

Pella Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
315 S. Madison St. Waupun, Wisconsin
December 13, 2020

Welcome to Pella Lutheran Church! Thank you for silencing cell phones. Please fill out the yellow registration card and place it in the card holder nearest the center aisle.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers Today:

Sympathy: Family and friends of Amy VandeZande and Larry Kunkel

Health Concerns: Merlin Bowe, Nancy Buss, Larry Holz, Lyle Hull, Sandra Alverado

Birthdays: Diana Beder, Gus Madigan

Sermon: "Garments of Righteousness" Isaiah 61:10

Lord's Supper Announcement (10:30 a.m.): All communicant members in good standing of Pella Lutheran or another Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation are welcome to the Lord's table. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please not partake of the sacrament at this time. Our pastor would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this.

Altar Flowers: This week's altar flowers have been donated in loving memory of Ann Vanderbush by the Vanderbush family.

Altar Flowers Chart: A new altar flower chart for 2021 has been placed in the narthex. Please sign up next to the date that you would like to donate flowers and use the special envelope. The cost each week is \$25.00.

Advent Service: Our final Advent service will be at NOON on Wednesday, December 16.

Portals of Prayer: The January-March Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are available in the Narthex and near the elevator downstairs.

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Christmas Day Divine Service w/Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Lost Something? Please check the Lost & Found basket in the church office hallway.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: Everyone is welcome to attend bible study at 9:15 a.m. We will continue "*The Great Deceiver*" video series exploring what the Bible says about our ancient foe, the devil. This series is produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Thursday Morning Bible Class: Please join us Thursdays at 10 a.m. as Vicar Wendorff leads us in a study of 1 Peter.

Men's Bible Study: Saturdays @ 7 a.m. Men of all ages are invited. We are studying the Gospel of John.

Youth Group Caroling: On December 16 everyone is invited to join the Pella Youth as we spread cheer through outdoor Christmas caroling. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Please contact Karla Ceman at (920) 291-8600.

Children's Christmas Programs: Due to social distancing, we have divided our Sunday School children into two short programs which they will share with us on December 20. The first group will be at 9:15 a.m. and the second at 9:45 a.m. These will also be on Facebook Live for those family and friends who cannot attend in person. Also, there will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, December 27.

Ladies' Aid Mitten Tree: We are collecting mittens and gloves for local children. The tree is located down in the fellowship hall.

A gift has been given to the radio broadcast fund by Dorothy Dykstra in loving memory of Jim Dykstra. Dorothy and many others truly appreciate hearing the radio broadcast of our services during this time.

Orphan Grain Train Clothing Shipments: Each box of clothing that we send with OGT costs them about \$11 to ship to its final destination. We have received a large amount of good quality men's clothing to pack and send, and we would like to include a contribution toward the shipping expenses. If you can help, please write a check to Pella and mark it "OGT" on the memo line. Thank you.

December issue of Lutheran Witness: Pick up this month's issue of The Lutheran Witness, entitled "And the Word...Tabernacled Among Us." They are located in the narthex and the rack near the elevator.

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This Week at Pella

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY December 13

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
8:00 a.m. Facebook Live Video
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

MONDAY December 14

7:00 p.m. Church Council

TUESDAY December 15

WEDNESDAY December 16

9:00 a.m. Quilting
NOON Advent Service
6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling w/Youth
7:00 p.m. Divine Service

THURSDAY December 17

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

FRIDAY December 18

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY December 19

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9-10:30 a.m. Children's Program Practice

SUNDAY December 20

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. Facebook Live Video
9:15—10:15 Children's Christmas Programs
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 13

Elder: Warren Schmitz
Organist: Candis Breitzkreutz
Video: Val Loehrke
Audio: Warren Schmitz/George Baumann
Finance: Merlin & Sandy Bowe/
Fred & Sandy McIver
Acolyte: Markiya Uherka

Wednesday, December 16

Elder: Darwin Wetzel (Noon)
Kevin Hahn (7:00 p.m.)
Organist: Lora Huizenga (Noon)
Vanessa Knuth (7:00 p.m.)

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Sunday, December 20

Elder: Kevin Hahn
Organist: Lora Huizenga
Video: Duane Vande Zande
Audio: George Baumann/Warren Schmitz
Finance: Gail Van Loo / Cheryl Pater
Acolyte: Emma Aellig

Attendance:

Wednesday, Dec. 2, Noon: 30, 7PM: 22
Sunday, Dec. 6, 8AM: 45, 10:30AM: 20
Visitors: 4

Contributions:

Week of December 6: \$6,359.85

During services, offerings will be collected at the door — a plate will not be passed. You may continue to mail your offerings to the church or place it in the depository slot near the inside gym doors. Online giving is also available on our website.

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Radio Broadcast:

Sundays @ 11 AM
WFDL/103.3 FM or
1170 AM

Lutheran Hour:

Sundays @ 7 AM
WFDL/103.3 FM or
1170 AM

About the Cover: *Ecce Agnus Dei!* ("Behold, the Lamb of God!") These Latin words appear on the ribbon held by John the Baptist in the seventeenth-century painting by Bernardo Strozzi. How fitting that when we sing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) prior to Holy Communion, we are reminded of John's words and our reason for gathering. Christ's body and blood—along with the benefits of His sacrifice for us—are delivered, taking our sins away.

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Third Sunday in Advent

616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.
Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.
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.
Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



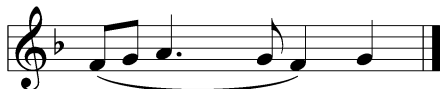
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. . . .

⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

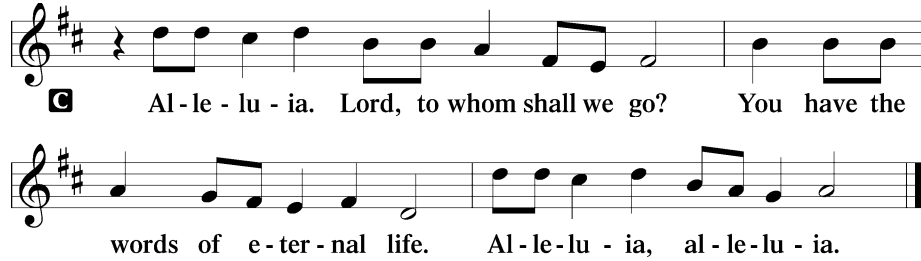
²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:6–8, 19–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives,
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Lord's Prayer

C 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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

LSB 166



C A - men.

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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