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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! The Christ Child born on Christmas on the eighth day was circumcised and named “Jesus” because He saves His people from their sins. We gather here in His Name, and He is present with us to give us that forgiveness of sins in His Name through His Word and Sacraments (Matthew 18:20). We invite you to return and so be present with us for every service and activity! We would be honored for you to make Pilgrim 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.

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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

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+++ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +++

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

THIS WEEK: Please remember that there is no Catechesis today and that Pastor Galler's Study Hours will be irregular this week, though you still are welcome to come for Individual Confession and Absolution (see *Lutheran Service Book* 292-293) or for any other reason (to confirm Pastor's availability, text/call 903-984-4333).

COUNCIL REPORTS: Please submit reports for the Fourth Quarter of 2025 and agenda items for the First Quarter Council Meeting to Recording Secretary Rita Whitley by this Sunday, January 4, or as soon as possible, so that the Packet for that Meeting can be distributed and otherwise available before that Meeting on January 25. Thank you!

INSTALLATION OF 2026 COUNCIL AND ELDERS: All those elected for 2026 will be installed this Sunday, January 4, during the Divine Service, *in absentia*, if necessary. Thank you to all those who served in 2025!

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 (with Council and Elders' Installation), followed by "De-greening" and a gathering of "The 15-2 Folk".

Readings: 1 Ki 3:4-15; Ps 119:97-104; Eph 1:3-14; and Lk 2:40-52.

Hymns: LSB 981, 410, 523, 686, 863, and 862.

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

PLEASE HELP "DEGREEN" the Sanctuary after the Christmas II Divine Service this Sunday, January 4, including taking home the poinsettias, so that we are ready for the Epiphany Divine Service on Tuesday, January 6.

"**THE 15-2 FOLK**" will gather this Sunday, January 4, after the Divine Service in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, for heavy snacking and Cribbage playing. All are welcome to stay, even if not playing Cribbage!



***He is called "Jesus"
because He saves
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from their sins.***

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