



***Behold!  
Your King  
is coming to you,  
righteous and  
having salvation.***



# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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**BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!** Advent is a season of "coming": our Lord came once humbly in human flesh to save us from our sins, He comes to us repeatedly now in His Word and Sacraments to forgive us, and He will come a final time in glory to judge the living and the dead. We are glad that you have come here this day! We welcome you here, and we invite you to come again any time!

**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 Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

### The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

*[The text of the Ten Commandments is from Exodus 20:3, 7, 8, 12-17.]*

### The Close of the Commandments

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." *Exodus 20:5-6*

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

### The Creed

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

#### The First Article

*Creation*

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

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

#### The Second Article

*Redemption*

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.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May

the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **Entrance Hymn**

### 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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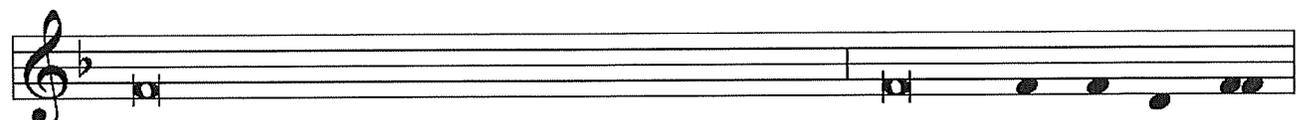
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



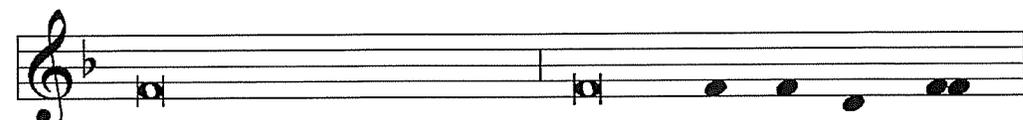
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



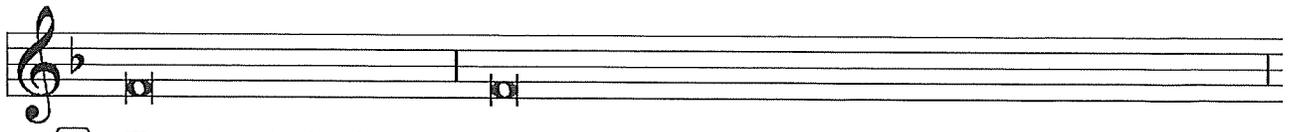
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



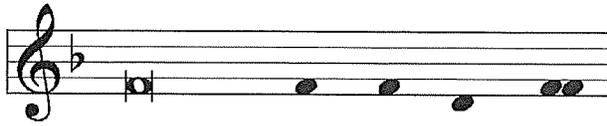
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



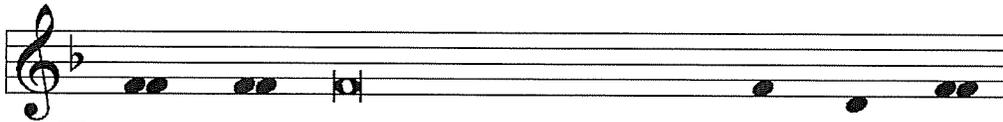
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
...now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

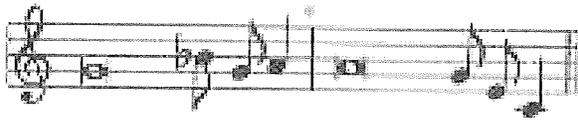
## Psalm

*Psalm 122; antiphon: v.6*

(Sing the Psalm responsively using the tone provided.

The congregation sings the indented and bold portions of the text.

See *LSB* xxvi for how the text and the tone correspond.)



<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*

“May they be secure who | love you!

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they | said to me,\*

“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”

<sup>2</sup>Our feet have been | standing\*

within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a | city\*

that is bound firmly to- | gether,

<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for | Israel,\*

to give thanks to the name | of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>There thrones for judg- | ment were set,\*

the thrones of the house of | David.

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*

“May they be secure who | love you!

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- | in your walls\*

and security within your | towers!”

<sup>8</sup>For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake\*

I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

<sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the | Lord our God,\*

I will | seek your good.

**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.**

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*

“May they be secure who | love you!

## Epistle

*Romans 13:11-14*

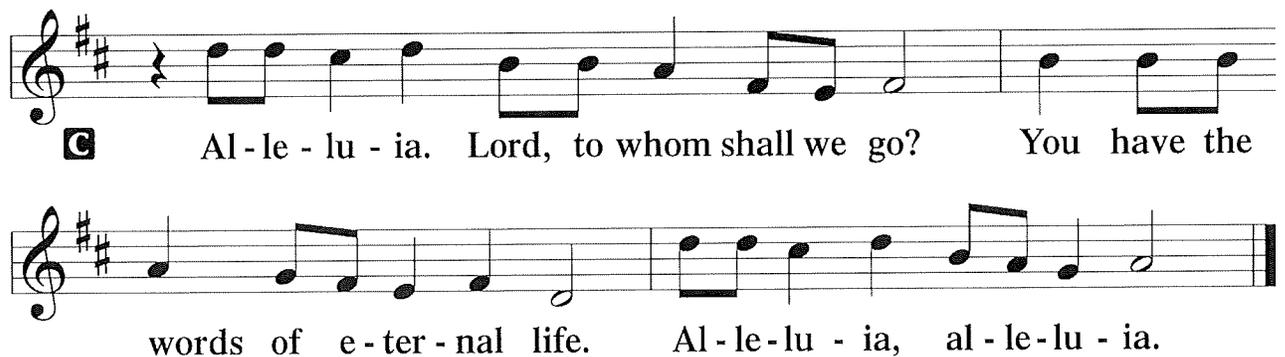
<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse: Common

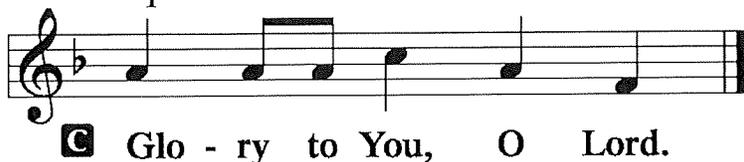


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:1-11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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



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

## Hymn of the Day

### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down  
from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

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

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>A</b> ... Lord, in Your mercy,         | <b>C</b> hear our prayer.  |
| <b>A</b> For ... let us pray to the Lord. | <b>C</b> Lord, have mercy. |

*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

**Offertory**



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



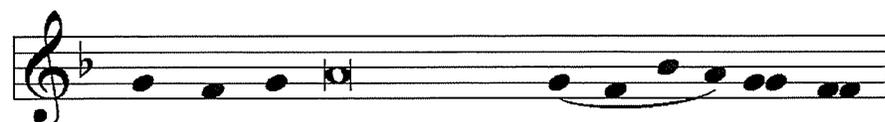
**C** And al - so with you.



**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 . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** 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.”

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## Prayer of Remembrance

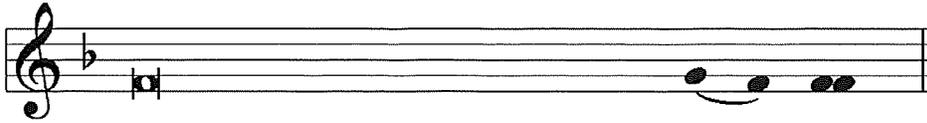
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**☐** 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.**

## Pax Domini

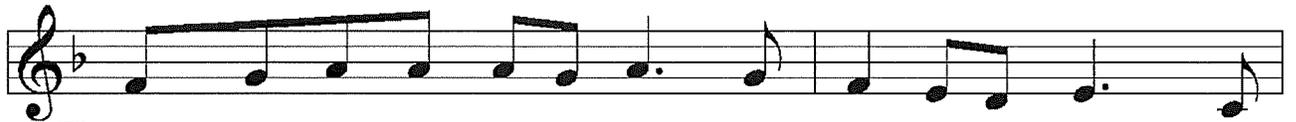


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*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:*

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**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 T in peace.

**C** Amen.

### **Distribution Hymns**

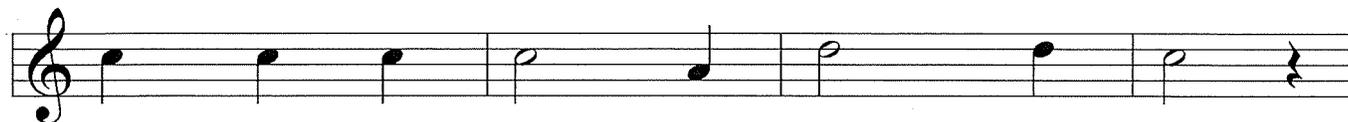
### 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?  
 5 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Sun,



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
 When will You come with com - fort strong?  
 When will our hearts be - hold Your dawn?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;  
 O Sun, a - rise; with - out Your light



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.  
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; / Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
 O come, lead us with mighty hand / From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring / And sing to You, our Savior King;  
 There shall we laud You and adore / Forever and forevermore.

### 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

### 333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour \_\_\_\_\_ When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

## Post-Communion Canticle



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

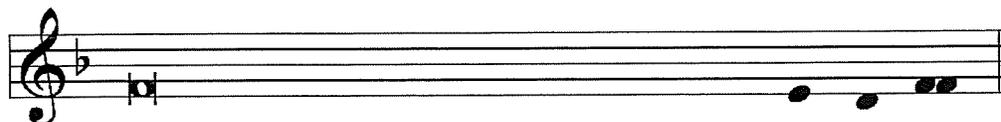
## Post-Communion Collect

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



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



**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.



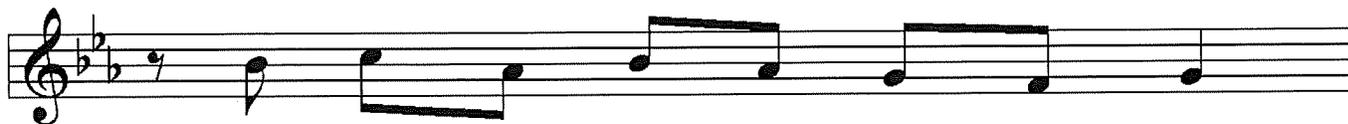
**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

### 351 Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2 Thou, griev - ing that the an - cient curse  
3 Thou cam'st the Bride - groom of the bride,  
4 At whose dread name, ma - jes - tic now,



Thy peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing Light:  
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
As drew the world to e - ven - tide,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;



O Christ, Re - deem - er, save us all  
Hast found the heal - ing, full of grace,  
The spot - less Vic - tim all di - vine  
All things ce - les - tial Thee shall own,



And hear Thy ser - vants when they call.  
To cure and save our ru - ined race.  
Pro - ceed - ing from a vir - gin shrine.  
And things ter - res - trial, Lord a - lone. A - men.

5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread  
To judge the living and the dead,  
Preserve us from the ancient foe  
While still we dwell on earth below.

6 To God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 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 2 students and 1 teacher, for Sunday School; 10 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 participated via Jitsi; and 43 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (27 communed). (Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Midweek Bible Study and Thursday catechesis sessions were not held.)

**THANKS** to all those who helped decorate Pilgrim's float for the Kilgore Christmas Parade; 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:** Being a Gospel-motivated voice for life means loving all our neighbors, regardless of their size, condition, or past. As servants in the Master's house (Matthew 24:43), we not only need to be prepared for Christ's coming (Matthew 24:44; Romans 13:11), but we also should be eager to make all others ready, preaching the Gospel to them, inviting them "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:3), so that they, too, might be brought into the safety of the ark of the holy Church.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once" (Matthew 21:3). Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This facet of stewardship is one we often forget: our being blessed by serving in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using us for His great purposes!

**OFFICIALLY RECEIVED TODAY** by transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas, are Mike and Lana Carter; and from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, Texas, are Nicholas, Lindsey, Emalee, Ava, and Carter Knight. Please welcome them all into the Pilgrim family!

**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 the December edition of Pilgrim’s monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for December and January; Pastor Galler’s recent newspaper columns (including his 11/15 column titled, “You can join the increasing number of adult Bible readers”); 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.

**94<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE:** Please join us in parading and partying! The Parade is this 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. (When we receive lineup information, we will email it out.)

**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

**ADVENT MEALS AND SERVICES:** This Wednesday is the first of three Midweek Advent Soup/Salad Suppers, starting at 6:00 p.m., and Midweek Evening Prayer Services, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to those who have volunteered to provide the meals. Pastor Galler is developing the theme “Angels of Advent” for his midweek sermon series this year, with the first one the angel Gabriel’s appearing to Zechariah.

**“ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY”:** Pilgrim’s Midweek Bible Study is on its annual hiatus for Advent and Christmas but will resume on January 7 with Jonah just out of the great fish! Until then, you can catch up with past sessions online at <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

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**CATECHESIS:** This 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.

**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: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

Hymns: LSB 354, 344, 347, 629, 834, and 832.

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, 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 stay also 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. 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 to discuss Augsburg Confession and Apology Article XIII: Use and Number of Sacraments, *Concordia*, pp.38, 184-186.

**PILGRIM'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, after the Divine Service. Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society will provide meat. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a "White Elephant Gift Exchange" for those who bring such gifts and the return from last year of the exciting "Saran-wrap-ball Game".

**PLACING OF THE GREENS:** Please stay after the Divine Service on Sunday, December 21, in order to help decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society, which would otherwise meet that day, will supply a salad and pizza lunch.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF READINGS AND HYMNS** will be Wednesday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. (note the earlier-than-usual time for a midweek service). This rare non-communion service can be for that reason a good one to invite family and friends to!

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