



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## Divine Service



**February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

# Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

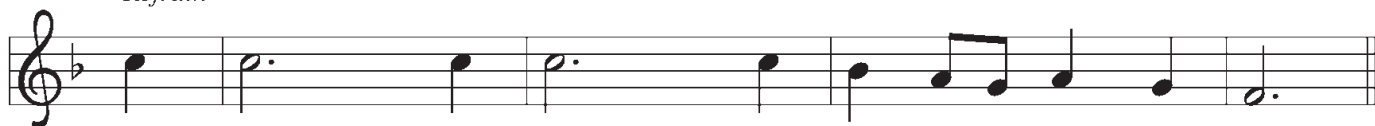


- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
- 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
- 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
- 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

## Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Songs of Praise

### We Are Called

Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God

We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

Come, open your heart  
Show your mercy to all those in fear  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more

We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

Sing, sing a new song  
Sing of that great day when all will be one  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love



We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

## **I Will Boast**

Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom  
Or the strong man boast in his strength  
Let not the rich man boast in his riches  
But let the humble come and give thanks  
To the One Who made us  
The One Who saved us

I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
He's worthy

Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom  
Or the strong man boast in his strength  
Let not the rich man boast in his riches  
But let the humble come and give thanks  
To the One Who made us  
The One Who saved us

I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
He's worthy

I will make my boast in Christ alone  
I will make my boast in Christ alone  
(Repeat)

I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
He's worthy  
He's worthy

# Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

### Malachi 6

6 Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

6 "With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

8 He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

# Psalm

## Psalm 15

### Tone



### Refrain



Lord, who shall be wel-come in your tent? Who may dwell on your ho - ly moun-tain?

**Refrain: Lord, who shall be welcome in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?**

1 Lord, who may dwell in your • tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your • holy hill?

**2 Those who lead a blameless life and do • what is right,  
who speak the truth • from their heart;**

**Refrain: Lord, who shall be welcome in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?**

3 they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil • to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- • on a neighbor.

**4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who • fear the Lord.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take • back their word.**

5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- • gainst the  
innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be • overthrown.

**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: Lord, who shall be welcome in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?**

## Second Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

## Children's Message

**Gemma Rodriguez**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Lord, who shall be welcome in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy mountain?**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Following each prayer petition:*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

## Offering

### The Sacrament of the Altar

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and  
saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## Words of Institution

### 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.**

## O Lamb of God...

## Ways to Commune

**Intinction** – Pastor places bread in hands. Communicant dips bread in chalice held by Communion Assistant.

**Sealed Cups** – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together).

**Prayer** – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest.



## Communion Song

### Kingdom Prayer

Lord we're broken brokenhearted  
Tired of going our own way  
We've been proud and self sufficient  
But we're broken here today

Lord we need Your pow'r within us  
For we have none of our own  
Take this broken heart and mend it  
With Thy pow'r and Thine alone

Lord we're mourning mourning children  
Mourning over sins inside  
For they're always right before us  
Much too great for us to hide

Lord we need Your pow'r within us  
For we have none of our own  
Take this mourning heart and comfort  
With Thy pow'r and Thine alone

Lord we hunger and we thirst  
For righteousness that's not our own  
For we see our selfish motives  
Come and take Your rightful throne

Lord we need Your pow'r within us  
For we have none of our own  
Take this hungry heart and fill it  
With Thy pow'r and Thine alone

Lord make us Your kingdom people  
For we're nothing on our own  
Do Your will and bring Your kingdom  
Fill our hearts and take Your throne

### Blessing

# Closing Hymn

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Text © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## Announcements

## Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord  
He is holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love  
Great is the Lord  
He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord  
And worthy of glory  
Great is the Lord  
And worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord  
Now lift up your voice  
Now lift up your voice  
Great are you Lord  
Great are you Lord

Great is the Lord  
He is holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love  
Great is the Lord  
He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great are You Lord  
And worthy of glory  
Great are You Lord  
And worthy of praise  
Great are You Lord  
I lift up my voice  
I lift up my voice  
Great are You Lord  
Great are You Lord

*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used  
Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary*

## Sermon Notes

# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Rev. Lew Upchurch

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

## Upcoming Events

Town Hall Meetings: Located in the conference room after service  
(all are welcome)

February 1 - Pastor Dominic Rivkin

February 8 - Pastor Albert Chai

February 15 - Pastor Lew Upchurch

Congregational Meeting: Located in the sanctuary after service  
(all are welcome; only members can vote)

February 22

Ash Wednesday - February 18th

Imposition of Ashes - 10am-2pm

Soup Supper - 6pm

Evening Service - 7pm

Mid-Week Lenten Services

2/25 First Lutheran Venice

3/4 Pilgrim Lutheran

3/11 First Lutheran Venice

3/18 Pilgrim Lutheran

3/25 First Lutheran Venice

Men and Women Fellowship

TBD

## 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!



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

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.**

**Rev. Lew Upchurch**

*Interim Pastor*

Lew.Upchurch@pilgrims.org  
(949) 933-3595

**Mary Harper**

*Director of Music*

Mary.Harper@pilgrims.org

**Mathew Mulligan**

*Media Ministry*

Mathew.Mulligan@pilgrims.org

**office@pilgrims.org | 310.829.4113 | pilgrims.org**  
**1730 Wilshire Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90403**