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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.

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 OCTOBER 05
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 hope for your salvation, | O Lord,*
and I do your com- | mandments.
I rejoice | at your word*
like one who | finds great spoil.
Seven times a day I | praise you*
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.
Great peace have those who | love your law;*
nothing can make them | stumble.
My soul keeps your testi- | monies;*
I love them ex- | ceedingly.

**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 hope for your salvation, | O Lord,*
and I do your com- | mandments.

Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon v.166

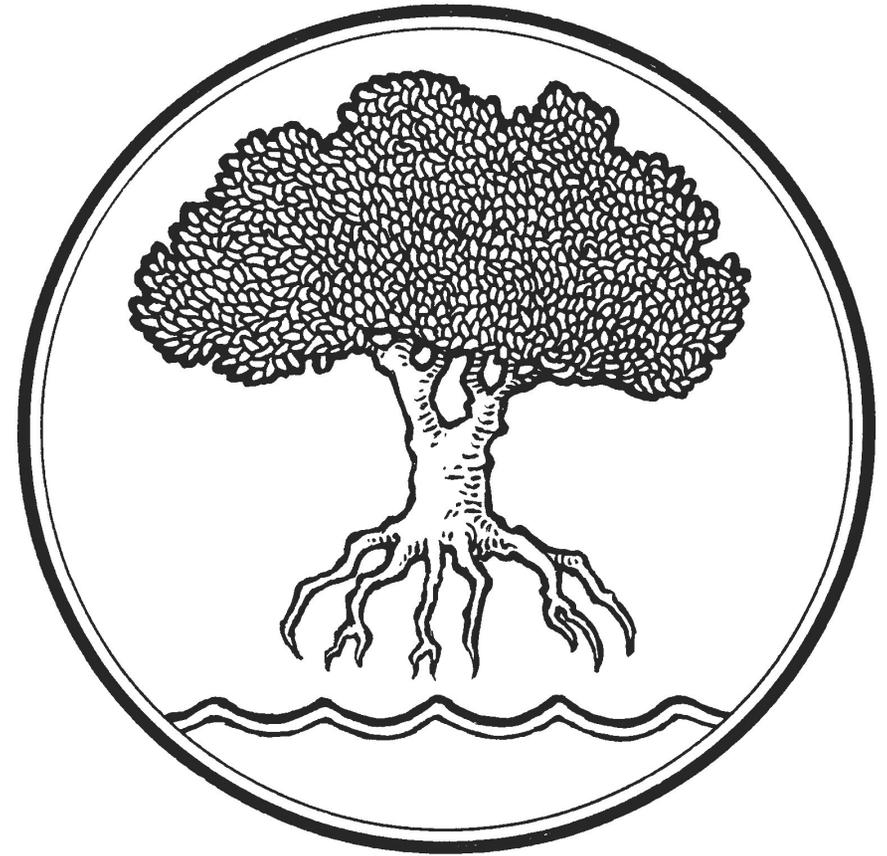
GRADUAL:



(Sing the Gradual responsively by half verse as the Introit using the tone provided.)

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



***Faith the size of a
mustard seed could
plant a mulberry tree in
the sea?***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 05, 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 for Sunday School; 10 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and 2 participated via Jitsi; 40 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (30 communed); 3 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study and another 5 participated via Jitsi; 4 youth catechumens participated via Jitsi in Thursday-afternoon catechesis; and 3 catechumens were present in person for 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 all those helping with the video and audio for classes and services; and to Ellen Menconi for her Church Office work.

SERVING TODAY: The Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, Pastor; Don Gibson, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: As the world continues to devalue human life, we cry out to God like Habakkuk, "Violence!" (Habakkuk 1:2). Knowing the One in Whom we have believed (2 Timothy 1: 12), we are not shaken, for He is our Rock, our Salvation, and our Fortress (Psalm 62:2). Our Lord, Who abhors even the thought that His little ones should be enticed to sin (Luke 17:2), certainly does not sit idly by as those little ones are abused, neglected, and killed. He hears our prayers and answers them all in the way that He knows best. "If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay" (Habakkuk 2:3).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty'" (Luke 17:10). We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the church. And, what a blessing it is to give to the church, so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in our community!

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.

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AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX are hardcopies of Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 10/04 column, "God will eventually show he cares whether or not we repent"); the October edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for October and November; the latest issue of *Christian Culture: A Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College (and some copies of the Winter 2025 issue, too); Portals of Prayer both for October-December 2025; the latest Church Directory (dated 2025/07/01, printed on goldenrod paper); and Pilgrim's Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Please submit reports for the Third Quarter of 2025 and agenda items for the Fourth Quarter Council Meeting to Recording Secretary Joy McHargue today, or as soon as possible, so that the Packet for that Meeting can be distributed and otherwise available before that Meeting on October 26. Thank you!

"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!

LIFE CHAIN: Right to Life East Texas will have its annual Life Chain this afternoon, October 5, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Loop 281 in Longview (in front of the Longview Mall, on both sides of the road). Bring chairs, if you prefer to sit; umbrellas for sun or rain, and a cold drink; RTLET will provide the signs. Families are welcome and encouraged to come out for the hour!

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

KILGORE'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT will be held at Kilgore City Park this Tuesday, October 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., featuring hot dogs, pulled pork tacos, and first-responder vehicles, including a Flight-for-Life helicopter.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study continues this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m., taking up Joel 2:28-3:21. 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 handouts and audio and video files from past sessions, see <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

CATECHESIS: This Thursday Pastor Galler continues the new youth class starting at 4:15 p.m. via Jitsi, and he continues the family class starting at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library.

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.

Readings: Ruth:1:1-19a; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; and Luke 17:11-19.

Hymns: LSB 846, 806, 855, 543, and 662.

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

CIRCUIT FORUM: The newly-formed "Electoral Circuit" consisting of "Visitation Circuit" #13 and "Visitation Circuit" #14 (of which Visitation Circuit Pilgrim is a part), is now scheduled to hold its Circuit Forum next Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, in order to elect its "Electoral Circuit" pastoral and lay delegates for the 2026 Synodical Convention. Pastor Galler may participate, but Pilgrim has not officially designated a lay delegate to represent the congregation.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's October Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 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 XII: Repentance, *Concordia*, pp.37-38, 158-184 (note the length).

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

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