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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are glad that God has brought you here! Today is a “red” festival in the midst of the long “green” season of Sundays after Pentecost. Today we remember St. Bartholomew (also known as “Nathanael”), and we learn from him and his confession of Christ’s Name. As we care about this saint of old, we also care about the present and future saints, people made holy by God through His Word and Sacraments. So, we invite you to join us for all of our services, Bible classes, and other activities!

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.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE 2025 AUGUST 24
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.)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.
I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- |
ations.
Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O Lord,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!
Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O Lord, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
**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.**
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



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.)

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



**“Behold,
an Israelite indeed,
in whom
there is no deceit.”**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 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 for Sunday School; 15 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class; 52 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (43 communed), and another 1 participated via YouTube; 3 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study and another 5 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: Like St. Paul, we may be "afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). Defending God's gift of human life from society's threats of legalized abortion and assisted suicide is not easy, and we certainly cannot do so on our own, but In Christ we have access to "the surpassing power" that belongs to God.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Jesus's disciples are not the only ones who dispute about who is the greater, if not the greatest (Luke 22:24-30). For example, just ask fans of College Football's current #1 and #3 teams, which play each other this Saturday. Yet, Jesus came as the One Who Serves, and His followers likewise serve, putting all that God has put at their disposal into service toward their neighbors, including through His Church.

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 08/16 column, "Ten-Commandment posters need the Gospel to do any good"); 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.

“ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY”: Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study continues this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m., taking up Joel 2:1-17. All of the prophetic books testify that everyone who believes in Jesus receives life in His Name (Acts 10:42-43). All people are welcome to participate in the Study, either in-person in the Conference Room/Library or on-line via Jitsi. For more information and for the handout and audio from past sessions, see <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

CIRCUIT FORUM: The newly-formed “Electoral Circuit” (minimum aggregate confirmed membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000) consisting of “Visitation Circuit” #13 and “Visitation Circuit” #14, of which Pilgrim is a part, are scheduled to hold a Circuit Forum via Zoom this Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in order to elect “Electoral Circuit” pastoral and lay delegates for the 2026 Synodical Convention. In order to participate in that Forum, Pilgrim would need to cancel Midweek Bible Study that night and have an official lay delegate to represent the congregation. The consensus of Pilgrim's Board of Elders was to skip the Forum in favor of Midweek Bible Study. If you have strong feelings about Pilgrim's participation in the Forum, please speak to either President Don Gibson or Pastor Galler.

CIRCUIT #14 PASTORS' MEETING: The pastors of Circuit #14 will meet this Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Corsicana.

CATECHESIS: Pastor Galler's Small Catechism class meets in person this Thursday, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. Beginning Thursday, September 18, Pastor Galler also will be catechizing a number of individuals virtually via Jitsi, starting at 4:15 p.m.

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“LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY”: Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next Sunday, August 31 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).

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 a Fifth-Sunday Meal and Game Day.

Readings: Proverbs 25:2-10; Hebrews 13:1-17; and Luke 14:1-14.

Hymns: LSB 842, 636, 613, 774, and 837.

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

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL & GAME DAY: Plan now to stay after the Divine Service next 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.

“THE 15-2 FOLK” will gather next on Sunday, September 7, 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!

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 from which you can easily choose and then follow!

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