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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025 MAY 18
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.203-212)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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+++ 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.)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
Sing praises to the Lord | with the lyre,*
with the lyre and the sound of | melody!
With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
make a joyful noise before the | King, the Lord!

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.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Psalm 98:2-6; antiphon: v.1

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



***All that the Father has
is the Son's, and
the Spirit takes of it and
declares to the Church.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 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; 9 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 2 participated via Jitsi; and 24 were present in person in the Divine Service (24 communed), and another 3 participated via Jitsi. (Midweek Bible Study and Thursday evening catechesis were not held due to Pastor Galler's vacation.)

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. David L. Adler, Guest Pastor; Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: "What God has made clean, do not call common" (Acts 11:9). Peter's cuisine vision can be taken as revealing the sanctity of human lives. What God has created, redeemed, and called precious, do not call a clump of cells, tumor or tissue, parasite, or only potential life. What God has given as gift and privilege, do not regard as burdensome, undignified, or vegetative. And, do not consent to anyone else's doing so, either!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more" (Revelation 21:1) The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How should we use what is passing away for eternal good?

"RESURRECTION AND REVELATION" is the theme for Pilgrim's Sunday-morning Special Sermon Series that Pastor Galler began three Sundays ago and Pastor Adler continues this morning, 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 05/17 column, the title of which was not available when these announcements were printed); 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.

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

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's third week of 2025 vacation continues through midday Tuesday, May 20. Until then, an Elder will answer the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor if needed.

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 for "Salvation History is Our Story" this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library and on-line. We will pick up at Revelation 20:11-15 about the so-called "Great White-Throne Judgment". Find past sessions at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history.

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SPECIAL WEEKDAY MATINS: Join us this 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!

CATECHESIS: Pastor Galler is scheduled to teach an in-person class on the Small Catechism on Thursday evenings 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 ("Loose-Change Sunday").

Readings: Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 and John 16:23-33.

Hymns: LSB 822,772, 836, 474, and 556.

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, May 25, 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).

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather next on June 1 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 next Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. If you have an item of concern that the Elders should address, please share it with Pastor Galler, your Elder, or one of the other Elders before then. Elders will please come having read and being prepared to discuss Augsburg Confession and Apology Article IX: Baptism, *Concordia*, pp.35, 152-153.

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.

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