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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 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025 MAY 11
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.203-212)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

Catechesis:	Section 4: The Sacrament of the Altar (First)	326
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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(During the Easter season, after a brief introduction, the congregation sings the triple Alleluia before, in the middle, and at the end of Pastor's singing the appointed Verse.)		
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P ... Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.		
(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex will be brought forward.)		
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Nunc Dimittis (sing "Amen"), Post-Communion Collect, & Benedicamus and Benediction		211-212
Closing Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"		709*

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

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

INTROIT:



(Sing the Introit responsively using the tone provided.
The congregation sings the indented and bold portions of the text.
See *LSB xxvi* for how the tone and text correspond.)

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;*
from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his in- | heritance.

With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- | ever;*

from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.

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.

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

GRADUAL:



(Sing the Gradual responsively as the Introit using the tone provided.

Each of the Gradual's half-lines corresponds to one fourth of the double tone.)

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



***The Lamb
in the midst of the throne
will shepherd them.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 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 0 students but 1 teacher prepared for Sunday School; 7 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class; 30 were present in person in the Divine Service (27 communed); 3 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 4 participated via Jitsi; and 3 catechumens were present in-person for Thursday evening catechesis.

THANKS 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 Heil and others for their care of the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; and to Tina McMurray and Ellen Menconi for their Church Office work.

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

LIFE THOUGHTS: With motherly tenacity and tenderness, Jesus insists none of His little ones perish (John 10:28). Each one comes from the Heavenly Father's own almighty hand (John 10:29), no matter size or skills or circumstances (Revelation 7:9). He desires the whole human community to share His delight in caring for them all (Acts 10:28), even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. We sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But, following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

"RESURRECTION AND REVELATION" is the theme for Pilgrim's Sunday-morning Special Sermon Series that Pastor Galler began two Sundays ago, 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 on the series, visit <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/easter-2025>; for last week's sermon visit <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons>.

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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 05/03 column titled "Jesus lives to never die again, and so one day will His own"); the Winter 2025 edition of *Christian Culture: A Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College (and some hardcopies of the Fall 20204 edition, too); the May 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.

PASTOR IS ON VACATION beginning today after the Divine Service through midday next Tuesday, May 20. An Elder will monitor the church phone and contact the on-call pastor if needed. Midweek Bible Study and Catechesis will not be held this week.

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 this 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.

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

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-7; and John 16:12-22.

Hymns: LSB 672, 633, 597, 465, and 977.

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

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

SPECIAL WEEKDAY MATINS: Join us Thursday, May 22, at 9:00 a.m. for the Matins service before the Circuit Pastors' Meeting that day at Pilgrim. All are invited and welcome!

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL/CHURCH PICNIC: Mark June 29 on your calendar now for what will be the next "quarterly" congregational meal and Church Picnic after the Divine Service in the Great Room of the Parish Hall. All are invited and welcome! Watch for details about what, if any, food will be provided and what you can bring to share. There will also be the opportunity to play games after the meal.

"WALKING TOGETHER": If you missed any of the Special Congregational Studies over the last two years or so, handouts and audio and video files are available online at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE on the committee organizing the celebration of Pilgrim's 75th anniversary in 2027? Some volunteers are in place, but others are needed and welcome! Please pray about it and speak either to President Don Gibson or to Pastor Galler.

CROSS PAINTINGS like the one that our member Jim Treadway created and donated, which is hanging in the entryway to the Parish Hall, are available from Jim and Holly for a minimal "price" of \$10 for an 8"x10" or \$15 for an 11"x14", with all proceeds from the "sale" donated to Pilgrim.

INVEST WITH TEXAS DISTRICT CHURCH EXTENSION FUND: Your CEF investments in Pilgrim's name help Pilgrim earn an annual rebate of a portion of the interest that Pilgrim pays CEF on its loan for the Parish Hall. With CEF, you can earn a higher rate of interest on your investment than with other financial institutions. And, your money helps other Texas District LCMS congregations receive low-cost loans. The May rates are available online at <https://texascef.org/>.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS: Although Pilgrim does not pay to receive online offerings, some Pilgrim members make use of services such as a "bill pay" through their financial institutions, EFT/ACH (Electronic Funds Transfer/Automatic Clearing House transactions) from their employers, and Zelle (see www.zellepay.com). If you need help setting up an electronic offering, contact Treasurer Debbie Shockley.

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