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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 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 for any of our 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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 2026 FEBRUARY 15  
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 +++**



***Jesus was transfigured,  
Moses and Elijah appeared,  
a cloud overshadowed,  
and a voice spoke.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 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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**“WALKING TOGETHER”:** Thank you to those who participated in the “Options” Open Forum last Sunday! With the Special Voters’ Meeting on those Options presently scheduled for April 12, all are encouraged to review the following: the Special Congregational Studies (available online at [www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together](http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together)); the September 26, 2025, “Options” mailing; the November 23, 2025, “FAQ” mailing (copies are available from the Church Office upon request); the Forum audio or video, if they missed it (available on Pilgrim’s website); to direct their comments and questions to their Elder, to any other Elder, or to Pastor Galler; and to pray for God’s wisdom and guidance through this process.

**LAST WEEK:** 0 students were present for Sunday School, but 1 teacher was prepared; 14 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and another 1 participated via Jitsi; 50 people were present in-person for Sunday Divine Service (42 communed); 22 people were present in-person for the Open Forum on Walking Together “Options”; 3 people were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, another 5 participated via Jitsi; and 3 catechumens were present in-person for Thursday-evening catechesis. (The catechumens never connected via Jitsi for Thursday-afternoon Catechesis.)

**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; Don Gibson, Elder on Duty; and Joy McHargue, Substitute Organist Service operator.

**SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST SERVICE:** On this third Sunday of the month), our usual accompanist Elaine Navaille rests her hands, and we stay familiar 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* after the music ends.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** In The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-9), we see God’s glory hidden in the human flesh of Jesus. What a great reminder that God can and does work glorious things through that which the world views as shameful. God, Who restores the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, severe disabilities, and terminal illnesses. Instead of turning

to death in such cases, we should look for ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will for glorious life!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only” (Matthew 17:8). Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background, as it were. With our eyes fixed on Jesus and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into the right perspective. Jesus is primary, and all else secondary.

**THE ATHANASIAN CREED** was used more than once each year earlier in Church history frequently and is used four times each Church year at Pilgrim. The Athanasian Creed’s use today on the Transfiguration of Our Lord is particularly appropriate, as from the transfigured Jesus we get a glimpse of the glory that the Son shares equally with both the Father and the Holy Spirit and eventually also with us.

**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 02/07 column titled, “We cannot save ourselves”); the February 2026 edition of Pilgrim’s monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for February and March; the latest Church Directory (dated 2026/01/22 on light-blue paper); *Portals of Prayer* for January-March 2026; issue #16 (Autumn 2025) of *Christian Culture: A printed Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College; 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, February 15, after the Divine Service, for lunch and to continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on Elizabeth. All women are invited and welcome!

**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

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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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Divine Service will be offered this Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m., with the option to receive the Imposition of Ashes as a reminder that we *are* dust and *will return to dust* (Genesis 3:19).

**“ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY”:** Pilgrim’s Midweek Bible Study is on hiatus for Lent until Wednesday, April 08, at 7:00 p.m., when it will continue with Amos 2:4-16. Until then, you can catch-up on past sessions at <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

**CATECHESIS:** This Thursday, February 19, Pastor Galler will continue both the youth class starting at 4:15 p.m. via Jitsi and the family class starting at 7:30 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library.

**“LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY”:** Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next Sunday, February 22, 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).

**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, followed by “Loose Change Sunday.

Readings: Gen 3:1-21; Ps 32:1-7; Ro 5:12-19; and Mt 4:1-11.

Hymns: LSB 814, 656, 572, 521, 714, and 424.

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

**“SOUP AND SERMON” AT ST. LUKE’S METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Galler will be the presenter Wednesday, February 25. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. (the church is at 401 E. Main, Kilgore). All are welcome to attend.

**MIDWEEK LENT SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS:** Again this year Pilgrim will be having 6:00 p.m. Soup/Salad Suppers before the five Midweek Lenten Vespers Services (February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, and 25). If you (and maybe a partner) are willing to provide and serve one of the meals, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or otherwise get with Inreach Coordinator Joy McHargue.

**CIRCUIT #14 PASTORS’ MEETING:** The February meeting of Circuit #14’s pastors is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, in Longview.

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