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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.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 SEPTEMBER 14
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.)

You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!
O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.
O Lord, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning

**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.**

You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

Psalm 30:2-5 antiphon: vv.11a, 12b



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



***As a shepherd
seeks out his flock,
so God Himself
seeks out His sheep.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 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 2 students and 1 teacher in Sunday School; 13 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and another 1 participated via Jitsi; 29 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (25 communed), and another 1 participated via YouTube. (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 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: Each and every sheep is valuable to the Lord God, our Good Shepherd (Luke 15:1-10). He promises to bind up the injured and to strengthen the weak (Ezekiel 34:11-24). We should not let our estimations of value get in the way either of His right regard for life and or of His assurances for us to have life abundantly on the Last Day (John 10:10).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: The Pharisees and scribes grumbled that Jesus received sinners and ate with them (Luke 15:1-10) Thanks be to God that Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees cannot understand, we praise with all of our being! We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of that grace that we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Our knowing the Lord and our trusting Him come first, and our desire to imitate Him cannot help but follow.

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*; 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); *Portals of Prayer* both for July-September 2025 and for October-December 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.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's final two weeks of his 2025 vacation continue through midday this Tuesday, September 16. An Elder will monitor the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor if needed.

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' BUDGET MEETING: Pilgrim's September Elders' Meeting is scheduled for this 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.

"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>.

CATECHESIS: This Thursday Pastor Galler begins catechizing a number of individuals starting at 4:15 p.m. virtually via Jitsi, and he continues the in-person Small Catechism class that meets starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

2026 BUDGET PIECES are due to Treasurer Debbie Shockley by next 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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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 Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society.

Readings: Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Ephesians 4:7-16; and Matthew 9:9-13.

Hymns: LSB 730, 632, 682, 518, and 696.

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

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.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next 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.

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 new 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!

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