

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

**Reformation Sunday & Rite of Confirmation
October 25, 2020**



WORSHIP AT HOME

All are Welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

*We've been expecting you, because we are always expecting pilgrims —
the people of God on the journey of faith and life!*

Welcome to Worship at Home!

In this extraordinary time in our world, as we follow public health guidelines, for the care of the neighbor and ourselves, we are keeping our physical distance. But we are still connected in the body of Christ. As a Pilgrim community, we will not be gathering in the flesh for worship for an unknown period of time, but we are seeking ways to provide support for worshipping at home, for caring for one another, and for nurturing our journeys of faith.

This online bulletin is a guide to what we are offering to support you in worshipping at home on this Sunday. We invite you to participate in this experience of the good news of the gospel in whatever ways make most sense for you. It might mean pushing the pause button at any point, or journeying through this experience repeatedly in the coming days. We offer this as one way to support you in feeling connected to God and to the Pilgrim body of Christ and to the body of Christ around the world.

This online bulletin is not filled with our usual announcements in the back of the bulletin. We commend you to Pilgrim community emails (always posted on the Pilgrim website homepage), as well as the Pilgrim monthly newsletter (posted on the Pilgrim website), where we will continue to share updates.

In these challenging days in our world, we are grateful for the gift of worship, that invites us to bring the fullness of our personal and community sorrows and joys to the God who holds us all, in all, through all.

PILGRIM is...

*...A Home for Hungry
Minds and Souls*

*...An inclusive Christian
worshipping community
that seeks, nurtures, and
empowers hungry minds
and souls to live gener-
ously in response to God's
love.*

*...A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation*

*...A Caring for Creation
Congregation*

...An ELCA Congregation

*Before the service,
speak to God;*

*During the service,
let God speak to you;*

*After the service,
speak to one another.*

L: = Leader
Regular Print

C: = Congregation
Bold Print

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

EIN FESTE BURG

arr. Timothy Albrecht

SILENCE *The singing bowl invites us into a few moments of silence and reflection.*

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

ELW № 509



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

JOSHUA 1:9 was chosen
by confirmand Amelia
Smith.

ROMANS 8:18 was
chosen by confirmand
Ella Boelke.

JOHN 20:24-29 was
chosen by confirmand
Ellie Greseth.

READINGS

Joshua 1:9

So I charge you: be strong; be courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged, for YHWH your God is with you wherever you go.

Romans 8:18

Indeed, I consider the sufferings of the present to be nothing compared with the glory that will be revealed in us.

John 20:24-29

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin"—was absent when Jesus came. ²⁵The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus!"

Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound."

²⁶On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you."

²⁷Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!"

²⁸Thomas said in response, "My Savior and my God!"

²⁹Jesus then said,

"You've become a believer

because you saw me.

Blessed are those who have not seen

and yet have believed."

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Jen Rome

SONG

*This song is a favorite of
confirmand Will Goldman.*

SONG

Sanctuary
Sung three times

by John Thompson

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
Haz de mí, Dios, hoy, un san - tua - rio vi - vo; pu - ro y

ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
san - to, fiel a ti. Dan - do gra - cias, se - ré por

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you. you.
siem - pre tu san - tua - rio, has - ta el fin. fin.

To repeat / Para repetir *Last time / Última vez*

Text: John Thompson, b.1950, and Randy Scruggs, b.1953, © 1982, Full Armor Music Publishing Co.; tr. by Gerardo Oberman, b.1965, © 2019, GIA Publications, Inc.

Tune: SANCTUARY, Irregular; John Thompson, b.1950, and Randy Scruggs, b.1953, © 1982, Full Armor Music Publishing Co.; arr. by Nylea L. Butler-Moore, b.1960, © 2013, Full Armor Music Publishing Co.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From the MIT
Lutheran-Episcopal
Ministry,
Cambridge, MA*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Do you believe in God the Creator?

**C: We believe in one God,
maker of heaven and earth,
who in goodness created us and by grace sustains us.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C: We believe in Jesus Christ, beloved child of God,
who became a human being and lived among us, experiencing fully the
joys, sorrows and temptations of human life.
While he walked the earth, he taught and healed,
but most of all he loved, and showed us how to love one another.
By us and for us he was crucified;
he died and was buried.
Yet he rose again and lives on,
freeing us and empowering us to be children of God.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
poured out upon the early disciples at the Day of Pentecost
and upon us in our baptisms.
The Spirit has spoken through the prophets,
continues still to speak through us today,
and joins us together in the body of Christ,
yearning within us to pray for those things too deep for words,
nourishing us in faith
and bringing us to the wholeness of life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

**We give thanks for the Word proclaimed and for all the gifts of God, and we
pray for all of God's creation**

PEACE

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING INVITATION

*During this time, we invite you to share of your God-given blessings.
Consider going to "donate" on the Pilgrim website or mail a check to us at
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105.
<https://tinyurl.com/pilgrimstpaul>*

MUSICAL OFFERING
*The text may be read
on pg. 10.*

MUSICAL OFFERING May the Love of the Lord arr. by Emily Lund
Choral Scholars and Chancel Choir members

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — after each petition:

L: God of mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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*This version of the
Lord's Prayer, with
the words "save us in
the time of trial," is
from the Iona Com-
munity in Scotland.*

L: Our Support, Our Mother,
C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forev-
er. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN
*This hymn is a favorite
of confirmand Kate
Heinecke.*

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN **Go Tell It on the Mountain** ELW № 290

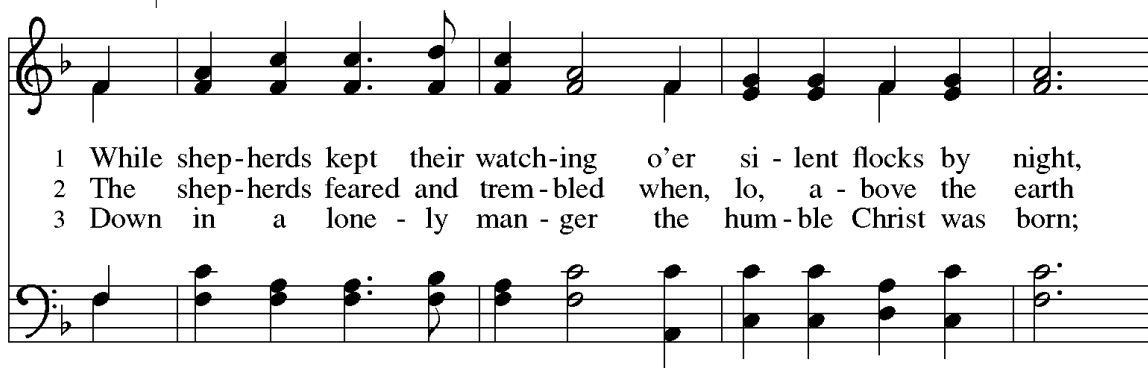
Refrain



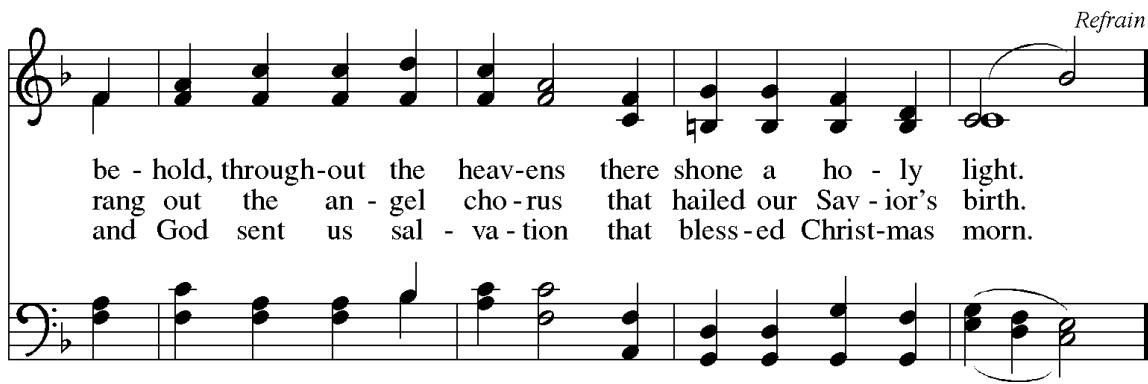
Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain
 be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
 Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It On the Mountain

arr. Melody Bober

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ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching Minister — Pastor Jen Rome

Presiding Minister— Pastor Carol Tomer

Assisting Ministers — Pathways leaders: Heather Ninow, Kate Drexler Booth, Daniel
 Ninow, Nathan Boelke, Brett Kahnert, Alex Theship-Rosales

Music Director, Organist, and Pianist — Paul Stever

Musicians — Choral Scholars and Choir members

Prayers — Katia McDonough

Reader — Sam Tosteson

Pilgrim youth affirming their baptisms on this Confirmation Sunday: Ella Boelke, Will
 Goldman, Ellie Greseth, Kate Heinecke, Amelia Smith

2020 Confirmation Class



ELLA KATHRYN BOELKE

Baptized February 12, 2012, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Parents:..... Nathan and Rachel Boelke

Godparents:..... Kirsten and Matthew Anderson

WILLIAM PAUL GOLDMAN

Baptized March 15, 2005, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Parents:..... Craig and Kelli Goldman

Godparents:Chris and Cara Goldman;

Heather and Jerry Berthiaume

ELLIE BERIT GRESETH

Baptized March 28, 2004, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Parents:.....Scott and Teresa Greset

Godparents:.....Dave and Mary Quello

KATHERINE LUCILLE HEINECKE

Baptized April 25, 2004, at St. Luke's Catholic Church

Parents: Derek and Jennifer Heinecke

Godparents:.....Greg and Stacy Wakeham

AMELIA RUTH SMITH

Baptized: September 26, 2004, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Parents:..... Eric Smith and Erica Kragerud-Smith

Godparents:..... Andrea and Ryan Kragerud



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MUSICAL OFFERING melody by Swee Hong Lim, text by Maria Poh Choo Ling,
adapted (based on Numbers 6:24-26)

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell with you throughout ev'ry day.

The Lord bless you and keep you. May God make her face to shine upon you.
May God lift her countenance upon you and grant you peace,
and grant you God's peace.

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell with you throughout ev'ry day. Amen.