



***Jesus showed
His disciples
His hands and feet.***

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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 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 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!

LAY-LED SERVICES: Although the budget passed by the Voters Assembly does provide for pastors to fill-in when Pastor Galler is away, Rev. Adler, who usually fills-in, was not able to be present today, but, upon the Board of Elders' request, he has provided a sermon to be read today as part of a lay-led Matins service. Such lay-leading of Matins and reading of a pastor-authored sermon do not go against either Augsburg Confession Article V, regarding the Office of the Holy Ministry, or Article XIV, regarding only ordained pastors' preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments.

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 in 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.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

2024 APRIL 14

MATINS (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.219-228)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

Opening Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" 465
Opening Versicles, Gloria Patri, and Ascription of Praise (Common) 219
(The Versicles are spoken)

PSALMODY

Antiphon (Seasonal) (Spoken before and after the Venite) 220-221
 \square The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia. \blacksquare O come, let us worship him.
Venite 220-221
(Pay attention to the numbers of the stanzas, especially after the last line of stanza 3, when you jump to the third line of music for the first line of stanza 4.)
Additional Psalm 4 (v.7 is the antiphon that begins and ends the Psalm.) 4
(The congregation speaks the indented portions and the *Gloria Patri*.)

Office Hymn "With High Delight Let Us Unite" 483

READINGS

221
(Please remain seated for all of the readings and speak the short response after each.)
Acts 3:11-21
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36-49
Responsory: Easter 222
Sermon

CANTICLE

Te Deum 223-225
(As with the Venite, pay attention to the numbers for the stanzas, especially after the last line of stanza 3, when you jump to the third line of music for the first line of stanza 4. Note that we will use stanzas 8 and 9.)
Offering 227
(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex before the Service are brought forward here.)

PRAYER

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Collects (left column, spoken), 227-228
Benedicamus (spoken), & Benediction (second line, spoken)
Closing Hymn: "This Joyful Eastertide" 482

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

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.

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.

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RECENT NUMBERS were not yet available when this insert was printed.

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: Carl Gardner, Liturgist; Remo Gualtieri, Sermon Reader; Jeromy McMurray, Elder on Duty; Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: With Saints Peter and John, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin, abortion and assisted suicide included.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Our becoming like our Lord essentially is our sanctification, which, as St. John notes, will only be completed in the Resurrection. But, in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace, we share His life for eternity, and so we try to share His life of service now.

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

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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.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Please submit reports for the First Quarter of 2023 to Recording Secretary Joy McHargue today (or as soon as possible), so that the Packet for the April 28 regular Quarterly Council Meeting can be distributed and available before that Meeting.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's third week of 2024 continues through midday this Tuesday, April 16. An Elder is monitoring the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor, if needed.

CATECHESIS: Pastor Galler is normally scheduled to teach an in-person Catechism Class on Tuesdays at both 4:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library; the 6:00 p.m. class is available live via Skype (recorded videos remain there for 30 days). All are welcome to participate!

STUDY HOURS: Pastor Galler is usually in his study Tuesdays from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and Saturdays Noon to 3:00 p.m. Come for Individual Confession and Absolution (see *Lutheran Service Book* 292-293) or for any other reason. Pastor Galler is also available at other times by appointment at Pilgrim, or he can come to you (email pastor@pilgrimlc.org or text/call 903-984-4333). For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Galler.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: Join us live in-person in the Conference Room/Library or via Skype this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. as our study "Salvation History is Our Story" considers Revelation 6:9 and verses following. Each week's video and audio are posted online for you to watch or hear later (www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history).

THE LWML EAST TEAS ZONE SPRING EVENT will be held this Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Faith Lutheran Church in Corsicana. If you did not RSVP, you can still attend by registering at the door. 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.

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NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("Romans: The Righteousness of God"); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, followed by a gathering of Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society.

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; and John 10:11-18.

Hymns: 475, 709, 735, 473, 463, and 864.

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

COMMEMORATION OF ST. MARK, EVANGELIST: Pilgrim will have Matins at 9:00 a.m. this 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, verlanget 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.) All of these Special Studies together are intended to provide information that we need in order to consider rightly Pilgrim's continued relationship with the Missouri Synod. So, all members, especially Pilgrim's voters, are strongly encouraged to participate in these studies, either in person or electronically.

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