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“GOD IN FLESH MADE MANIFEST!” Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church, where the Divine nature is revealed today in the Man Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins, just as it was revealed once by a star, at Jordan’s stream, at a wedding in Cana, in a Nazareth synagogue, Capernaum home, and the Mount of Transfiguration. (See LSB 394.) We are glad that you are here this day and 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 Δ 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.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 2026 JANUARY 11
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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

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 For ... let us pray to the Lord:  **Lord have mercy**
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+++ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +++



***From God the Father, virgin born
To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate,
The faithful to regenerate.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 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, 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 0 students but 1 teacher prepared for Sunday School; 14 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, another 1 person participated via Jitsi; 44 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (35 communed); 14 people were present in person for the Epiphany of Our Lord Divine Service (11 communed); 5 people were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, another 4 people participated via Jitsi; and three catechumens participated via Jitsi in Thursday-afternoon Catechesis. (The catechumens for Thursday-evening catechesis were not available this past week.)

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: Jesus was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15), that all whom God created and gave breath to (Isaiah 42:5) might be baptized into His death and resurrection and have everlasting life (Romans 6:4-5). Living in that new life in Christ and dying to sin (Romans 6:7-8) means that we are to cherish all life the way that God does, caring about our neighbor's physical life and wellbeing, as well as his or her everlasting life in Christ.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness'" (Matthew 3:15). The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. In His Baptism, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up, so that, in our Baptism, we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus's life, everything that He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our place to fulfill all righteousness for us.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED: If people know the Athanasian Creed at all, many probably know it from its use only on Trinity Sunday, but, earlier in church history, the Athanasian Creed was used more frequently. To confess the Athanasian Creed nearly once each quarter, Pilgrim confesses it on the Baptism of Our Lord, on The Transfiguration of Our Lord, on Trinity Sunday, and on Reformation Day. The Athanasian Creed's use today on the Baptism of Our Lord is particularly appropriate, as the three Blessed Persons of the one Holy Trinity are especially manifest at Jesus's Baptism.

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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.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's first week of his 2026 vacation begins after the Divine Service today and continues through midday Tuesday, January 20. An Elder will monitor the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor if needed. (Due to Pastor's vacation, Midweek Bible Study and Catechesis will not meet this week.)

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 this Tuesday. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("The Reliability of the Bible as the Very Word of God"); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, followed by a gathering of Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society.

Readings: Ac 4:8-13; Ps 118:19-29; 2 Pe 1:1-15; and Mk 8:27-35.

Hymns: LSB 912, 512, 557, 596, 517 (with st.10), and 753.

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

"THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE AS THE VERY WORD OF GOD": If someone were to ask you, "Why is the Bible important?" Maybe your answer would be "Because the Bible is truly the Word of God," or "Because the Bible is inspired by God," or "Because the Bible is the source of absolute truth." However, can you back up your claims? Do you have enough evidence to support those assertions? Knowing *why* we believe *what* we believe is important. Join Rev. Adler as he leads a look at "The Reliability of the Bible as the Very Word of God" next Sunday, January 18, in Adult Bible Class.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next Sunday, January 18, after the Divine Service, for lunch and cleaning. All women are invited and welcome! (On February 15, the Society will continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on Elizabeth.)

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council is scheduled to have its regular First-Quarter Meeting on Sunday, January 25, after the Divine Service. The Packet with the working agenda and reports should have been distributed electronically to Pilgrim's members and should be available in hardcopy in the Narthex. Even though only Council Members can vote in Council Meetings, everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend and to join in the discussion. The Council makes some decisions and recommends other decisions to the Voters' Assembly. Humanly speaking, our participation in the administration of Pilgrim's secular affairs is necessary for its survival, and, spiritually speaking, our participation is fruit of our faith.

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://righttolifeofeasttexas.org/>.

"WALKING TOGETHER": Please plan to attend the Open Forum on Sunday, February 8, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall (remote participation via Jitsi should be available). Before then, please review both the September 26, 2025, "Options" mailing and the November 23, 2025, "FAQ" mailing that you should have received (additional copies are available from the Church Office upon request). If you missed or want to review any of the Special Congregational Studies, handouts and audio and video files are available online at www.pilgrimc.org/bible-studies/walking-together.

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