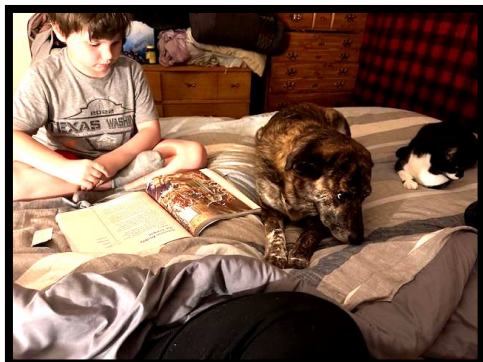
In Jesus Name, Amen



Portals of Prayer July—September are available in The Narthex. This is a Concordia publication With daily devotional messages of encouragement for all of us. Scripture is also included for each day. This is published quarterly. We also have a large Print edition available.



Kathy's nephew Axel, saying his prayers. He reads his Bible and says his prayers every night. His dog and cat join him. Axel loves Jesus.



Copies of the **Santa Monica Star Newspaper** are located on a table in the Narthex. This is a monthly **All Good News** publication. Pilgrim has a beautiful monthly advertisement in this paper. They cover local events, give updates on local Santa Monica/ West L.A. citizens. Reading this newspaper will make you feel happy and connected to our wonderful Santa Monica!

Andy, our summer Acolyte, is a very helpful and loving little boy. He noticed Verna walking down the aisle to Holy Communion and ran up to her, with no one asking him to, and held Verna as she received Holy Communion. He then helped Verna back to her pew. Andy's last day with us at Pilgrim will be August 4th. We hope he can join us again when his school schedule allows.



Please contact Mat Mulligan if you wish to participate in the Servant Keeper on-line Church Directory. As many of you have noticed, we have improved and updated our Pilgrim website. www.pilgrims.org. We are now including our on-line "Member Directory" via Servant Keeper, on our website and you may go into that software and update your personal contact information and or family information. You may also privately monitor your offering (giving) records. You will receive your own personal password. The information you put into Servant Keeper will be secure. If you have any questions regarding this or need help setting this up go to:

Media@Pilgrims.org. In June, we began using Servant Keeper as our on-line giving portal. Servant Keeper replaced PushPay on-line giving, officially on June 11, 2024.



You may have noticed our Sanctuary is "shining bright" as is our gym floor! We thank Isaac AKA Izzy for the wonderful work he has done to help us keep things "bright and beautiful!"

