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**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!** He is risen indeed, alleluia! That ancient exchange of greetings on Easter morning says it all and so is often used throughout the Easter season. You are especially welcome to our chief Divine Service this Easter Day, the Church's highest festival of the year! 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.

**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 △ 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.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

2025 APRIL 20

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.203-212)

+++ **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** +++

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn:	"Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"	481
Kyrie	(After a brief introduction, the congregation sings the Kyrie as indicated)	204
Hymn of Praise	"Splendor and Honor"	950
	(During the Easter season, this versification of the <i>Dignus es</i> replaces the <i>Gloria</i> .)	
Salutation and Collect of the Day		205
Old Testament (& Response):	Isaiah 65:17-25	205
Sequence Hymn:	"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"	488
Epistle (& Response):	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	205
Sequence Hymn:	"Christ Is Arisen"	459
Holy Gospel (& Responses):	Luke 24:1-12	206
Nicene Creed		206
Hymn of the Day:	"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"	458
Sermon	Luke 24:1-12	
Prayer of the Church & Offering		207
	<input type="checkbox"/> For ... let us pray to the Lord: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	
	(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex will be brought forward.)	
Seasonal Offertory	"Alleluia! Alleluia!"	(stanza 5) 476
	(There will be a longer or shorter introduction to the hymn stanza.)	

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, & Agnus Dei		208-210
Distribution (& Distribution Hymns):		210
	"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"	531
	"The Tree of Life"	561
	"All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding"	462
	"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"	466
Nunc Dimittis (sing "Amen"); Post-Communion Collect, & Benedicamus and Benediction		211-212
Closing Hymn:	"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"	461

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



***Peter ran  
to Jesus's empty tomb  
and went home marveling  
at what had happened.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.)

**GROWING IN WORSHIP:** Parents, please make use of the bulletins available in the Narthex for children aged 5-10, including the bulletins' activities for the whole week!

**LARGER-PRINT/FLOW-THROUGH BINDERS** are available in the Narthex 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. 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](http://www.pilgrimlc.org), to open on or to download to your electronic device.

**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.

**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

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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.

**RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY** by transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas, were Matthew, Andrea, and Jaxon Walker and Laney Eichelberger. We thank God for His them to us, and we welcome them to our family of brothers and sisters in Christ at Pilgrim!

**LAST WEEK:** There were 0 students but 1 teacher prepared for Sunday School; 11 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 2 participated via Skype; 52 were present in person in the Palm Sunday Divine Service (40 communed), and another 2 participated via Skype; 25 were present in person for the Holy (Maundy) Thursday Divine Service (21 communed); and 22 were present in person in the Good Friday Divine Service (21 communed). (Thursday evening catechesis was not held due to the Holy Thursday Divine Service).

**THANKS** to Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society for stuffing Easter Eggs last Sunday; to Rev. Adler for the use of his chasubles; to Remo Gualtieri, and all those helping with the video and audio for classes and services; to George and Jeanette Heil for picking up the lilies; to George Heil and others for their care of the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; to Tina McMurray for Church Office work; and to Dawn Shen for planting flowers.

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

**ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE:** Today's order of service reflects some changes, both because Lent is over and due to the special nature of today's festival. For example, the customary preparatory rite of corporate confession is omitted on this joyous festival day, in part because the penitential season of Lent itself serves as preparation for the celebration of Easter. (Everyone is nevertheless encouraged to be properly prepared. Dr. Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp.329-330 in *Lutheran Service Book* are an appropriate tool for such self-preparation.) The joyous word "Alleluia!" (the Greek form of "Hallelujah!", meaning "Praise the Lord!") returns from being put away for Lent. The Hymn of Praise also returns, in this case the hymn "Splendor and Honor". In addition, this morning, as is the custom on higher feasts, an Entrance Hymn is used in place of the Introit, and Sequence Hymns are used between the readings, as expanded forms of the Gradual and Alleluia and Verse. (Our usual pre-service Catechesis will return next week.)

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**LIFE THOUGHTS:** Lethal measures like abortion and assisted suicide claim to express autonomy, but they really embody surrender to death. Jesus Christ, sacrificed and risen again, liberates from submission to that ultimate enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). Neither we nor our neighbors need to equate human worth with length of days or lack thereof (Isaiah 65:20). Who will tell them? Why not us?

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** On the day that the Old Testament people offered to God the firstfruits of their barley harvest, Jesus, by His bodily resurrection from the dead, became the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:19-26). We are the rest of that “harvest” and will follow in due time. In thanksgiving for all that He has done, is doing, and will do, are we offering to God the firstfruits of what He has given to us?

**AS YOU DEPART,** please be mindful of those who are ushered out behind you, who may have difficulty standing and waiting, and so who may 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 04/19 column titled “Watch today for Jesus’s resurrection tomorrow”); the April edition of Pilgrim’s monthly newsletter *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for April and May; *Portals of Prayer* for April-June 2025; the latest Church Directory (dated 2024/12/22, printed on darker-purple paper); and Pilgrim’s Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

**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](mailto:pastor@pilgrimlc.org) or text/call 903-984-4333). For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Galler.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** resumes this Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library and on-line via Skype. We will continue our study “Salvation History is Our Story” with Revelation 20:1-6,

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about the millennium. Find past sessions at [www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history](http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history).

**CATECHESIS** will be held this Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

**LETOURNEAU BASEBALL:** Come to Conrad-Vernon Field in Longview to watch our member Luke Land and his Yellowjacket teammates play! The next home games are against the Comets of the University of Dallas: Thursday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, April 25, at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, April 26, at 1:00 p.m. (For more information, see <https://letuathletics.com/sports/baseball>).

“**RESURRECTION AND REVELATION**” is the theme for Pastor Galler’s unusual-for-him Sunday-morning Special Sermon Series that he will begin next Sunday on the Second Readings drawn from the book of Revelation appointed for the Second through Seventh Sundays of the Easter Season in this year of our Three-Year Lectionary Series. For more information, visit <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/easter-2025>.

**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 (“Loose-Change Sunday”), followed by the regular Second Quarter Church Council Meeting.

Readings: Acts 5:12-32; Revelation 1:4-18; and John 20:19-31.

Hymns: LSB 336, 472, 481, 646, and 471.

Prepare yourself for worship by praying about, reading over, and meditating on the appointed Scripture and Hymns.

“**LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY**”: Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next Sunday, April 27, in order to contribute your loose change and more, beyond your regular offering, for LWML mites that in part fund District and National mission grants (lists of grant recipients are on the bulletin board above the Mite Box).

**QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** Pilgrim’s Church Council is scheduled to have its regular Second-Quarter Meeting next Sunday, April 27, after the Divine Service. The Packet with the working agenda and reports was distributed electronically to Pilgrim’s members and is 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 join in the discussion.

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