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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year, which in part focuses on Christ our King. Thanks be to God that we, who in repentance and faith here receive God's gift of forgiveness, can look forward to being in His Kingdom for eternity. As we patiently wait for that reign or our own deaths, whichever comes first, we invite you to join us in all of our services and other activities. And, 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.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR 2025 NOVEMBER 23
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.)

Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!
Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,*
who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the | holy place*
and | bless the LORD!
May the Lord bless you from | Zion,*
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.

Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33.8

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



***The One crucified
as the King of the Jews
remembers us
when He comes
into His Kingdom.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 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 3 students and 1 teacher, for Sunday School; 10 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and 2 participated via Jitsi; 41 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (28 communed), and 4 parties streamed live via YouTube; 4 persons were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 3 participated via Jitsi; 3 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, 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: People who think that we should not bring more children into this world wrongly agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction by the Romans (Luke 23:28-29). Instead, Jesus wants us to weep with those who cannot bear and nurse and to celebrate God's gift of human life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the "refuge and strength" of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1) and that little children will always be His "treasured possession" (Malachi 3:17).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "And he is the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18a). We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. Because Jesus gives all He has, we do likewise.

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.

A KILGORE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held today, 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 agreement.

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 is on its annual hiatus for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas but will resume on January 7 with Jonah just out of the great fish! You can catch up with past sessions online at <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

NO THURSDAY CATECHESIS THIS WEEK due to Thanksgiving.

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.

94TH ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE: Please join us in decorating, parading, and partying! We will decorate the float this 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 an "organic" Chili Supper back at Pilgrim in the Great Room for float riders, parade watchers, and anyone else who wants to join us.

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"LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY": Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next 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).

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE: Note that our order of Service changes to Setting One for the new Church Year that begins next Sunday. You may want to (re)familiarize yourself with *Lutheran Service Book* pp.151-166.

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 ("Loose-Change Sunday").

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-11.

Hymns: LSB 331, 332, 355, 350, 333, and 351.

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

NO FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL next Sunday, due to the closely-following Annual Congregational Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday, December 14, after the Divine Service.

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.

CATECHESIS: On Thursday, December 4, Pastor Galler will continue both the 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.

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather next on Sunday, December 7, 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 the games or just to visit with those playing.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's December Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 09, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

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