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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.

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 NOVEMBER 09
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.)

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

Why should the | nations say,*

“Where | is their God?”

Our God is in the | heavens;*

he does all that he | pleases.

Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,*

the work of | human hands.

Those who make them be- | come like them;*

so do all who | trust in them.

The dead do not | praise the LORD,*

nor do any who go down into | silence.

But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

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 who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

Psalm 115:2-4, 8, 17-18; antiphon: v.11



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.)

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of
the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5



***That the dead are raised,
even Moses showed,
in the passage
about the bush.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 09, 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 0 students but 1 teacher prepared, for Sunday School; 9 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 participated via Jitsi; 33 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (27 communed); Midweek Bible Study and Thursday Catechesis were not held, due to Pastor's familial and pastoral commitments.

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 and Tina McMurray for their Church Office work.

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

LIFE THOUGHTS: God is defined by life! He identifies Himself as the great "I am" (Exodus 3:14), the true and living God. Jesus also teaches us that not only is God the living God, but He also is the God of the living (Luke 20:38)! The Lord of life values the lives of all people so highly that He offers life to all people: He died to rescue all people from their slavery to sin, death, and the devil, regardless of their size, age, or condition; and He promises resurrection and everlasting life to all who believe in Him.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:13). We, in turn, sacrificially give of our firstfruits (think pre-tax income) to the work of God's Kingdom in this place and beyond.

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 Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 11/01 column titled, "All Saints' Day offers believers great comfort"); the November 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 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.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's Annual Voters' Assembly will be held today, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall. Key agenda items include both electing Officers and other position-holders for 2026 and approving the congregation's budget for 2026. An electronic copy of the Packet for the meeting, including the full working-agenda, and a separate Standing Rules proposal were emailed to Pilgrim members, and hard copies of the Packet and Standing Rules proposal are available in the Narthex.

THE REEL EAST TEXAS FILM FESTIVAL runs through today in Kilgore. We could take in some movies together. See www.reeleasteasttexas.com for more information.

THE EAST TEXAS PIPE-ORGAN FESTIVAL runs today through Thursday, November 13, in Kilgore and several "surrounding" cities. All concerts usually are free. For more information, visit <https://royperryfoundation.org/2025-festival-kilgore-2/>.

CALLED TO SERVE: All are invited to join Rev. Joel Heckmann, a Concordia Seminary St. Louis admissions officer, for a free meal and presentation on the teaching about our various callings in life, tomorrow, November 10, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Redeemer in Nacogdoches (2306 Appleby Sand Road). There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, so please register by calling 800-822-9545.

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' MEETING: Pilgrim's November Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 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

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to discuss Augsburg Confession and Apology Article XII: Repentance, *Concordia*, pp.37-38, 158-184 (note the length).

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will continue this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with Jonah 1:4-17. 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 handouts and audio and video files from past sessions, see <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

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

"ABIDE WITH: A JOURNEY OF DWELLING IN JESUS": Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler's Fall Women's Conference will be held this Friday and Saturday, November 14-15. The cost is \$40. More information is available in Pilgrim's Church Office.

LUTHERAN WITNESS: You can subscribe to the LCMS's magazine, which helps "interpret the world from a Lutheran perspective". Through the Texas District, the cost is \$24.75 for the year's 11 issues, all of which include the Texas District's *Messenger*. To ensure your subscription starts with the January 2026 issue, email nkelley@txlcms.org by this Saturday, November 15. Or, you can subscribe through Concordia Publishing House at www.cph.org/witness, pay \$29.99, and not receive the *Texas Messenger*.

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: Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13; and Luke 21:5-28.

Hymns: LSB 508, 873, 513, 632, and 511.

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

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next Sunday, November 16, after the Divine Service, for lunch and cleaning. All women are invited and welcome! (On December 21, the Society will host a light lunch for "the placing of the greens"; on January 18, the Society will clean again; and, on February 15, the Society will continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on Elizabeth.)

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