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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 day during the Easter season! 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 out spiritual direction from our pastor, and to make Pilgrim 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 △ 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

2025 APRIL 27

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

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

* *Lutheran Service Book's* appointed Hymn of the Day

INTROIT:



(Sung responsively, the congregation singing the indented and bold portions.)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

GRADUAL:



(Sung responsively, the congregation singing the indented portions.)

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



***Jesus breathed out
the Holy Spirit and
the Office of the Keys
on His disciples.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 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, 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.

LAST WEEK: There were 5 students and 2 teachers for Sunday School; 23 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class; 68 were present in person in the Divine Service (46 communed); 4 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study; and 3 catechumens were present in-person for Thursday evening catechesis.

THANKS to all who made the Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt successful; to Rev. Adler for the use of his chasubles; to Gayle Gardner for her care of the lilies; to Remo Gualtieri and all those helping with the video and audio for classes and services; to George Heil and others for their care of the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; and to Tina McMurray for Church Office work.

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

LIFE THOUGHTS: An angel of the Lord told the apostles newly-released from prison to go and speak to the people "all the words of this Life", and they did (Acts 5:19-20). Life, from fertilization to forever, belongs to the very identity of our Savior Jesus Christ and so the heart of the Gospel. Should not "all the words of this Life" occupy a central place in our conversation?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Easter evening, the disciples were behind locked doors for fear of the Jews, but Jesus came and spoke peace to them (John 20:19). Fear is an opposite of faith—the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Our fears hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will as we should. But, Jesus tell His disciples and us not be afraid (Revelation 1:17). There is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered and gives us peace. We declare His marvelous words and deeds with our words and deeds.

"RESURRECTION AND REVELATION" is the theme for Pilgrim's Sunday-morning Special Sermon Series that Pastor Galler begins today, based on the Second Readings drawn from the book of Revelation that are 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>.

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

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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!

“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).

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX are hardcopies of the May edition of Pilgrim’s monthly newsletter *The Pilgrimage*; Pastor Galler’s recent newspaper columns (including his 04/19 column titled “Watch today for Jesus’s resurrection tomorrow”); 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.

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim’s Church Council is scheduled to have its regular Second-Quarter Meeting today 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. (A notable agenda item is the availability of a “free” self-contained pipe organ that would only need to be moved to Pilgrim and repaired to full operation.) Even though only Council Members can vote in Council Meetings, everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend and to join in the discussion. The Council makes some decisions and recommends other decisions to the Voters’ Assembly. Humanly speaking, our participation in the administration of Pilgrim’s secular affairs is necessary for its survival, and, spiritually speaking, our participation is fruit of our faith.

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.

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MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: Join us for “Salvation History is Our Story” this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library and on-line via Skype. We will continue our study of Revelation 20:1-6 about the millennium. Find past sessions at 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.

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 “The 15-2 Folk”.

Readings: Acts 9:1-22; Revelation 5:1-14; and John 21:1-19.

Hymns: LSB 547, 485, 946, 481, and 483.

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

“THE 15-2 FOLK” will gather next Sunday, May 4, after the Divine Service in the Great Room, for heavy snacking and playing some Cribbage. All are welcome to stay for the heavy snacking, even if not staying for the Cribbage! If you do not know how to play Cribbage, they will teach you!

ELDERS’ MEETING: Pilgrim’s Board of Elders in April voted to forego its May 13 Meeting due to Pastor Galler’s vacation. 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, May 17, 2025, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Palestine, with the theme “Blessed Are They” based on Matthew 5:1-12. The cost is \$10, and there will be an ingathering for Safe House. More details should be forthcoming.

PILGRIM’S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next after the Divine Service on Sunday, May 18, for lunch and a service project to be determined. All women are invited and welcome!

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL: Mark June 29 on your calendar now for what we expect will be the next “quarterly” congregational meal after the Divine Service in the Great Room of the Parish Hall. All are invited and welcome! Plan to bring a dish to share and any games that you would like to stay and play after the meal. (Watch for details, as the Council may schedule the Church Picnic and consider that in lieu of the June Fifth-Sunday Meal.)

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