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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.

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 OCTOBER 26
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.)

When I | am afraid,*
I put my | trust in you.
In God, whose | word I praise,*
in the Lord, whose | word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*
What can man | do to me?
I must perform my vows to you, | O God;*
I will render thank offerings | to you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,*
that I may walk before God in the | light of life..

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.

When I | am afraid,*
I put my | trust in you.

Psalm 56:10-13; antiphon: v.3

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



***How we pray
reflects whom we trust
and whether or not
we are justified.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 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 5 students and 1 teacher for Sunday School; 14 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 participated via Jitsi; 59 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (36 communed); 4 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study and another 5 participated via Jitsi; 3 youth catechumens participated via Jitsi in Thursday-afternoon catechesis (another 1 observed); 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, Truman McHargue, and 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 Joy McHargue, Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: Defending the lives that God created, redeemed, and called by the Gospel is a good thing! But, we must be careful not to become like the Pharisee in Jesus's parable, who became so proud of his good works that he mistreated those who did not think like him (Luke 18:11-12). Affirming the sanctity of every life also means caring about those who disagree with us, treating them with compassion, and sharing the forgiveness of Christ with them, that they, too, might receive the "crown of righteousness" on the Last Day (2 Timothy 4:8).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come" (2 Timothy 4:6). As St. Paul neared the end of his life, he continued to view it as something to be spent in sacrifice toward God—just as he had exhorted the Romans to be "living sacrifices" (Romans 12:1). And, why did St. Paul do have that view and make that exhortation? Because he knew that His Lord had already won for him the crown of life. Jesus's sacrifice that purchased our salvation leads us to imitate His sacrifice in our living for Him.

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 Divine 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 Pastor Galler’s recent newspaper columns (including his 10/18 column, “No, Mr. President, you will not get to heaven by what you do”); 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; 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.

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim’s Church Council is scheduled to have its regular Fourth-Quarter Meeting today, October 26, after the Divine Service. The Packet with the working agenda and reports was distributed electronically to Pilgrim’s members and is available in hardcopy in the Narthex. Even though only Council Members can vote in Council Meetings, everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend and to join in the discussion. The Council makes some decisions and recommends other decisions to the Voters’ Assembly. Humanly speaking, our participation in the administration of Pilgrim’s secular affairs is necessary for its survival, and, spiritually speaking, our participation is fruit of our faith.

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., beginning our study of Jonah. 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

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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>.

CIRCUIT #14 PASTORS’ MEETING: The pastors of Circuit #14 are scheduled to meet this Thursday, October 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at a place and with presenters yet to be announced.

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.

REFORMATION DAY: Divine Service will be offered this Friday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ends in the wee hours of next Sunday, November 2. Remember to “fall-back” one hour before coming to Pilgrim for the morning’s activities or risk being one hour early for everything.

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 “The 15-2 Folk”.

Readings: Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; and Matthew 5:1-12.

Hymns: LSB 677, 639, 605, 517, and 676.

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

“THE 15-2 FOLK” will gather next Sunday, November 2, after the Divine Service in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, for heavy snacking and Cribbage playing. All are welcome to stay for the heavy snacking, even if not staying for the Cribbage playing! If you do not know how to play Cribbage, they will teach you! You can also stay to observe or just visit.

“ABIDE WITH: A JOURNEY OF DWELLING IN JESUS”: Register online by Thursday, November 6, for Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler’s Fall Women’s Conference to be held November 14-15. The cost is \$40. More information is available in Pilgrim’s Church Office.

THE REEL EAST TEXAS FILM FESTIVAL runs Thursday, November 6, through Sunday, November 9, in Kilgore. We could take in some movies together. See www.reeleasttexas.com for more information.

ANNUAL VOTERS’ MEETING: Pilgrim’s Annual Voters’ Assembly will be held Sunday, November 9, after the Divine Service.

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