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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

Catechesis Section 1 The Lord's Prayer (The Seventh Petition) 324-325
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" **902**
Kyrie 152-153

(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during penitential seasons such as Lent.)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (& additional Collect for Lent) 156

Old Testament (& Response): Exodus 17:1-7 156

Psalm 95:1-9 (antiphon: v.6)  **95**

(Chant the Psalm responsively: the congregation sings the indented and bold portions.

The indicated antiphon is sung both before the Psalm and after the *Gloria Patri*.)

Epistle (& Response): Romans 5:1-8 156

Alleluia and Verse: Lent 157

Holy Gospel (& Responses): John 4:5-30, 39-42 157

Hymn of the Day: "May God Bestow on Us His Grace" **823**

(Since the hymn text already includes an "Amen", no additional "Amen" is sung.)

Sermon

Nicene Creed 158

Prayer of the Church, Offering, & Offertory 159-160

 ... Lord, in your mercy:  **Hear our prayer.**

(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex before the Service are brought forward here.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Words of Our Lord, Proclamation of Christ, (Prayer of Remembrance,) Lord's Prayer, Pax Domini, & Agnus Dei

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"Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying" **597**

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" **437**

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" **423**

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Closing Hymn: "Savior, I Follow On" **Back Cover**

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

Savior, I Follow On

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1 Sav - ior, I fol - low on, Guid - ed by Thee,
2 Riv - en the rock for me Thirst to re - lieve,
3 Of - ten to Ma - rah's brink Have I been brought;
4 Sav - ior, I long to walk Clos - er with Thee;



See - ing not yet the hand That lead - eth me.
Man - na from heav - en falls Fresh ev - 'ry eve.
Shrink - ing the cup to drink, Help I have sought;
Led by Thy guid - ing hand, Ev - er to be



Hushed be my heart and still, Fear I no fur - ther ill,
Nev - er a want se - vere Caus - eth my eye a tear
And with the prayer's as - cent Je - sus the branch hath rent,
Con - stant - ly near Thy side, Quick - ened and pu - ri - fied,



On - ly to meet Thy will My will shall be.
But Thou dost whis - per near, "On - ly be - lieve."
Quick - ly re - lief hath sent, Sweet - ning the draught.
Liv - ing for Him who died Free - ly for me.



***The water I give becomes
a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 08, 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 1 participated via Jitsi; 32 people were present in-person for Divine Service (28 communed), and another 7 people streamed the Service live via YouTube; 14 people were present in-person for Midweek Lenten Vespers, and another 2 people streamed the service live via YouTube; 3 catechumens and 2 others connected via Jitsi for Thursday-afternoon Catechesis; and 3 catechumens were present in-person for Thursday-evening 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 Debbie Shockley 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 world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we "can rejoice in our sufferings" (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, "let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who "died for us" (Romans 5:8).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?'" (Exodus 17:3). Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He cares for us. We can give, and He will provide.

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 03/07 column titled, "Epic Fury' is not a 'Holy War'"); the March 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; *Portals of Prayer* for April-June 2026; 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.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION: The LeBlancs' ZIP Code is 75785-4516.

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.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for this 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.

MIDWEEK LENT SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS: This Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. is our third of five Soup/Salad Suppers. Thank you to those who have provided and will provide these meals!

MIDWEEK LENTEN VESPERS: All are invited and welcome to join us Wednesday for the third 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 St. Matthew's account of Jesus's Passion, and a Special Sermon Series titled, "St. Matthew's account of Jesus's Passion's fulfilling prophecy", this week focusing on Matthew 26:34 and 27:75.

CATECHESIS: Although the afternoon Jitsi youth class will be on Spring Break this Thursday, the evening in-person family class will meet starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

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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 Gathering next Sunday, March 15, before the April 5 Egg Hunts. Your contributions of Eggs and stuffings can be placed at any time in the Mary/Martha Society Room.

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 a gathering of Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society.

Readings: Isaiah 42:14-21; Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

Hymns: LSB 914, 972, 420, 422, 425, 646.

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

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next Sunday, March 15, after the Divine Service, for lunch and to stuff plastic eggs for the Hunts on Easter Sunday. (On April 19, the Society will continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on the Virgin Mary.) All women are invited and welcome!

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.

IF YOU CAN HELP with refreshments and lunch on March 26 when Pilgrim hosts the Circuit #14 Pastors, please speak to Debbie Shockley.

"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.

"THE VOCATIONS OF MAN" is the theme for a Texas Lutheran Men's Conference scheduled for April 17-19, 2026, in LaGrange, Texas. For more information and registration, visit www.stpaulaustin.org/retreat2026/.

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