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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025 JUNE 01
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:



(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.)

Hear my cry, | O God,*
listen | to my prayer;
for you have been my | refuge,*
a strong tower against the | enemy.
For you, O God, have | heard my vows;*
you have given me the heritage of those who | fear your name.
Prolong the life | of the king;*
may his years endure to all gener- | ations!
May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;*
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!
So will I ever sing praises | to your name,*
as I perform my vows day | after day.
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.
Hear my cry, | O God,*
listen | to my prayer.

Psalm 61:3, 5-8; 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



***Jesus prays for us,
who believe in Him through
His apostles' word,
that we may all be one.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1, 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.

JITSI AND YOUTUBE: Our ongoing transition from Skype is a work in progress, and we appreciate everyone's understanding as we experience some glitches in our offering live virtual participation in Adult Bible Class and Midweek Bible Study via Jitsi and eventually Divine Service live (and all recorded) viewing via YouTube. We do not pay for technical support and so especially appreciate Remo Gualtieri's and Ben Ford's volunteer efforts.

LAST WEEK: There were 2 students and 1 teacher for Sunday School; 13 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class; 35 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (31 communed); 4 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 3 participated via Jitsi; and 10 were present in person for the Ascension Divine Service (10 communed), and another 3 participated via Jitsi. (Thursday evening catechesis was cancelled due to The Ascension of Our Lord Divine Service.)

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

SERVING TODAY: The Rev. Jayson Galler, Pastor; Don Gibson, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist

LIFE THOUGHTS: The sanctity of human life means more than implementing regulations or controlling behaviors. Jesus prays "that they may be one" (John 17:22) and "that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them" (John 17:26). These petitions represent instruction and enabling to receive every neighbor as gift and privilege, to treat all bodies and needs as such, and to speak courageously and compassionately about doing so.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus" (Acts 1:16). Judas betrayed our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. He sold out his friend, master, and teacher for the sake of greed, which is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would forgive our greed for Jesus's sake and help us to turn from it before it consumes us.

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“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>; and 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, 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 the June edition of Pilgrim’s monthly newsletter *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for June and July; *Portals of Prayer* for July-September 2025; Pastor Galler’s recent newspaper columns (including his 05/17 column, “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 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.

“THE 15-2 FOLK” will gather today 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!

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 continue our discussion of Revelation 21:1-8, the so-called

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“New Heaven and New Earth”, with verses 5-8. (If Jitsi is not working for you, feel free to call the church phone and be conferenced in.) Find past sessions at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history.

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.

Readings: Genesis 11:1-3; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31.

Hymns: LSB 497, 569, 502, 795, and 503.

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

MISSING A FAVORITE HYMN? Pastor Galler will soon be planning services for at least the next quarter, if not the rest of the Church Year, and he welcomes your input on hymns that you would like for him to try to include in the services being planned. Drop him a paper list, email, or text.

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: 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.