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**PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU HERE!** We are pleased that you have come to receive God's gift of forgiveness. Pentecost and the Sundays after Pentecost emphasize the work of the Holy Spirit through God's Word and Sacraments in growing the Church, so we especially invite you to join us in our Bible Classes, as well as in all of our other activities. If you have no church home, you are cordially invited to consider making Pilgrim Lutheran Church 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.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 JUNE 22  
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 +++**

## INTROIT:



(Sing the Introit responsively using the tone provided.

The congregation sings the indented and bold portions of the text.)

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;\*

you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my  
| fortress.

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive |  
me again;\*

from the depths of the earth you will bring me | up again.

You will increase my | greatness\*  
and comfort | me again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, | O my God;\*

I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of | Israel.

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing prais- | es to you;\*

my soul also, which you | have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long,\*  
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to | do  
me hurt.

**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.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;\*

you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my  
| fortress.

*Psalm 71:20-24; antiphon: v.3*

## GRADUAL:



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*



***A demon that possessed a  
man confessed Jesus and  
knew the judgment that  
ultimately awaited him.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 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; 20 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 1 participated via Jitsi; 33 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (27 communed), and another 4 live-streamed via YouTube; 3 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 2 participated via Jitsi; and the family of 3 catechumens were present for Thursday-evening Catechesis.

**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 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 one-way and recorded video streaming of any day's services. Both links are on Pilgrim's homepage ([www.pilgrimlc.org](http://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:** Death is the devil's lair, and destruction is his labor. Demonic forces lurk around the grave and lead to nowhere else (Luke 8:27). Feeble mortals do well not to dabble with such sinister powers, even if technology like abortion and assisted suicide make them more accessible. Better to beg the Lord Jesus to rescue and safeguard human life even when it may appear to us to be less than life.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** The people of the Gerasenes were upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd, said to be three-fourths of their wealth (Luke 8:37). They wanted Jesus to go away before He did any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the loss or sacrifice of some of our wealth?

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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 06/21 column, "Whether 'No Kings' or 'Yes Kings', God still rules"); 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 20204 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.

**PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY** will gather after the Divine Service today for lunch and some cleaning. All women are invited and welcome!

**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.

**PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION:** Divine Service will be offered this Wednesday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m. (as a result, Midweek Bible Study will NOT meet this week)

**TEXAS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL:** The 2025 Summer Season begins this Thursday, June 26. We could get a group together to see one or more of the shows. The schedule and tickets are at [www.texasshakespeare.com](http://www.texasshakespeare.com). (The last few years, tickets for Sunday 2:00 p.m. matinees and 7:30 p.m. evening shows sometimes have been discounted on the day of the shows.)

**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.

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**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"), followed by the Fifth-Sunday Meal/Church Picnic and Game Day.

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9b-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; and Luke 9:51-62.

Hymns: LSB 688, 691, 411, 728, and 965.

Prepare yourself for worship in advance 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, June 29, 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).

**FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL/CHURCH PICNIC:** Next Sunday, June 29 will be the next "quarterly" congregational meal and Church Picnic after the Divine Service in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, with an opportunity to play games after the meal. All are invited and welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to help ensure needed items are covered in what is brought to share.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY:** Join us for "Salvation History is Our Story" Wednesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library and on-line. We will conclude our discussion of Revelation 21:9-27, the "New Jerusalem", focusing on vv.22-27. (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](http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history).

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Please submit reports for the Third Quarter of 2025 and agenda items for the next Council Meeting to Recording Secretary Joy McHargue by July 6, so that the Packet for the July 27 regular Quarterly Council Meeting can be distributed and otherwise be available before that Meeting. Thank you!

**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 in Australia, 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 needed tasks!

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