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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.

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 AUGUST 10
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 by half verse 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.)

Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*
he makes grass grow | on the hills.
He gives to the | beasts their food,*
and to the young ravens | that cry.
His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love..

**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.**

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

Psalm 147:8-11; antiphon: v.7

GRADUAL:



(Sing the Gradual responsively by half verse as the Introit using the tone provided.
Each of the Gradual's four half-lines corresponds to one fourth of the double tone.)

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

Psalm 34:9, 19, altered



***No thief approaches
our treasure
in the heavens.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 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; 11 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 2 participated via Jitsi; 33 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (29 communed), and another 4 participated via YouTube; 5 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study and another 2 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; Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: The Lord promised Abram offspring as innumerable as both the stars (Genesis 15:5) and grains of sand by the seashore (Hebrews 11:12). In Abram all the families of the earth were blessed (Genesis 12:3). So, Christians encourage everyone to rejoice in every family member—no matter their size, skills, or circumstances—and not be anxious about anything but to seek the Lord's Kingdom and to trust Him to add to them whatever else is needed (Luke 12:22-31).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: We know that God feeds the birds (Introit; Luke 12:24). But, as has been said, sometimes God feeds the birds ... to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will come to us—Christ said that no disciple is above his Teacher (Luke 6:40). But, the Lord cares for us and calls us to entrust ourselves to His care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever He permits us to face in this life. And, at the end of this life, we experience the fullness of eternal life.

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 08/02 column, "God answers prayers, especially for spiritual blessings"); the August edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading

for August and September; 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.

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.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's August Elders' Meeting is scheduled for this 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.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's new Midweek Bible Study begins this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m., considering the prophetic books of the Old Testament, with an emphasis on how they testify that everyone who believes in Jesus receives life in His Name (Acts 10:42-43). All are welcome in-person in the Conference Room/Library and on-line via Jitsi. For more information, see <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

CATECHESIS: Pastor Galler's Thursday 7:30 p.m. in-person class on the Small Catechism meets in the Conference Room/Library.

THE LETOURNEAU CHURCH FAIR is this Saturday, August 16, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please pray that God works through Pastor Galler, Remo Gualtieri, and Nolan White in order to reach the incoming students!

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: Jeremiah 23:16-29; Hebrews 11:17-12:3; Luke 12:49-56.

Hymns: LSB 655, 667, 505, 836, 661.

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

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next 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!

CIRCUIT FORUM: Circuit #13, the "Visitation Circuit" of which Pilgrim is a part, has been combined with Circuit #14 in order to form an "Electoral Circuit" (minimum aggregate confirmed membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000) from which a pastoral and a lay delegate for the 2026 Synodical Convention will be elected at a Circuit Forum to be held via Zoom on August 27 at 7:00 p.m. In order to participate in that Circuit Forum, Pilgrim would need to cancel Midweek Bible Study that night and somehow come up with an official lay delegate. If you have strong feelings about Pilgrim's participation, please speak to President Don Gibson or Pastor Galler.

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL & GAME DAY: Plan now to stay after the Divine Service on Sunday, August 31, for our "quarterly" Fifth-Sunday Meal and Game Day. Bring a dish to share and a game you would like to play, and enjoy the time with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

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.

2026 BUDGET PIECES are due to Treasurer Debbie Shockley by Sunday, September 21, so that she can put the draft budget together and it can be discussed when the Church Council meets as the Budget Committee on Sunday, September 28, after the Divine Service.

WOULD YOU TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL regularly or from time to time? If so, please speak to Christian-Education Coordinator Katy Myers, who is looking for additional teachers, as we anticipate expanding to three classes. The Missouri Synod's Concordia Publishing House Leader Guide each week maps out lots of lesson options that you can easily choose and follow!