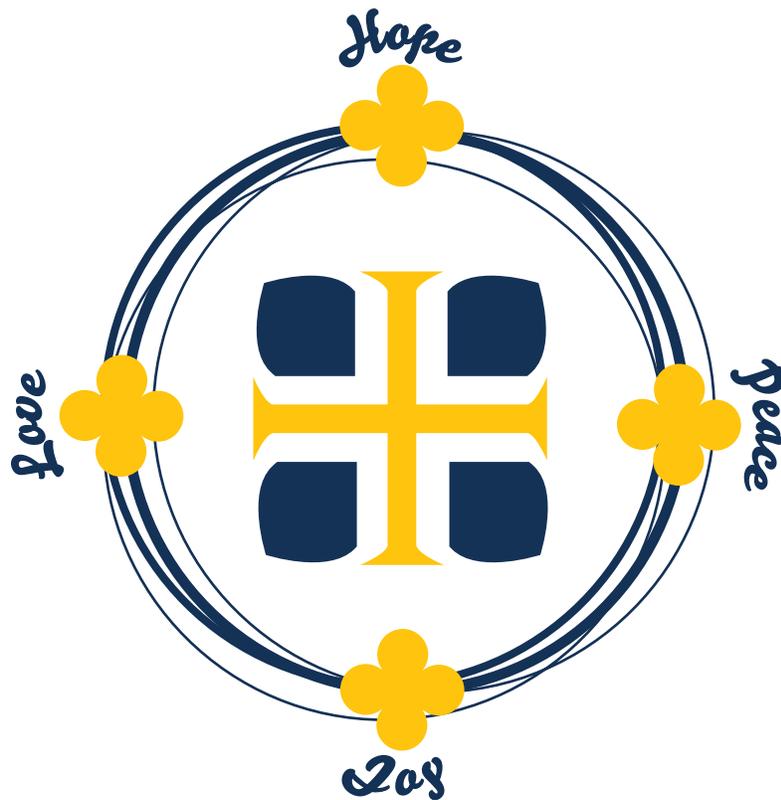




Pilgrim
LUTHERAN
Church

Advent Mid-Week Service



December 10, 2025
Sola Gratia: The Gift Given

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



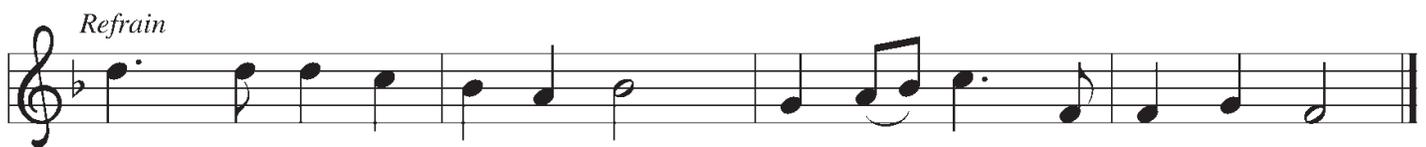
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Invocation

Opening Versicles

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C: Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

L: Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: Make His paths straight.

L: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
C: Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

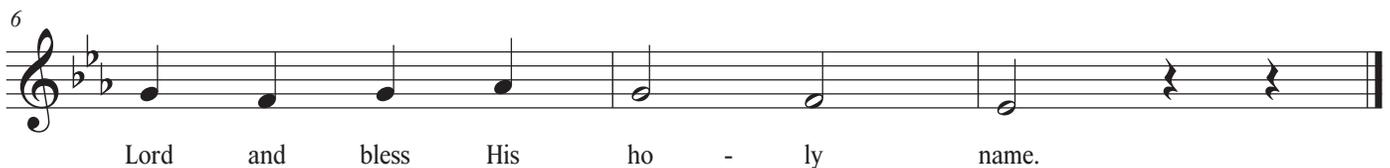
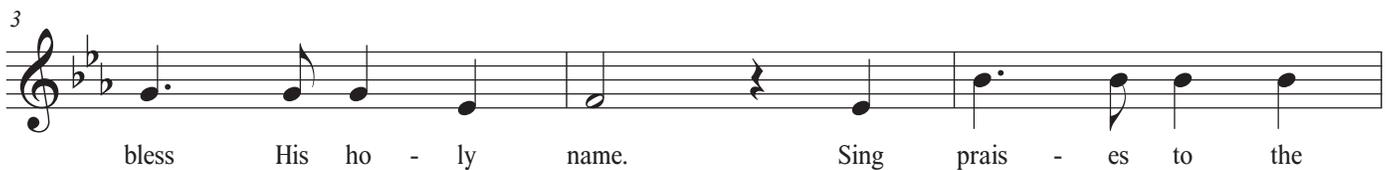
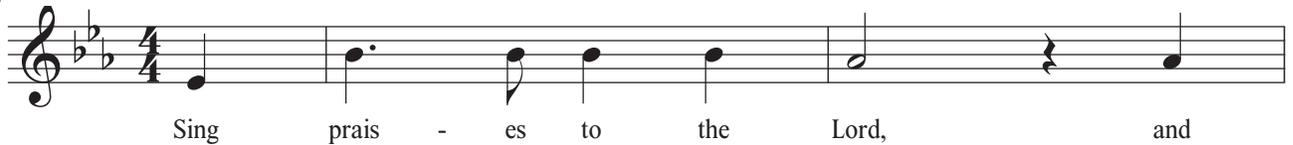
Psalm

Psalm 150

Tone



Refrain



**Refrain: Sing praises to the Lord, and bless his holy name.
Sing praises to the Lord and bless his holy name.**

1 Hallelujah! Praise God in the • holy temple;
praise God in the mighty • firmament.

**2 Praise God for • mighty acts;
praise God for ex- • ceeding greatness.**

3 Praise God with • trumpet sound;
praise God with • lyre and harp.

**Refrain: Sing praises to the Lord, and bless his holy name.
Sing praises to the Lord and bless his holy name.**

4 Praise God with tambou- • rine and dance;
praise God with • strings and pipe.

**5 Praise God with re- • sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud • clanging cymbals.**

6 Let everything • that has breath
praise the Lord. • Hallelujah!

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son
and to the Holy • Spirit;
as it was in the be - • ginning,
is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

**Refrain: Sing praises to the Lord, and bless his holy name.
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First Reading

Ephesians 2

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 2

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, +
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Sola Gratia: The Gift Given

Prayer

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

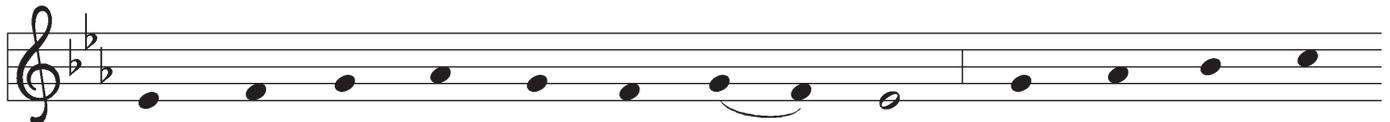
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

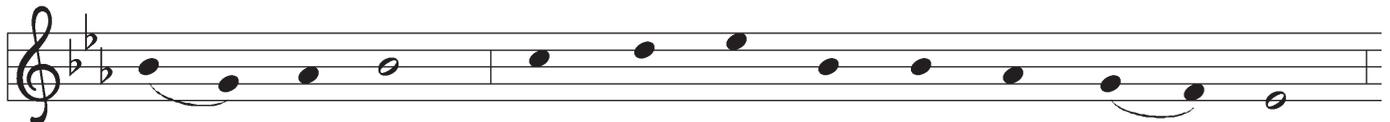
Benediction

Closing Hymn

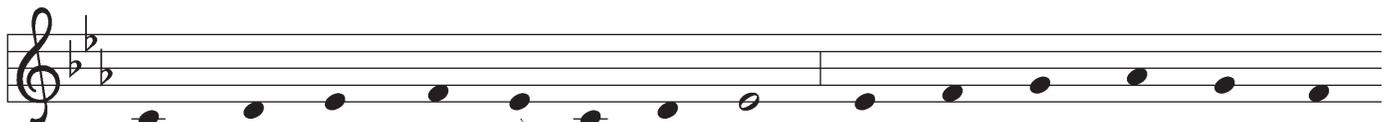
Of the Father's Love Begotten



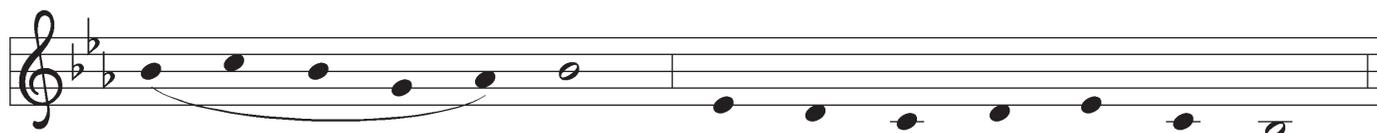
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

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Sermon Notes



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Upcoming Events



Learn more about all upcoming events at pilgrimsm.org/calendar

'Tis the Season to be Giving!

Help fill the HOLIDAY HAMPERS for the UPWARD BOUND HOUSE (upwardboundhouse.org)
—our neighbors on 11th Street in Santa Monica.

Between **Sunday, November 23** and **Sunday, December 14** Pilgrim Lutheran Church will be collecting LAUNDRY PODS, DRYER SHEETS AND DEODORANTS or ANTIPERSPIRANTS for women and men. *Please bring your donated items on Sunday and place them in the holiday hampers in the Narthex.*

Joint Wednesday Night Advent Services

December 3rd at 7:00 PM. *First Lutheran Church Venice*

December 10th at 7:00 PM. *Pilgrim Lutheran Church*

December 17th at 7:00 PM. *First Lutheran Church Venice.*

Carpooling will be available.

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th. Please join us in the gym after Service.

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 PM

Pilgrim Giving



Your faithful financial stewardship is as important as ever. We will be creating cards with QR code to access online giving.

Serve at Pilgrim



Interested in serving at Pilgrim? Scan the QR code or go to <https://pilgrims.org/serve-at-divine-service/> to complete an information form. We will contact you when trainings are scheduled for various service opportunities.

Bible App



Scan this QR code to download a Bible app and access scripture, devotionals, and more right from your phone!



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**to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ
through Word and Sacraments.**

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