

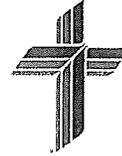
***As Peter confessed Jesus,  
so also we confess Him  
to be the Christ.***



## Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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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  $\Delta$  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.*

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

### The Third Article

#### *Sanctification*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### *What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.*

#### The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

*Our Father in heaven.*

#### *What does this mean?*

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

#### The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

*Hallowed be Your name.*

#### *What does this mean?*

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

#### *How is God's name kept holy?*

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone

who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

### **The Second Petition**

Thy kingdom come.  
*Your kingdom come.*

*What does this mean?*

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?*

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

### **The Third Petition**

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Your will be done on earth as in heaven.*

*What does this mean?*

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?*

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

### **The Fourth Petition**

Give us this day our daily bread.  
*Give us today our daily bread.*

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

### **The Fifth Petition**

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

### **The Sixth Petition**

And lead us not into temptation.  
*Lead us not into temptation.*

*What does this mean?*

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

### **The Seventh Petition**

But deliver us from evil.  
*But deliver us from evil.*

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us

## 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**

## 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



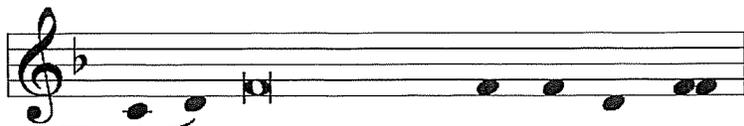
With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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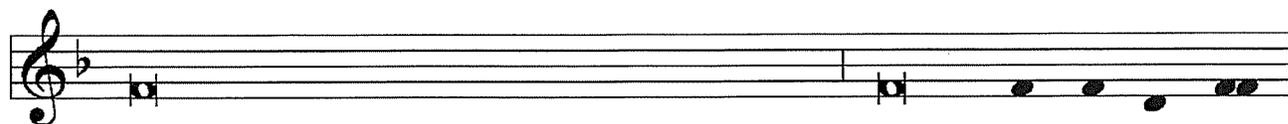
# Kyrie



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



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



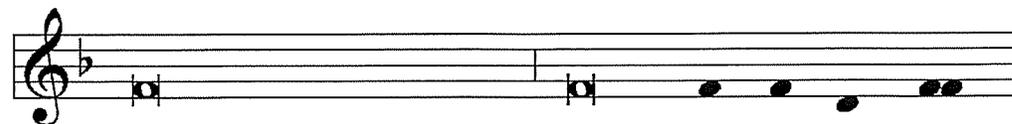
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



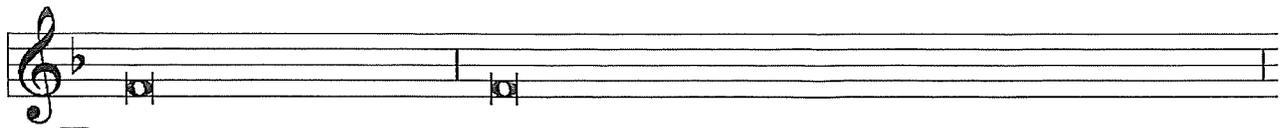
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



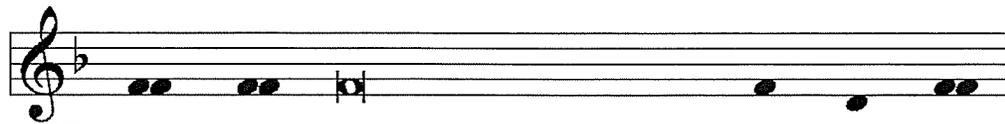
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. 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>22</sup>The stone that the builders re- | jected\*  
has become the | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD'S | doing;\*  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\*  
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*  
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.\*  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;\*  
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

<sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

**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>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*  
We bless you from the house | of the LORD

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:1-15*

<sup>1</sup>Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours  
by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of  
God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to  
life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us  
to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us  
his precious and very great promises, so that through them you

may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup>I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup>since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

**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

Mark 8:27-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



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

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

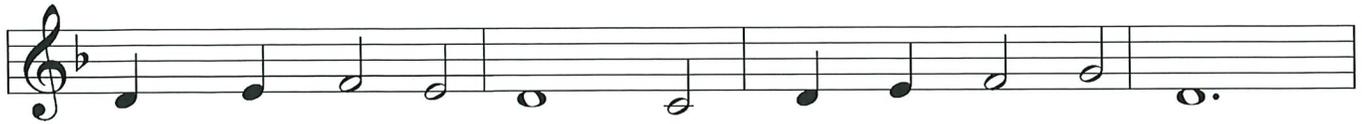
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

## Hymn of the Day

## 512 At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name  
4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,  
5 In your hearts en - throne Him; There let Him sub - due



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.  
All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,  
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,  
Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,  
All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true:



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,  
Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,  
Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,  
To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,  
Crown Him as your cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.  
All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.  
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;  
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.  
Let His will en - fold you In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again  
In His Father's glory,  
With His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

 7 Glory then to Jesus  
Who, the Prince of light  
To a world in darkness  
Brought the gift of sight;  
Praise to God the Father;  
In the Spirit's love  
Praise we all together  
Him who reigns above.

*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:*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ... Lord, in Your mercy,         | <input type="checkbox"/> hear our prayer.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For ... let us pray to the Lord. | <input type="checkbox"/> Lord, have mercy. |

*Sit*

### Offering



# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



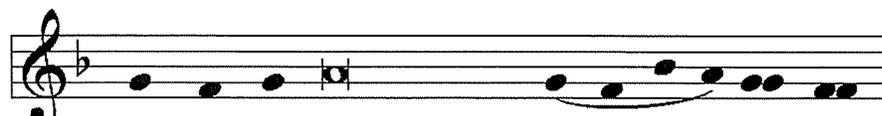
**C** And al - so with you.



**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)

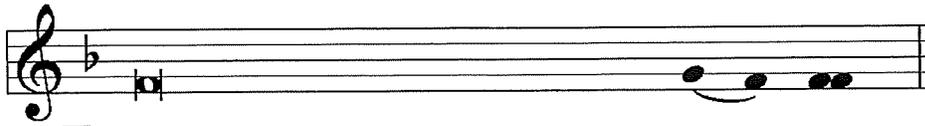
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final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



**C** 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.

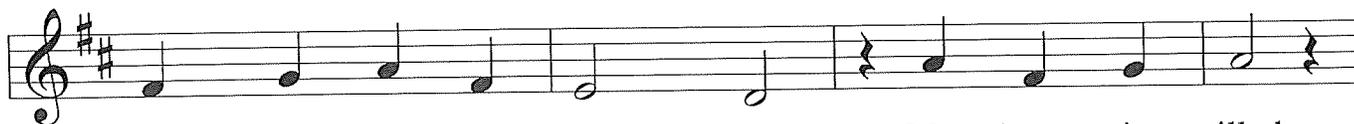
**C** Amen.

### Distribution Hymns

## 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That  
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None  
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who  
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,  
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;  
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,  
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.  
 This man pre - vailed, The God-man and none oth - er,  
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.  
 Nor for-tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws  
 Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied  
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart  
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.  
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.  
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

## 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-  
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And  
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

## 753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have  
 2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good  
 3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -  
 4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this  
 5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its  
 thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at  
 plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through  
 be the day I die, God will keep my  
 clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped



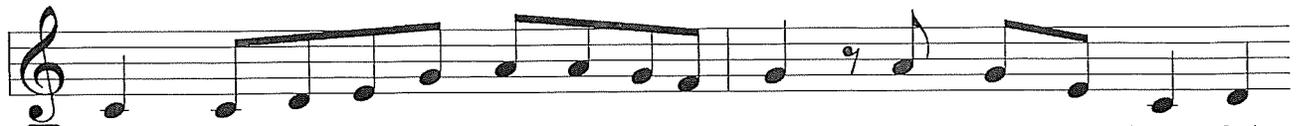
fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.  
 peace I fol - low Where He leads me ... why look back?  
 death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.  
 spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.  
 path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

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## Post-Communion Canticle



**C** 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.

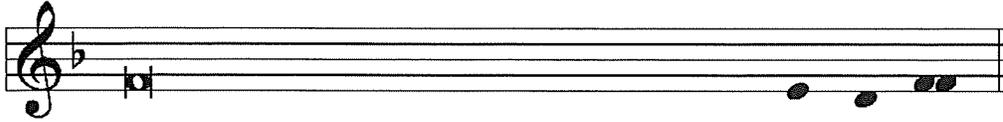
## Post-Communion Collect

**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

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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](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 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](mailto: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](http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together).

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