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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! Though the liturgy and hymns on the Sundays that fall in the penitential season of Lent are more subdued and solemn, nevertheless we are glad that you are here with us as we receive God's forgiveness in Word and Sacrament and prepare to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Please come again soon, join us for all of our other activities, seek out our pastor for spiritual direction, and, if you do not already have a church home, make Pilgrim your church home!

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

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+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

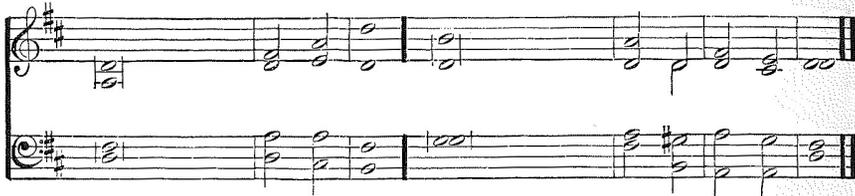
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+++ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +++

Levavi Oculos

Psalm 121

John F. Burrowes, † 1852



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| 1 | I will lift up mine eyes un- | to the hills | from whence | com-eth | my help. |
| 2 | My help cometh - | from the Lord, | who hath - | made heaven and earth. | |
| 3 | He will not suffer thy - | foot to be moved: | He that keepeth thee - | will not slumber. | |
| 4 | Behold, He that keepeth - | Is-ra-el | shall - | neither slumber nor sleep. | |
| 5 | The Lord is thy - | Keep-er: | the Lord is thy | Shade up- on thy right hand. | |
| 6 | The sun shall not smite - | thee by day | nor the - | moon by night. | |
| 7 | The Lord shall pre-serve thee - | from all evil: | He - | shall serve thy soul. | |
| 8 | The Lord shall pre-serve thy going out and thy - | coming in | from this time forth and - | even for- ev-er- more. | |
| 9 | Glory be to the Father and - | to the Son | and - | to the Ho-ly Ghost; | |
| 10 | As it was in the be-ginning, is now, and | ever shall | be, world without - | end. A- men. | |



**Unless one is born
of water and the Spirit,
one cannot enter
the Kingdom of God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 03, 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: 1 teacher was prepared for Sunday School; 12 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and another 2 participated via Jitsi; 40 people were present in-person for Sunday Divine Service (32 communed); 14 people were present in-person for Midweek Lenten Vespers, and another 2 people streamed the service live via YouTube; and 2 catechumens and 2 others connected via Jitsi for Thursday-afternoon Catechesis. (The catechumens did not make Thursday-evening catechesis due to illness.)

THANKS to all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; to Rev. Adler for the use of his chasubles; to Gayle Gardner for providing the Soup/Salad Supper this past Wednesday; 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; Carl Gardner, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: The LORD promised to make Abram a blessing, and in Abram's descendant Jesus Christ, all the families of the earth are truly blessed (Genesis 12:1-9). Truly blessed is every person against whom the Lord does not count sin (Romans 4:1-8, 13-17). A person's dignity and value are not found in a person's own qualities, such as age or ability, but in the Lord's love and redeeming work through the lifting up His Son on the cross received in Holy-Spirit-created faith (John 3:1-17).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Abraham believed God, and his God-given faith was counted to him as righteousness (Romans 4:1-8, 13-17, citing Genesis 15:6). The one who works' wages are his due, and the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23). As we share in the faith of Abraham, we share in his blessing, and, like Abraham, we can be a blessing to others (Genesis 12:1-9). We can share with others the Good News of the Gospel, and we can share with others the abundance of God's material blessings.

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 the March 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; *Portals of Prayer* for April-June 2026; Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 02/21 column titled, "Jesus's Passion fulfilled prophecies for you"); the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for February and March; the latest Church Directory (dated 2026/01/22 on light-blue paper); 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.

"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.

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.

MIDWEEK LENT SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS: This Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. is our second of five Soup/Salad Suppers. If you (and maybe a partner) are willing to provide and serve such a Supper on either 3/11 or 3/25, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or otherwise get with Inreach Coordinator Joy McHargue.

MIDWEEK LENTEN VESPERS: All are invited and welcome to join us Wednesday for the second of five Midweek Lenten Vespers Services at 7:00 p.m., including the praying of a penitential Psalm and the Great Litany, the reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, and a Special Sermon Series titled, "St. Matthew's account of Jesus's Passion's fulfilling prophecy", this week focusing on Zechariah 13:7 and Matthew 26:31, 54, and 56. (You can find the handout and audio of the overview of the Sermon Series that Pastor gave at St. Luke's Methodist Church this past Wednesday linked online at the end of the first paragraph of the following page www.pilgrimlc.org/lent-2026.)

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CATECHESIS: This Thursday Pastor Galler continues 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.

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: Ex 17:1-7; Ps 95:1-9; Ro 5:1-8; and Jn 4:5-30, 39-42.

Hymns: LSB 902, 823, 597, 437, 423, and TLH 422.

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

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. If you have an item of concern that the Elders should address, please share it with Pastor Galler, your Elder, or one of the other Elders before then. Elders will please come having read and being prepared to discuss Augsburg Confession and Apology Article XV: Church Ceremonies/Human Traditions in the Church, *Concordia*, pp.39, 187-194.

BE THE EASTER BUNNY'S HELPERS: Please donate plastic Easter Eggs of medium and larger sizes and especially things healthier than candy with which to fill the Eggs, such as small toys, stickers, and currency. Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society will likely stuff the Eggs at its March 15 Gathering, before the April 5 Egg Hunts. Your contributions of Eggs and stuffings can be placed at any time in the Mary/Martha Society Room (Sunday School Room #4 in the Parish Hall).

CELEBRATE LIFE: Right to Life of East Texas will have its annual Celebrate Life banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday, March 28, in Longview. Reservations are requested by March 18; visit www.rtlet.org.

"WALKING TOGETHER": With a Special Voters' Meeting presently scheduled for April 12, all are encouraged to review the Special Congregational Studies (available online at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together); the September 26, 2025, "Options" mailing; the November 23, 2025, "FAQ" mailing (if needed, copies of those two mailings may be requested from the Church Office); and the February 8 "Open Forum" audio or video (available on the right-hand side of any page on Pilgrim's website). Please direct comments and questions to your Elder, any other Elder, or Pastor Galler; and also pray for God's wisdom and guidance through this process.

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