

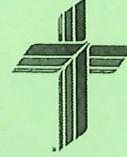
***The One crucified  
as the King of the Jews  
remembers us  
when He comes  
into His Kingdom.***



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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  $\Delta$  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.

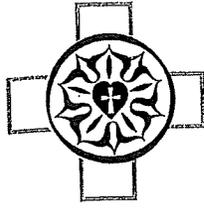
**HOLY COMMUNION:** At Pilgrim we value your presence among us and love and care about our guests and visitors! However, due to the sad divisions that exist in the world and even in Christianity, we cannot commune everyone at the Lord's Table here. We respectfully ask that guests and visitors who desire 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.

# CATECHESIS

(On the following page[s],  
locate the specified portion of Luther's Small Catechism,  
and, when prompted by the question, recite the given answer.)

*The week's announcements follow the service at the back of the binder.*



# THE SMALL CATECHISM

*Though not printed here, the official text of Luther's Small Catechism also includes the Preface.*

## SECTION 1

### The Ten Commandments

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

#### The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

#### The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

#### The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

#### The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and

other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

#### The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

#### The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

#### The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

#### The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8*

(Sing the Introit responsively 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,\*

he who made | heaven and earth!

**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!

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. ... now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Malachi 3:13-18*

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

(Sing the Gradual responsively 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.

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:13-20*

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 205; Luke 23:43*

(After a brief introduction, the congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after Pastor sings the appointed Verse.)



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Truly, I | say to you,\*  
today you will be with me in | Paradise.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life **+** everlasting. Amen.

# 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



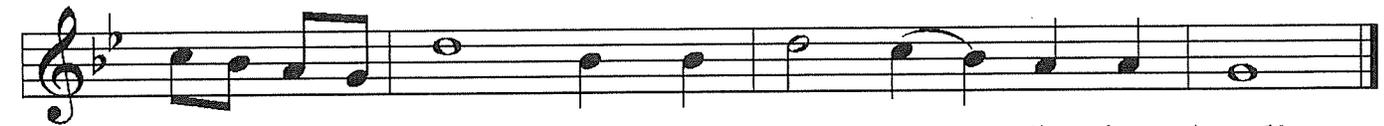
from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
 Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
 You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
 stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
 ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
 glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Congregational responses may be included according to one of the following forms:*

**A** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For ... let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Seasonal Offertory**

### 783 Take My Life and Let It Be (stanzas 1 & 4)



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The prayer continues as appropriate to the season and concludes as follows.*

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

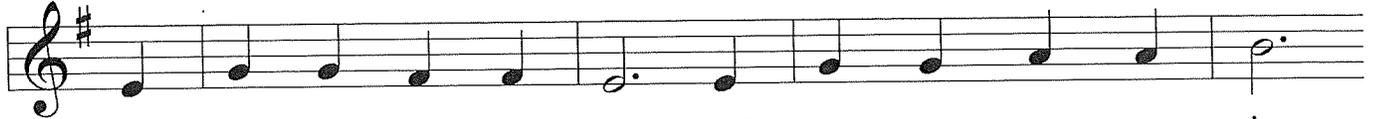
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Distribution Hymns**

## 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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# 751 O God of Love, O King of Peace



1 O God of love, O King of peace, Make wars through -  
2 Re - mem - ber, Lord, Thy works of old, The won - ders  
3 Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord? Where rest but  
4 Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove, All hearts are



out the world to cease; The rage of na - tions  
that Thy peo - ple told; Re - mem - ber not our  
on Thy faith - ful Word? None ev - er called on  
knit in ho - ly love; O bind us in that

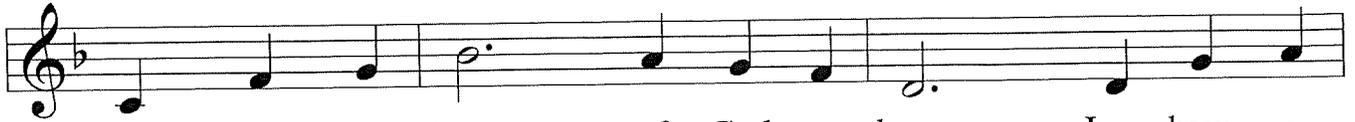


now re - strain: Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!  
sins' dark stain: Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!  
Thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!  
heav'n - ly chain: Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!

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## 574 Before the Throne of God Above



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is  
3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me  
4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful



strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is  
writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He  
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him  
soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
there Who made an end of all my sin.  
fied To look on Him and par - don me.

- 5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!
- 6 At one with Him, I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty. Amen

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

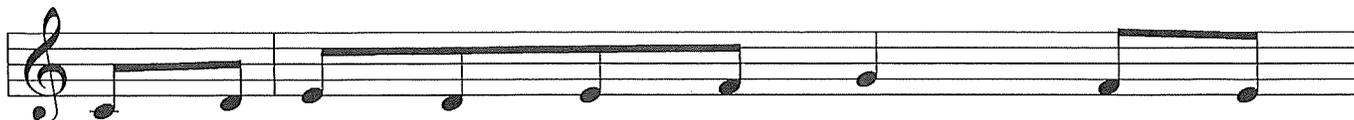
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ~~+~~ give you peace.

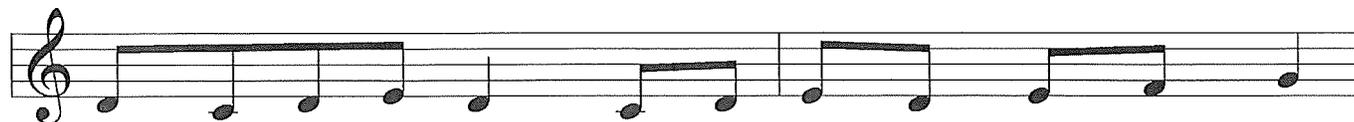
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

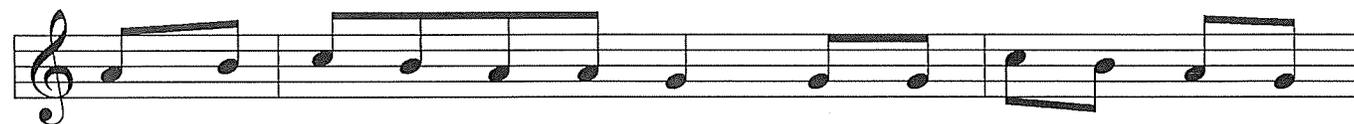
## 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



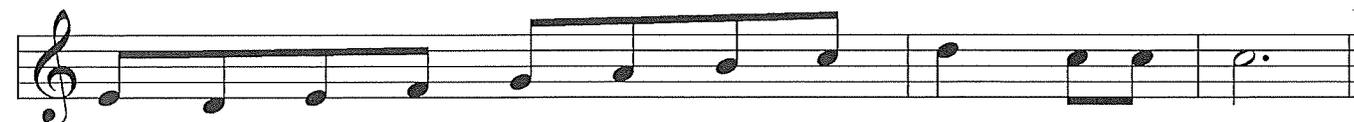
lu - as an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
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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](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; 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](mailto: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.

**94<sup>TH</sup> 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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