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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! 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.

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 AUGUST 31
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.)

It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your | name is near.*
We recount your | wondrous deeds.
At the set time that | I appoint*
I will judge with | equity.
For not from the east or | from the west*
and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up.
But I will declare it for- | ever;*
I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.
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.
It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

Psalm 75:1-2, 6, 9; 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



**“Everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself
will be exalted.”**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 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 6 students, 2 teachers, and 2 adult helpers for Sunday School; 11 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 1 participated via Jitsi; 40 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (29 communed), and another 2 participated via YouTube; 7 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 Facilities Coordinator Brady Gage for overseeing the replacement of the Sanctuary window that had leaked; 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: God executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another (Psalm 75:7), so the Introit's antiphon introduces a major theme of the day regarding humility and God's great reversal (Proverbs 25:6-7; Luke 14:11). We should not proudly think that we know better than God what life is viable and worth living but humble ourselves, as those dependent on others are humbled, so that God can exalt us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: For our salvation, Jesus sacrificed Himself once for all, but that does not mean that there are not still sacrifices for us to make. The Divinely-inspired author of Hebrews spoke of the fruit of lips that confess Jesus's Name as a sacrifice of praise to God, and he also spoke of our sacrifices of doing good and sharing what we have as pleasing to God.

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!

"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).

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX are hardcopies of the September edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter *The Pilgrimage; Portals of Prayer* for July-September 2025 and now also October through December; Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 08/16 column, "Ten-Commandment posters need the Gospel to do any good"); the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for August and September; the latest Church Directory (dated 2025/07/01, printed on goldenrod paper); 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.

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL & GAME DAY: All are welcome to stay after the Divine Service today for our "quarterly" Fifth-Sunday Meal and Game Day in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, even if you did not bring any food to share or a game you would like to play. Enjoy the time with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's final two weeks of his 2025 vacation begin after the Divine Service today and continue through midday Tuesday, September 16. Catechesis and Midweek Bible Study will not be held while he is away. An Elder will monitor the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor if needed. Rev. Adler will teach special Sunday Adult Bible Classes and conduct the Divine Services September 7 and 14.

RIGHT TO LIFE EAST TEXAS will have a booth at the annual Gregg County Fair beginning this Friday, September 5, through the following Saturday, September 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("How the Gospel is Pastoral Care"); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, followed by a gathering of "The 15-2 Folk".

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; and Luke 14:25-35.

Hymns: LSB 853, 692, 707, 565, and 756.

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

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"HOW THE GOSPEL IS PASTORAL CARE": Rev. Adler will lead a special two-Sunday Adult Bible Class the next two Sundays, September 7 and 14, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Class will give a Biblical look at Justification, Propitiation, Reconciliation, and Regeneration and what they teach us about God's grace and mercy applied to ourselves. All are welcome!

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather next 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!

ELDERS' BUDGET MEETING: Pilgrim's September Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. The Meeting's sole focus is revising the Board of Elders' share of Pilgrim's 2026 budget.

NOAH EVENT: Sight & Sound Theaters (for example, in Branson, Missouri) will "broadcast" a recording of the company's stage production of *Noah* to movie theaters across the country September 18-24. The AMC Classic Tyler 14 (7415 South Broadway in Tyler) will have shows at 7:00 p.m. those days. You can buy tickets at www.noahevent.com/tickets.

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.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next on Sunday September 21 after the Divine Service, for lunch and some cleaning. All women are invited and welcome! On Sunday, October 19, the Society will continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on Esther.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE 2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held September 24-26 in Colorado Springs. More information is available in the Church Office and online at www.lutheransforlife.org.

ELECTORAL CIRCUIT FORUM: Visitation Circuits #13 and #14's combined Circuit Forum, originally scheduled for August 27 via Zoom, was postponed that day until likely the first week of October.

WOULD YOU TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL regularly or from time to time? If so, please speak to Christian-Education Coordinator Katy Myers.

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