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BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY AND THE UNDIVIDED UNITY! We welcome you to Pilgrim Lutheran Church this First Sunday after Pentecost that is observed as the Feast of the Holy Trinity, as we give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us. You are cordially invited to return for the other Sundays after Pentecost, to participate in any of our congregation's other activities, to seek 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.

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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

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.)

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

I have set the Lord always be- | fore me;*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*

or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

GRADUAL:



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

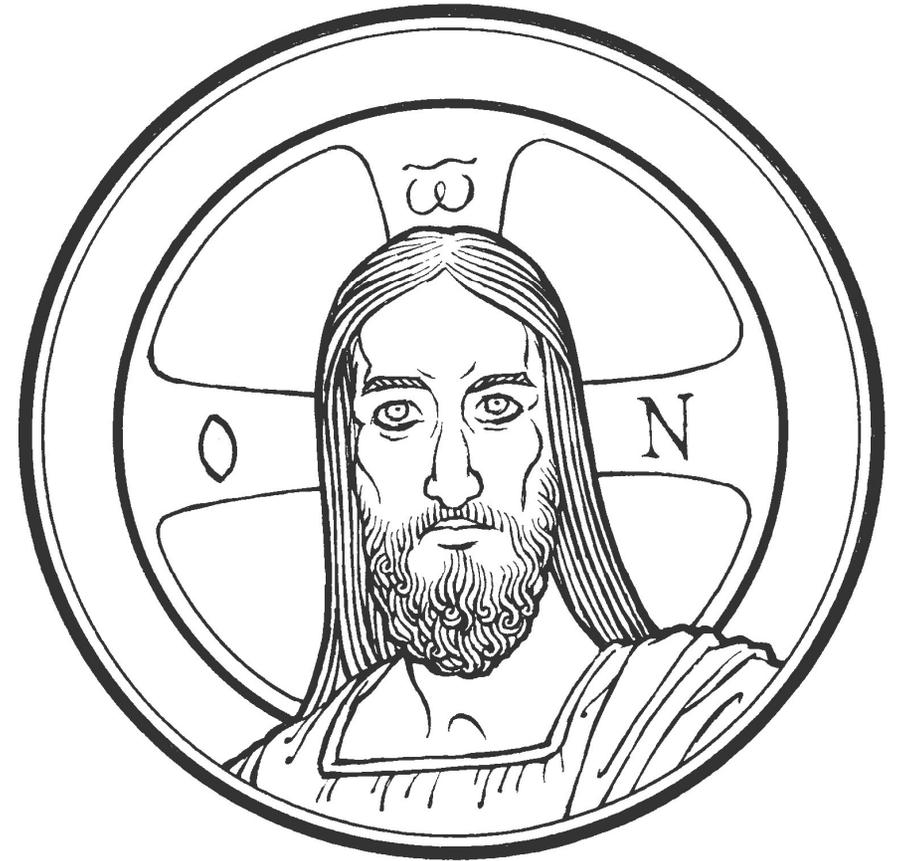
The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,*

the word of faith that | we proclaim.

For with the heart one believes and is | justified,*

and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Romans 10:8b, 10



***Jesus honors His Father,
and the Father glorifies Him.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15, 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; 15 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 3 participated via Jitsi; 40 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (34 communed), and another 3 participated via Jitsi; and 3 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 1 participated via Jitsi. (Thursday-evening Catechesis was not held due to one of the catechumens' work conflict.)

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 Ellen Menconi for Church Office work.

JITSI AND YOUTUBE: Thanks to Remo and Ben for progress setting up both Jitsi, for live virtual two-way participation in such things as Sunday Adult Bible Classes and Wednesday Midweek Bible Studies, and YouTube, for live and recorded video streaming of any day's services. Both links should be on Pilgrim's homepage (www.pilgrimlc.org), to facilitate easy access, including during the transition from Sunday Adult Bible Class to the Divine Service. Please let them know if you experience any difficulties!

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

LIFE THOUGHTS: The Maker of heaven and earth has the nature of fatherhood and sonship. Begetting and parenting belong to His distinctive and eternal character. No greater wisdom, insight, or answer exists for any circumstance of humankind—surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis included—than the goodness of delighting in children and parents—embryo, elderly, or otherwise—and submitting ourselves to their welfare.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Three times the seraphim cry out: "Holy, holy, holy!" (Isaiah 6:3b, the Appointed Verse), an indication of the three-ness of the one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Into the Triune Name we are baptized, made a part of God's family, and are now called to live lives in harmony with this family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind, and generous, so also are we called to be.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED is confessed today, as customary on Trinity Sunday, straining to say as much as possible without saying too much

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about the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity that we worship. As this Creed was used more frequently earlier in church history, and not to confess it only once each year, so Pilgrim confesses this Creed also on the Baptism of Our Lord, the Transfiguration of Our Lord, and Reformation Day.

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 06/07 column, "The pope's being black matters less than Jesus's being human"); 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; 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.

"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/ (that website says that the registration deadline is tomorrow, Monday, June 16).

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-

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line. We will continue our discussion of Revelation 21:9-27, the "New Jerusalem", at least focusing on vv.15-21. (If Jitsi is not working for you, feel free to call the church phone in order to 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.

CELEBRATE LIFE RALLY: Attend Right to Life East Texas's Celebrate Life Rally this Saturday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the Gregg County Courthouse Lawn. Chairs will be provided, though you can bring your own more-comfortable lawn chair. Several area pregnancy help-centers will have information booths and speak about what they do, followed by Q&A.

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 Mary/Martha Society.

Readings: Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-4:7; and Luke 8:26-39.

Hymns: LSB 825, 570, 590, 541, and 643.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION: Divine Service will be offered on Wednesday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m.

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.

HELP NEEDED: Please volunteer both to help operate Jitsi and YouTube live for classes and services and to edit, process, upload, and post files to our congregation's website, especially during Remo's next three-month stint down under, September 1 through November 24. Do not let the technology scare you off: Remo will teach you all that you need to know in order to do the tasks!