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ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! That ancient exchange of greetings on Easter morning says so much and so is often used throughout the entire Easter season. You are welcome to our Divine Service this Sunday as the Easter Season continues. We are glad that you are here and invite you to be present with us each and every Sunday. You are also welcome to any of our congregation's other activities, to seek spiritual direction from our pastor, and to make Pilgrim Lutheran Church your church home.

AS YOU ARRIVE, please move down the pew towards the wall, in order to leave room for others. If you arrive late, please wait for an appropriate time to enter the sanctuary, such as during a hymn. Please also remember to turn off your cell phones and/or any other electronic devices. Thank you!

ORDER OF SERVICE: To your right you will find today's order of service. The right side of that outline indicates from where the item listed comes: either in this bulletin or the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, with the Psalms towards the front, its liturgical pages towards the middle, and its hymns towards the back. The Δ symbol before a hymn stanza indicates that it especially gives glory to the Triune God; we stand before singing the stanza and, in most cases, conclude the stanza by singing "Amen.", if an "Amen" is not already included.

HOLY COMMUNION: At Pilgrim we value your presence among us and love and care about our guests and visitors! However, due to the sad divisions that exist in the world and even in Christianity, we cannot commune everyone at the Lord's Table here. We respectfully ask that guests and visitors who desire to commune first speak with the pastor well before the service. All those present but not communing still may approach the rail for a blessing: come forward and kneel with those who are communing, but fold your arms over your heart and place your hands on the opposite shoulders. For more information about the ancient practice of Closed Communion, see <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/closed-communion>.

INDIVIDUAL CUPS: The top of the tray contains several individual cups of highly-diluted wine. If you receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please be sure to wait to consume it until Pastor comes by with the chalice, so that he knows you are receiving it in that fashion. If the supply of individual cups is depleted, please accept the blood of Christ from the chalice.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER


2024 APRIL 07

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.167-183)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

Catechesis:	Section 1: Sacrament of the Altar (Fourth)	327
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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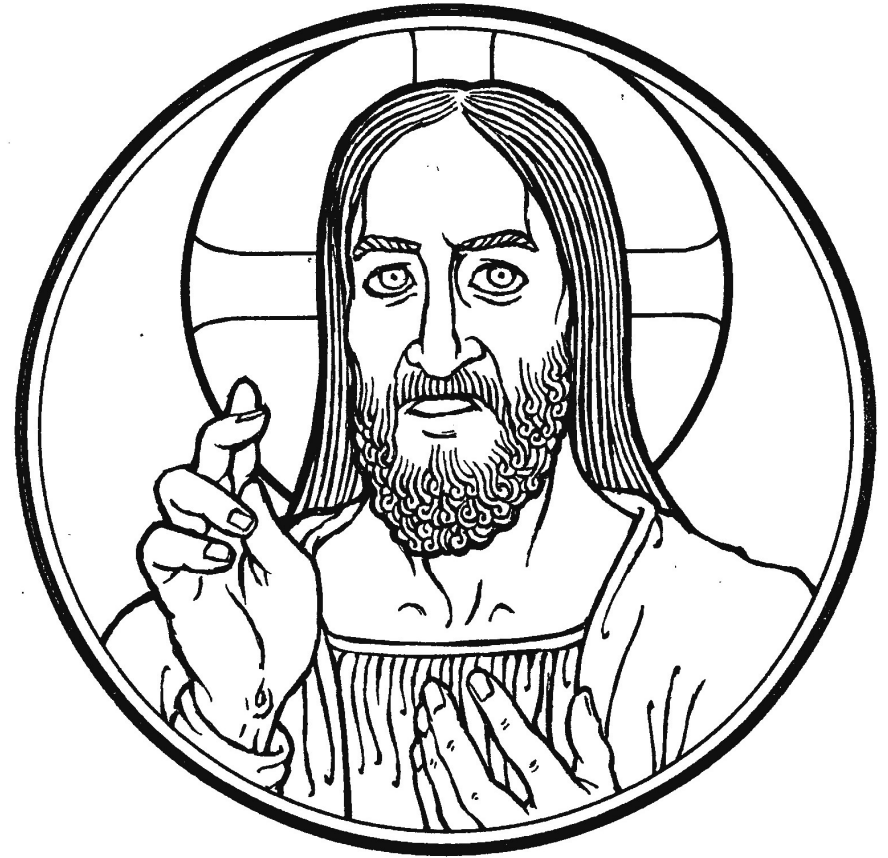
P ... Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex before the service are brought forward here.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving; (left column)		177-180
The Words of Our Lord, Proclamation of Christ, (Prayer of Remembrance,) Lord's Prayer; Pax Domini, & Agnus Dei		
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	"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"	467
	"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"	720
	"We Are Called to Stand Together"	828
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Closing Hymn:	"The Day of Resurrection"	478

+++ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +++



***The Resurrected Jesus
speaks peace to us
through those He sends
with His authority.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 07, 2024

BEFORE THE SERVICE: As you greet and visit one another, please be sensitive to others who may wish an opportunity for silence to pray and otherwise to prepare for worship.

PEW SLIPS: *Visitors*, please register your attendance both by completing a slip from rack on the back of the pews and placing them in the Offering Box in the Narthex and by signing the Guest Register at the door. *Members*, please complete a slip only if your contact information has changed or you have a new or updated prayer-list request. (The Usher tracks church attendance and communion participation.)

PEW CUSHIONS: If you would like to use a cushion either for your seat or for your seat and back, cushions for your use are available in the Usher's Closet off the north side of the Narthex.

IF A NEED SHOULD ARISE, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Restrooms are available in the Parish Hall (non-ADA Restrooms are available in the Office Area, one with a change table), and there is a Cry Room (also with a change table) off the south side of the Narthex. Let the Usher or Elder-on-Duty know if you need assistance or supplies.

LARGER-PRINT/FLOW-THROUGH BINDERS are provided for those who have trouble seeing the smaller-print of the hymnal, those with other special needs who cannot follow the liturgy in the hymnal or handle its weight, and those who are visiting Pilgrim who are not already familiar with liturgical services and/or our hymnal. Pilgrim's Board of Elders encourages all others to learn to participate in the Divine Service using the hymnal. If you need or otherwise want to use a flow-through and can help minimize paper and copying expenses, a PDF of the flow-through binder's contents is available in the upper-right corner of Pilgrim's homepage, www.pilgrimlc.org, to open on or to download to your electronic device. Also, Concordia Publishing House offers a larger-print edition of *Lutheran Service Book* (see item #031202 at www.cph.org and the sample of the print sizes available in the Church Office).

OFFERING BOX: Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box in the Narthex before or after services. Envelopes are available on the side of the Box for your use, such as if you would like your cash offering to be recorded, tracked, and receipted in a report back to you.

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PRAYER REQUEST: If you have a special petition for the Prayers of the Church, please notify the Usher, Elder on Duty, or Pastor before the service.

LAST WEEK: There were 7 students and 3 teachers/aids in Sunday School; 20 people were present in Adult Bible Class; 51 were present in the Sunday Divine Service (38 communed); 2 catechumens were present in Tuesday afternoon catechesis; 4 catechumens were present in Tuesday evening catechesis; and 7 were present in Midweek Bible Study, and another 2 participated via Skype.

THANKS to Rev. Adler for the use of his chasubles; to Ben Ford, Remo Gualtieri, and all those helping with the video and audio for classes and services; to Gayle Gardner for her attention to the flowers in the Chancel; to George Heil for his care of the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; and to Tina McMurray for her Church Office work.

GROWING IN WORSHIP: Parents, be sure to make use of the bulletins for children aged 5-10 available in the Narthex, including their activities for the whole week!

SERVING TODAY: The Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, Pastor; Jeremy McMurray, Elder on Duty; Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "the Word of Life" (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as "little children" (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem "the whole world" – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. What a wonderful Gospel truth to speak to arguments of personal choice amid political controversy!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!'" (John 20:19). The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that Jesus saved us, and not our works, we are free to do good works, not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving to God and love for our neighbors.

AS YOU DEPART, please be mindful of those who are ushered out behind you, who may have difficulty standing and waiting, and so who need an open path to the door and to get to their cars quickly. If you stop to talk to someone in the Sanctuary, please keep the aisle as clear as possible, and

please delay lengthier conversations with the pastor until after he has greeted everyone. Thank you for your consideration!

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX are hardcopies of Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 04/06 column titled "The eclipse is, in some sense, a sign from God"); the April edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter *The Pilgrimage*; the large-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for April and May; *Portals of Prayer* for April-June 2024; the latest Church Directory (dated 2024/02/26, printed on yellow-colored paper); the Winter 2024 issue of *Christian Culture*, the magazine of Luther Classical College; and Pilgrim's Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's third week of 2024 vacation begins after the Divine Service today and continues through midday Tuesday, April 16. As a result, there will be no Catechesis this Tuesday nor Midweek Bible Study this Wednesday. And, an Elder will monitor the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor, if needed.

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather today after the Divine Service, for sharing some snacks and playing some Cribbage. All are welcome, even if you do not know how to play Cribbage. We will teach you!

GRIEF SHARE: Beginning today, Sunday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m., First Baptist Church in Kilgore is conducting six sessions of "Grief Share", a non-denominational, Bible-based video, workbook, and small-group program to help deal with loss. All are invited. More information is in the Church Office.

THE APRIL ELDERS' MEETING that would have been held this Tuesday, April 9, has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. However, if circumstances warrant, a briefer special-purpose meeting will be held. Please let Pastor Galler, your Elder, or one of the other Elders know if there is something that you think needs to be addressed.

THE LWML EAST TEAS ZONE SPRING EVENT will be held Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Faith Lutheran Church in Corsicana. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. More information is on the ladies' bulletin board above the large Mite Box in the Narthex. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by this Wednesday, April 10, to Jerry Anderson by either voice or text to 214-546-2844.

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COUNCIL REPORTS: Please submit reports for the First Quarter of 2023 to Recording Secretary Joy McHargue by next Sunday, April 14, so that the Packet for the April 28 regular Quarterly Council Meeting can be distributed and available before that Meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("Lutheran Doctrine & Practice Today: The Church"); and 10:45 a.m. Matins.

Readings: Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; and Luke 24:36-49.

Hymns: 465, 483, and 482.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will meet next over lunch after the Divine Service Sunday, April 21, and continue its study of the Women of the Bible with Abigail.

COMMEMORATION OF ST. MARK, EVANGELIST: Pilgrim will have Matins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, as it hosts the monthly meeting of the Circuit #14 pastors. All are invited and welcome to attend Matins!

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council will meet next on Sunday, April 28, after the Divine Service. Before then, the Packet with the working agenda and reports will be distributed electronically and available in hardcopy in the Narthex. Even though only Council Members can vote in Council Meetings, everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend and to contribute to the discussion. The Council makes some decisions and recommends that the Voters' Assembly makes other decisions. Our participation in the administration of Pilgrim's secular affairs is necessary for its survival, humanly speaking, and fruit of our faith.

BACH CANTATA SERIES: You are invited to Zion Lutheran Church (6121 E. Lovers Lane in Dallas) Sunday, May 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for Evening Prayer that will include the singing of J. S. Bach's Cantata titled *Nach dir, Herr, verlangst mich* ("For Thee, O Lord, I long").

"WALKING TOGETHER": Please plan to attend the next Special Congregational Study, on the topic of "Ministry", scheduled for June 30, after a Fifth-Sunday Meal. (If you missed February 4's Special Congregational Study on "Unity and Fellowship", please pick up a hardcopy of the handout from the Narthex and listen to the audio or video files at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together.)

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