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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  $\Delta$  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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025 MAY 25  
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.203-212)

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

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<b>P</b> ... Lord, in your mercy, <b>C</b> <b>hear our prayer.</b>		
(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex will be brought forward.)		
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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.)

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you;\*  
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.  
My heart is in anguish with- | in me;\*  
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.  
But I | call to God,\*  
and the Lord will | save me.  
Evening and morning and at noon I utter my com- | plaint and moan,\*  
and he | hears my voice.  
He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,\*  
for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.  
**Glorify 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.**  
Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you;\*  
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

*Psalm 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: v.22*

## 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*



***Jesus promises that  
the Holy Spirit  
will be with us always.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 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.

**LAST WEEK:** There were 0 students but 1 teacher prepared for Sunday School; 9 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 participated via Jitsi; 29 were present in person in the Divine Service (24 communed), and 7 participated via Jitsi; 5 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 1 participated via Jitsi; and 12 were present in person for Midweek Matins. (Thursday evening catechesis was cancelled due to an illness in the family.)

**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 all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; and to Tina McMurray and Ellen Menconi for their Church Office work.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** Surprise pregnancy, infertility, disability, or terminal diagnosis sometimes hide the sanctity of life. But, humankind's Heavenly Bridegroom beholds every member of our race as beautiful, blessed, and special (Revelation 21:7). His Word helps us see every neighbor with the same gracious eyes that regard us as beloved. What joy will be ours when our mouths give voice to that vision by inviting our whole society to share!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us'" (Acts 16:9). God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul, who was called to go and help them. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

**"RESURRECTION AND REVELATION"** is the theme for Pilgrim's ongoing Sunday-morning Special Sermon Series, 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 previous weeks' sermons, visit <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons>.

**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,

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and please delay lengthier conversations with the pastor until after he has greeted everyone. Thank you for your consideration!

**“LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY”:** Please use the large Mite Box in the Narthex today, 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 Pastor Galler’s recent newspaper columns (including his 05/17 column titled, “Regardless of the weather, repent and give thanks”); the Winter 2025 edition of *Christian Culture: A Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College (and some hardcopies of the Fall 2024 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.

**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:** 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 21:9-27 about the New Jerusalem. Find past sessions at [www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history](http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history).

**ASCENSION DAY:** Divine Service is offered this Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. (Thursday evening Catechesis will not be held.)

**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 1:12-26; Revelation 22:1-20; and John 17:20-26.

Hymns: LSB 348, 539, 473, 821, and 829.

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**“THE 15-2 FOLK”** will gather next Sunday, 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.

**CELEBRATE LIFE RALLY:** Plan now to attend Right to Life East Texas’s Celebrate Life Rally on Saturday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the Gregg County Courthouse Lawn. More information will be forthcoming.

**PILGRIM’S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY** will gather next on Sunday, June 22, after the Divine Service for lunch and some cleaning. All women are invited and welcome!

**FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL/CHURCH PICNIC/GAME DAY:** 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview is planning VBS for the evenings of July 15-17. Pilgrim members are welcome to send their children, as well as volunteer to help. For more information call or text Barbara Wuthrich at 903-720-3525.

**“CARE OF SOULS IN A SEXUALIZED SOCIETY”** is the title of a workshop by The Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs of Concordia Seminary St. Louis on June 30-July 2 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano. Although designed for pastors, the workshop will offer much to others, as well. Come and gain new and valuable insights in how to serve, love, and instruct people struggling to live chaste and decent lives. The cost is \$150, and you can register online at [www.csl.edu/event/prof-insights-marrs-in-plano-tx/](http://www.csl.edu/event/prof-insights-marrs-in-plano-tx/).

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