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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  $\Delta$  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.

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2025 NOVEMBER 16  
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.)

Heaven and earth will | pass away,\*  
but my words will not | pass away.  
I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*  
From where does my | help come?  
My help comes | from the Lord,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.  
The LORD is your | keeper;\*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.  
The LORD will keep you from all | evil;\*  
he will | keep your life.  
The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore  
**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.**  
Heaven and earth will | pass away,\*  
but my words will not | pass away

*Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33*



(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*



***Now when these things begin  
to take place, straighten up  
and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is  
drawing near.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 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](http://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 3 students and 1 teacher, for Sunday School; 8 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 participated via Jitsi; 28 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (24 communed); 1 person was present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 3 participated via Jitsi; and 3 catechumens were present in person for Thursday evening catechesis. (Thursday afternoon catechesis was cancelled at the last minute when Pastor Galler was unexpectedly delayed visiting at a hospital.)

**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; Carl Gardner, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** As the days draw closer to Christ's return, we have witnessed people brought before kings and governors for the sake of Jesus's Name and the truth that every life is precious in God's sight, just like Jesus warned (Luke 21:10-12). But do not be afraid! "This is your opportunity to bear witness" (Luke 21:13)! We can go out "leaping like calves from the stall" (Malachi 4:2), proclaiming the sanctity of all life because we know that God promises to "give you a mouth and wisdom" (Luke 21:15) and that the "sun of righteousness" shall soon "rise with healing in its wings" (Malachi 4:2).

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down" (Luke 21:6). Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection—as we look back on our earthly life—what will we see? What will have really mattered? Do we agree with the line from British missionary C.T. Stodd's poem that "only what's done for Christ will last"?

**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 11/15 column titled, "You can join the increasing number of adult Bible readers"); 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 printed Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College; Portals of Prayer for October-December 2025; the latest Church Directory (dated 2025/07/01 on goldenrod paper); and Pilgrim's Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

**PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY** will gather today, 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.)

**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](mailto:pastor@pilgrimlc.org) or text/call 903-984-4333). For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Galler

**KILGORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Pastor Galler is scheduled to open this Tuesday evening's Kilgore City Council Meeting with prayer at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY":** Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will continue this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with Jonah 2:1-10. 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.

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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.

Readings: Malachi 3:13-18; Colossians 1:13-20; and Luke 23:27-43.

Hymns: LSB 534, 610, 751, 574, and 680.

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

**A KILGORE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held next Sunday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Kilgore (501 East North Street). There will be readings of Holy Scripture, favorite Thanksgiving hymns, an offering of food and/or money for Kilgore's Helping Hands, and a reception afterwards. Individual Pilgrim members may attend if they choose to attend, but neither Pilgrim's pastor nor the congregation will participate officially, in order to not give the impression by worshipping together that there is agreement in doctrine where there is not.

**CIRCUIT #14 PASTORS' MEETING:** At last report, Circuit #14's Circuit Visitor was still trying to plan a Circuit Pastors' Meeting the week of Thanksgiving, though the date, location, and presenters have not yet been announced.

**94<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE:** Please join us in decorating, parading, and partying! We will decorate the float on Saturday, November 29 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Remo and Kathy's (201 Norris Rd, Kilgore). The Parade is Tuesday, December 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., followed by a Chili Supper back at Pilgrim in the Great Room for float riders, parade watchers, and anyone else who wants to join us.

**"LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY":** Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next on Sunday, November 30, 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).

**ADVENT MEALS AND SERVICES:** Pilgrim is planning three Midweek Advent Soup/Salad Suppers this year (December 3, 10, and 17), starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by Midweek Evening Prayer Services beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you can provide and serve a meal, please see Inreach Coordinator Ben Ford. Pastor Galler is developing the theme "Angels of Advent" for his midweek sermon series this year.

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