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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.

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 SEPTEMBER 07
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.)

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.
My soul melts away for | sorrow;*
strengthen me according | to your word!
Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!
I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.
I cling to your testimonies, | O Lord;*
let me not be | put to shame!
I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!
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.

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works

Psalm 119:28-32; antiphon: Psalm 119:27

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



***Who does not
count the cost
of discipleship?***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 07, 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 4 students, 1 teacher, and 2 adult helper for Sunday School; 13 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class; and 48 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (34 communed). Midweek Bible Study and Thursday-evening catechesis were not held due to Pastor Galler's vacation.

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. David L. Adler, Guest Pastor; Jeromy McMurray, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: The LORD your God sets before you life and good, death and evil (Deuteronomy 30:19). His people, whom He has chosen for life and good, make the sanctified choice of life and good. Any choices for death and evil—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments, though even those can be forgiven His repentant people for Jesus's sake.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Jesus says anyone who does not renounce all that he or she has cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:33). None of what we have is really ours; it all belongs to God. That understanding is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What God has entrusted to our use is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our "ownership" of "our" wealth. It is not "ours"; it is His. God owns everything, and we manage it to further His goals.

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 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.

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather today, 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!

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's final two weeks of his 2025 vacation 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 a special Sunday Adult Bible Class and conduct the Divine Services September 14.

RIGHT TO LIFE EAST TEXAS is having a booth at the annual Gregg County Fair through this 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.

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:5-17; and Luke 15:1-10.

Hymns: LSB 609, 611, 506, 836, and 685.

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

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

PILGRIM'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS AS ITS BUDGET COMMITTEE on Sunday, September 28, after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend and discuss Pilgrim's plan to disburse the offerings the congregation expects to receive in 2026.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS: Although Pilgrim does not pay to receive online offerings, some Pilgrim members make use of services such as a "bill pay" through their financial institutions, EFT/ACH (Electronic Funds Transfer/Automatic Clearing House transactions) from their employers, and Zelle (www.zellepay.com). If you need help setting up an electronic offering, especially to Pilgrim's latest bank, contact Treasurer Debbie Shockley.

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!

CROSS PAINTINGS like the one that our member Jim Treadway created and donated, which is hanging in the entryway to the Parish Hall, are available from Jim and Holly for a minimal "price" of \$10 for an 8"x10" or \$15 for an 11"x14", with all proceeds from the "sale" donated to Pilgrim.

HELPING HANDS: Pilgrim has a bin below the Guest Register in the Narthex in order to receive your contributions of non-perishable food, plastic bags, and devotional material to be taken monthly to Kilgore's food pantry that we help support.

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