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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! Today is a “white” festival on what would otherwise be a “green” Sunday after Epiphany. As the Epiphany season emphasizes God’s revealing Himself in the human flesh of Jesus, so the confession of St. Peter celebrated this day can be seen as a result of that revelation. We are glad that you are here this day, and we invite you to come again any time. You are also welcome by your church membership to join the congregation in its confession of Jesus as the Christ!

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.

CONFESSION OF ST. PETER 2026 JANUARY 18
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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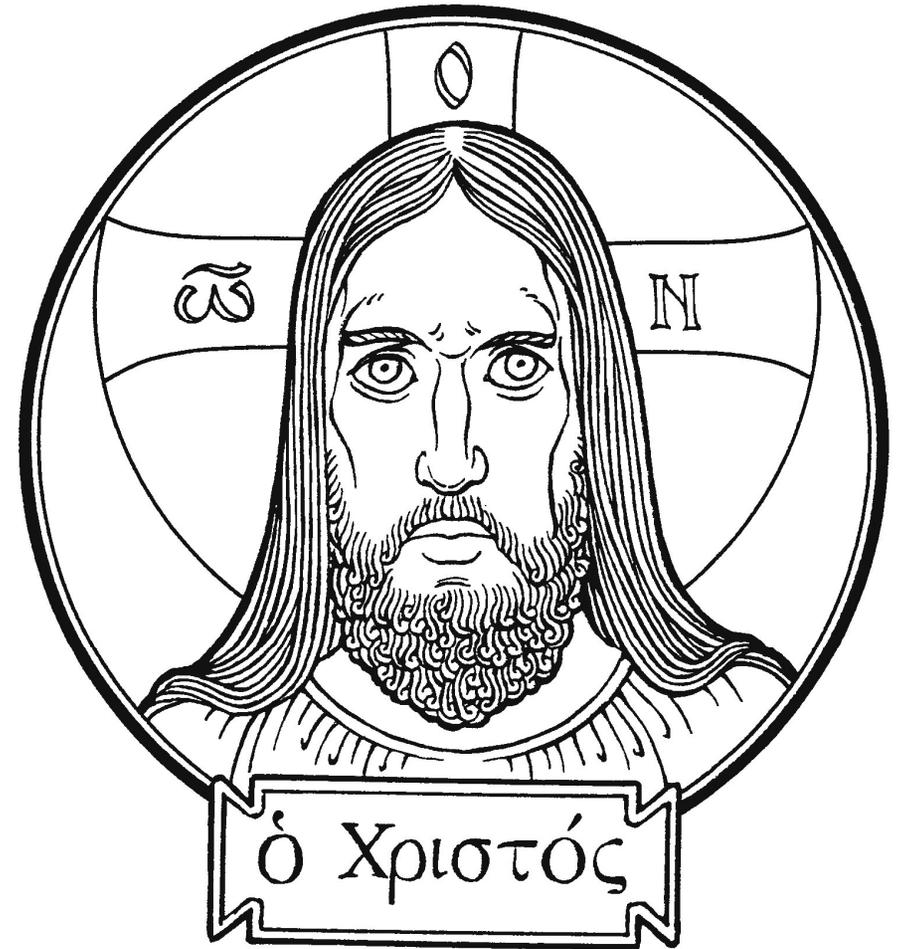
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+++ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +++



***As Peter confessed Jesus,
so also we confess Him
to be the Christ.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 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; 12 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, another 2 people participated via Jitsi; and 35 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (33 communed). (Midweek Bible Study and Thursday afternoon and evening Catechesis. were not held this past week due to Pastor Galler's vacation.)

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.

SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST SERVICE: On this third Sunday of the month, our usual accompanist Elaine Navaille rests her hands, and we keep up our familiarity with using the Substitute Organist Service. Remember that there are short introductions to some liturgical pieces, that we hear the Psalm tone once at the beginning and then sing it *a capella*, and that any Amens added to hymn stanzas marked with \triangle will also be sung *a capella*.

SERVING TODAY: The Rev. David L. Adler, Guest Pastor; Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty; and Joy McHargue, Substitute Organist Service Operator.

LIFE THOUGHTS: Peter answered the Sanhedrin's question by declaring that the crippled man was healed in Jesus's Name (Acts 4:8-13). The miracle then gave authority to the disciples' teaching about Jesus and helped create faith in Jesus, but the miracle also still shows God's regard for all human beings, regardless of their ability or age. We also value all human life and know that believers' physical disabilities will be eliminated with the glorification of their bodies on the Last Day.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Peter writes that God's Divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:1-15). When God forgives our sins, He transforms us, and, as Peter describes, our good qualities should increase, so much so that, Peter says, if we lack the good qualities we must have forgotten that we were cleansed from our former sins. So, we practice them until by grace we enter the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

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

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's first week of his 2026 vacation continues through midday Tuesday, January 20. An Elder will monitor the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor if needed.

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 or text/call 903-984-4333). For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Galler

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. with Jonah 4:1-3 and 4-11. 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 22, 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.

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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"), followed by Pilgrim's regular First-Quarter Council Meeting.

Readings: Ac 9:1-22; Ps 67; Gal 1:11-24; and Mt 19:27-30.

Hymns: LSB 560, 611, 573, 753, 517 (with st.12), and 701.

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

"LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY": Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next Sunday, January 25, 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).

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.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together.

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