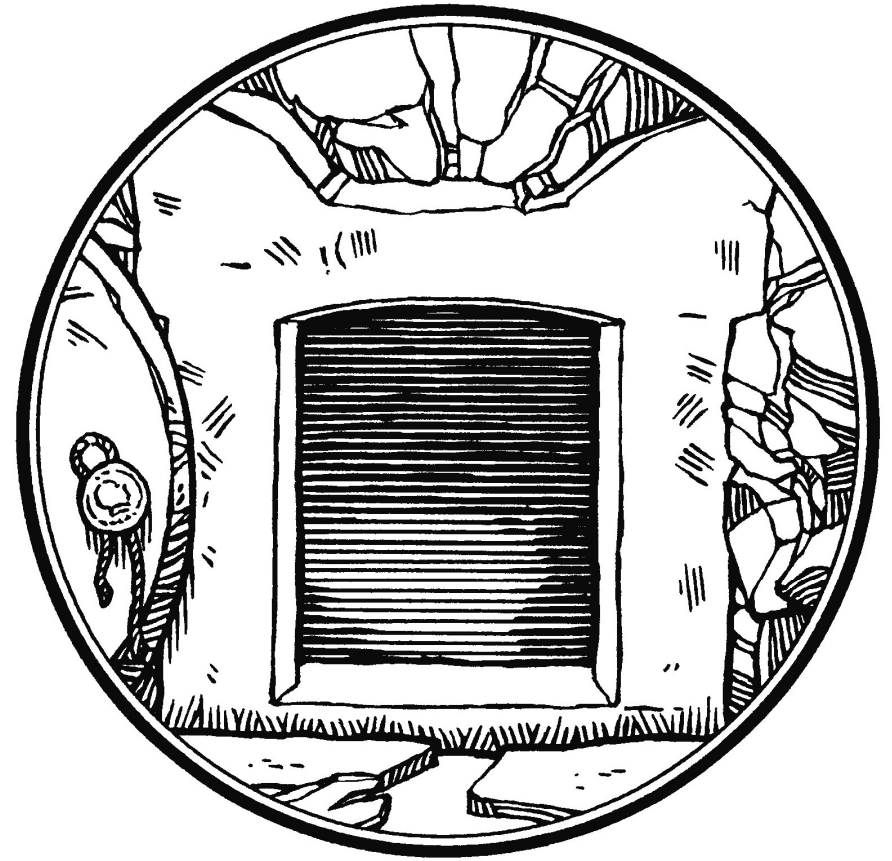


ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE: Today's order of service reflects some changes, both because Lent is over and due to the special nature of today's festival. For example, the customary preparatory rite of corporate confession is omitted on this joyous festival day, in part because the penitential season of Lent itself serves as preparation for the celebration of Easter. (Everyone is nevertheless encouraged to be properly prepared. Dr. Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp.329-330 in *Lutheran Service Book* are an appropriate tool for such self-preparation.) The joyous word "Alleluia!" (from the Greek form of the Hebrew "Hallelujah!", meaning "Praise the Lord!") returns from being put away for Lent. The Hymn of Praise also returns, in this case the hymn "This Is the Feast". In addition, this morning, as is the custom on higher feasts, Sequence Hymns are used between the readings, as expanded forms of the Psalm and Alleluia and Verse. (Our usual pre-service Catechesis will return next week.)



***Do not be afraid!
Christ has risen!***

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ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! He is risen indeed, alleluia! That ancient exchange of greetings on Easter morning says it all and so is often used throughout the Easter season. You are especially welcome to our chief Divine Service this Easter Day, the Church's highest festival of the year! We are glad that you are here and invite you to be present with us each and every Sunday. You are also welcome to any of our congregation's other 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 △ 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 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

2026 APRIL 05

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

+++ **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** +++

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn:	"Hail Thee, Festival Day"	489
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+++ **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY** +++

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 05, 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: 4 students, 1 teacher, and 1 adult helper were in Sunday School; 14 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 participated via Jitsi; 43 people were present in-person for the Palm Sunday Divine Service (33 communed), and 5 devices streamed that Service live via YouTube; 21 people were present in-person for the Holy (Maundy) Thursday Divine Service, and 1 device streamed that service live via YouTube; 28 people were present for the Good Friday Divine Service (24 communed), and 3 devices streamed that service via YouTube. (Due to Holy Week, Midweek Bible Study and Thursday catechesis was not held.)

THANKS to the men who provided and served the Easter and all those involved in any way with the Egg Hunt; 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 improving the Easter banner and caring for the Easter Lilies; to Remo Gualtieri and Ben Ford, and all those helping with the video and audio for classes and services; and to Ellen Menconi for picking up the Easter Lilies and her Church Office work.

SERVING TODAY: The Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, Pastor; Jeromy McMurray, Elder on Duty; Elaine Navaille, Pianist; and Nic Worsham, Trumpetist.

LIFE THOUGHTS: The Easter message that Christ has risen drives out fear (Matthew 28:1-10). Everyone from Mothers with unplanned pregnancies to individuals with deteriorating health and their family members can not be afraid but respond with a resounding Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: We have been raised with Christ in our baptisms, and so we seek and set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth (Colossians 3:1-4). How does that perspective impact what we do with the material blessings we receive from God?

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 04/04 column titled, "As Jews watched for Passover, Christians watch for Easter"); the April 2026 edition of

Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for April and May; Pilgrim's Constitution, Bylaws, and updated Standing Rules; *Portals of Prayer* for April-June 2026; 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.

VOTER AUDIT: In preparation for the Special Voters' Meeting next Sunday, April 12, after the Divine Service and a Congregational Meal, Pilgrim's immediately-past Recording Secretary Joy McHargue and Pastor Galler went through both the records in order to compile a list of voting members and those who still need to sign the new Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, and in some cases also be approved as voting members by the Voters' Assembly before they can vote. The status list was emailed to all members and is available in the Narthex. If you think there are any errors, in your case or someone else's, please speak to current Pilgrim Recording Secretary Rita Whitley. The audit was not to disenfranchise anyone but to do everything decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40).

COUNCIL REPORTS: If not already submitted, please submit reports from the First Quarter of 2026 and agenda items for the Second-Quarter Council Meeting to Recording Secretary Rita Whitley today or as soon as possible, so that the Meeting's Packet can be distributed and otherwise available well before that April 26 Council Meeting.

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, April 08, at 7:00 p.m. with Amos 2:4-16. 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>.

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CATECHESIS will be held this Thursday, April 24: the afternoon youth Class will connect via Jitsi starting at 4:15 p.m., and the evening family class will meet in-person in the Conference Room/Library starting at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("Basic Bible Accounts"); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, followed by a Congregational Meal and a Special Voters' Meeting.

Readings: Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148, 1 Peter 1:3-9; and John 20:19-31.

Hymns: LSB 481, 471, 484, 480, 421, and 464.

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

"BASIC BIBLE ACCOUNTS": Next Sunday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m., Pilgrim's Sunday morning Adult Bible Class will begin considering "just the facts, ma'm" about essential Bible "stories" starting at Creation, with each session covering one lesson. The course is intended to help improve everyone's Biblical "literacy". If you have not regularly been attending Sunday Adult Bible Class, the start of this new course is a great opportunity for you to begin or get back into the habit! For more information, see <https://pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/basic-bible-accounts>.

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL: Inreach Coordinator Joy McHargue is planning a Congregational Meal next Sunday, April 12, after the Divine Service before the Special Voters' Meeting. Please use her sign-up sheet in the Narthex or communicate otherwise with her.

"WALKING TOGETHER": There will be a Special Voters' Meeting to consider Pilgrim's options for "Walking Together" next Sunday, April 12, after the Divine Service and Congregational Meal. All are encouraged to review the following: 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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