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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.

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 JULY 27
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.203-212)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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P For ... let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.
(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex will be brought forward.)

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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.)

Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.
With my whole heart I cry; answer me, | O LORD!*
I will keep your | statutes.
I call to you; | save me,*
that I may observe your testi- | monies.
I rise before dawn and | cry for help;*
I hope | in your words.
My eyes are awake before the watches | of the night,*
that I may meditate on your | promise.
Hear my voice according to your | steadfast love;*
O LORD, according to your justice | give me life.
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.
Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me

Psalm 119:145-149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

GRADUAL:



(Sing the Gradual responsively as the Introit using the tone provided.
Each of the Gradual's four half-lines corresponds to one fourth of the double tone.)
How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the world.

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, altered



***More than we who are evil
give good gifts,
the Heavenly Father
gives the Holy Spirit.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 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 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.

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LAST WEEK: There were 0 students, but 1 teacher prepared, in Sunday School; 9 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 2 participated via Jitsi; 18 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (18 communed), and another 4 participated via YouTube; 2 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study and 1 participated via Jitsi; and 3 catechumens were in 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.

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

LIFE THOUGHTS: Those in favor of murdering children, the infirm, and the elderly have their arguments in support of their positions. However, Christians are not to be taken captive by such worldly arguments (Colossians 2:8). Life matters embody more than just political controversies or worldly concerns. They are chiefly spiritual matters, because they arrive as the work, purpose, and property of God's hands (Psalm 138:8).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?" (Luke 11:11). A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that we have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church, and serving our neighbors in the community. In these three areas—home, church and society—the Lord calls and enables us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

OFFICIALLY RECEIVED TODAY are Paul Uhles by transfer from Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, Texas (communicant member), and Celia and Paul Uhles by profession of faith (baptized members). Please welcome them into Pilgrim's family of brothers and sisters in Christ!

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 August edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for August and September; Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 07/19 column, "There is comfort amid Central-Texas flash-floods"); the latest Church Directory (dated 2025/07/01, printed on goldenrod paper); *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); and Pilgrim's Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

"LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY": Please use the large Mite Box in the Narthex today after the service, 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).

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council is scheduled to have its regular Third-Quarter Meeting today, after the Divine Service. The Packet with the working agenda and reports was distributed electronically to Pilgrim's members and is available in hardcopy in the Narthex. Even though only Council Members can vote in Council Meetings, everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend and to join in the discussion. The Council makes some decisions and recommends other decisions to the Voters' Assembly. Humanly speaking, our participation in the administration of Pilgrim's secular affairs is necessary for its survival, and, spiritually speaking, our participation is fruit of our faith.

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 discussing Revelation 22:6-21, the "Epilogue" of the book, picking up at v.12. Find past sessions at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/salvation-history. Watch for the start of a new study soon!

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CATECHESIS: Pastor Galler's Thursday 7:30 p.m. in-person class on the Small Catechism meets 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, followed by a gathering of "The 15-2 Folk".

Readings: Ec 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26; Col 3:1-11, and Lk 12:13-21.

Hymns: LSB 782, 732, 761, 762, and 861.

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

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will meet next Sunday, August 3, after the Divine Service in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, 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 regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 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 XI: Confession, *Concordia*, pp.35-37, 155-157.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next on Sunday, August 17, after the Divine Service, for lunch and the continuation of its study of the Women of the Bible with Huldah (2 Kings 22:14; 2 Chronicles 34:22). All women are invited and welcome!

HELP NEEDED: Please volunteer to help operate Jitsi and YouTube live for classes and services, especially while Remo is 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 it!

RIGHT TO LIFE EAST TEXAS will have a booth at the annual Gregg County Fair, September 5-13, in Longview. If you want to volunteer to help at the booth, please call Pat Smith at 903-240-1635 in order to schedule a time slot. They say that they will tell you what to do while at the booth.

WOULD YOU TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM TIME TO TIME? If so, please speak to Christian-Education Coordinator Katy Myers, who is looking for additional teachers, especially back-up or substitute teachers.

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