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**ON THE ELVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS**, we continue to celebrate God's fulfilling His promises to send the Savior, God in human flesh that grew and increased in wisdom. Jesus's birth and life assure us that God fulfills His promises to come to us now in Word and Sacrament and to come again in order to receive us unto Himself. We are glad that you are here this day, and we welcome you to Pilgrim Lutheran Church! Come again any time for Divine Services, for Bible Classes and Studies, and for any of our other activities!

**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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 2026 JANUARY 04  
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

**+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++**

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

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come” (#981)



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

- 5 While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
“I have walked with God today.”

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.



***All who heard  
the twelve-year-old Jesus  
were amazed at His  
understanding and answers.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 04, 2026

**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 4 students, 1 teacher, and 1 adult helper in Sunday School; 11 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, another and 2 people participated via Jitsi; 34 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (24 communed); and 10 people were present in person for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus Divine Service (10 communed). (Midweek Bible Study and Thursday Catechesis were not held due to holy days.)

**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 and Ben Ford, 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; Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own Son (Luke 2:41), to care for our Lord as Jesus mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God adopts us as His own children and promises us an eternal inheritance in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:5, 11). Christians are encouraged to consider and promote adoption as a Godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God's precious children and bring them into His Kingdom.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** "And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'" (Luke 2:49). What a privilege the Lord gives to us by calling us to come to His house! Always being able to come to a place where we know that God is present for us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament to forgive us is not a burden but rather an honor and a blessing. Likewise, the Lord honors and blesses us by allowing us to support the work of His house with our offerings.

**INSTALLATION OF 2026 COUNCIL AND ELDERS:** All those elected for 2026 are installed today during the Divine Service, *in absentia*, if necessary. (The list was published in the November Voters' Packet and will be reprinted in the next Pilgrim Directory.) Thank you to all those who served in 2025!

**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 01/03 column titled, "God, our help in ages past, is our hope for years to come"); the January 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; issue #16 (Autumn 2025) of *Christian Culture: A printed Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College; *Portals of Prayer* for January-March 2026; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for December and January; 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.

**PLEASE HELP "DEGREEN"** the Sanctuary after the Divine Service today, including taking home the poinsettias, so that we are ready for the Epiphany Divine Service this Tuesday, January 6. Thank you!

**"THE 15-2 FOLK"** will gather today 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.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** If you have not already, please submit reports for the Fourth Quarter of 2025 and agenda items for the First Quarter Council Meeting to Recording Secretary Rita Whitley 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!

**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

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD:** Divine Service will be offered this Tuesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. Let also us come to worship the One born King of the Jews!

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**"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY":** Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. with Jonah 3:1-3 and 4-10. All of the prophetic books testify that everyone who believes in Jesus receives life in His Name (Acts 10:42-43). All people are welcome to participate in the Study, either in-person in the Conference Room/Library or on-line via Jitsi. For more information and for the handouts and audio and video files from past sessions, see <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

**CATECHESIS:** This Thursday, January 8, 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.

Readings: Is 42:1-9; Ps 29:1-11; Ro 6:1-11; and Mt 3:13-17.

Hymns: LSB 402, 406, 537, 601, 398, and 401.

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

**JANUARY ELDERS' MEETING:** Due to the Epiphany Divine Service and Pastor Galler's vacation, Pilgrim's Board of Elders in December voted to forego what would be its next regular Meeting on January 13. If circumstances warrant, a briefer, special-purpose meeting will be held at another time. Please let Pastor Galler, your Elder, or one of the other Elders know if there is something that you think needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

**RIGHT TO LIFE 2026 ESSAY CONTEST:** Graduating high-school seniors are invited to write a 300-500 word essay on one pro-life topic. The deadline for submissions is February 1. More information is in the Church Office or online at <http://righttolifeofeastexas.org/>.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE** on the committee organizing the celebration of Pilgrim's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2027? Some volunteers are in place, but others are needed and welcome! Please pray about it and speak either to President Don Gibson or to Pastor Galler.

**ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS:** Although Pilgrim does not pay to receive electronic offerings, some electronic donors use their financial institution's "bill pay", employer's EFT/ACH (Electronic Funds Transfer/Automatic Clearing House transactions), or Zelle ([www.zellepay.com](http://www.zellepay.com)).

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