



***Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and yet have believed.***



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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 day during the Easter season! 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, to seek out spiritual direction from our pastor, and to 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  $\Delta$  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.*

from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

### The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.\* Amen.  
*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever.\* Amen.*

*What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

*\* These words were not originally in Luther's Small Catechism.*

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

### FIRST

*What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

*Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” *Matthew 28:19*

### SECOND

*What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

*Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized

will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” *Mark 16:16*

### THIRD

*How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” *Titus 3:5-8*

### FOURTH

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” *Romans 6:4*

## 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.

**☐ Amen.**

*Stand*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Entrance Hymn**

## 481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an  
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of  
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through -



emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,  
God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,  
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -  
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your  
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -

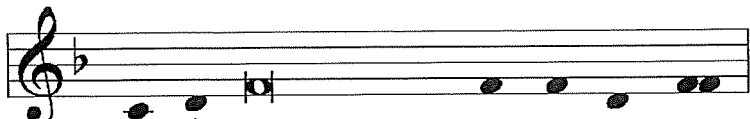


clipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!  
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!  
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!


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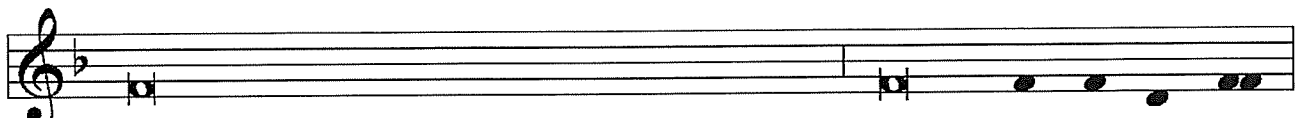
# Kyrie



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




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



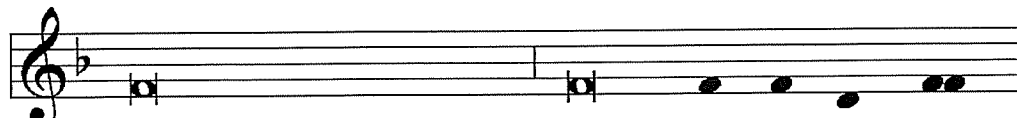
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



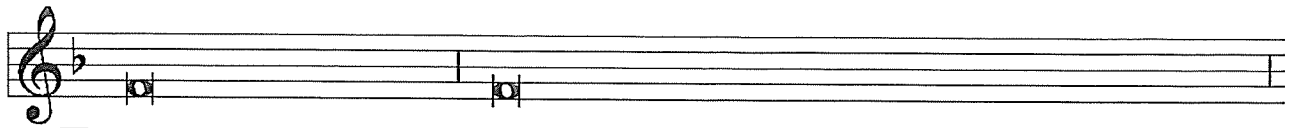
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



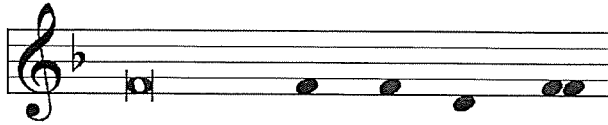
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



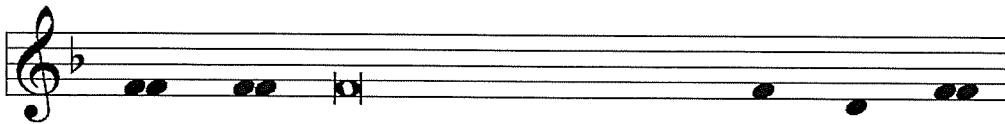
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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

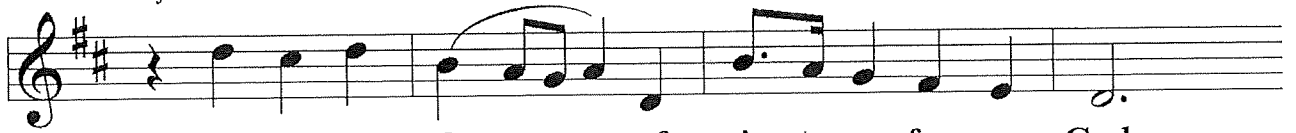


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

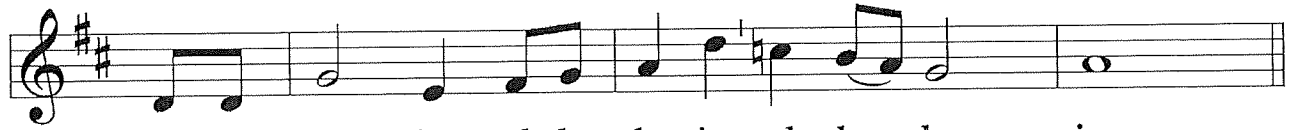


**C** A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

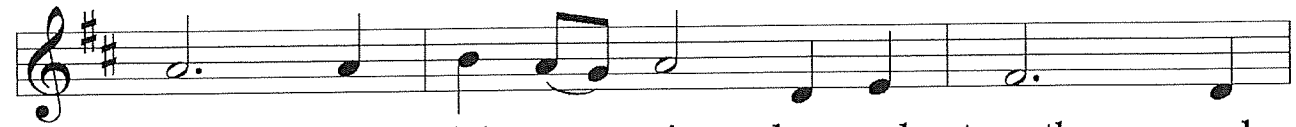
*Refrain*



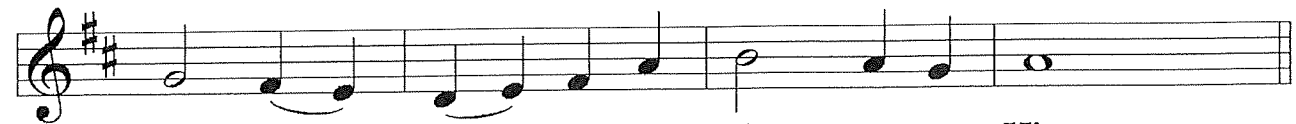
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

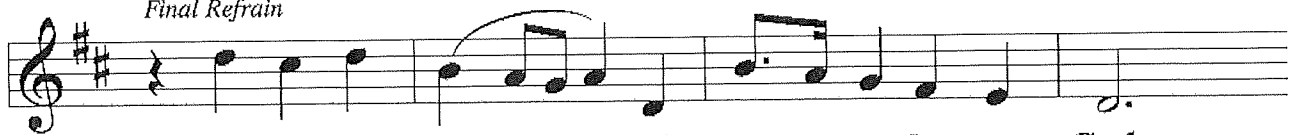


5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

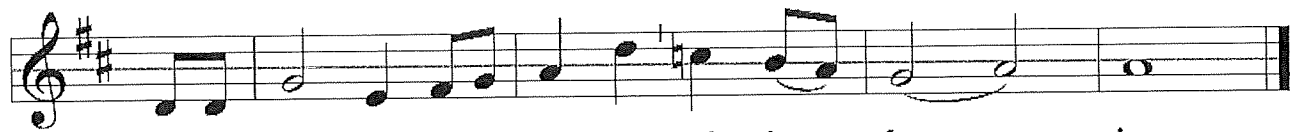


gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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*

## First Reading

*Acts 5:8-29-42*

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 148; antiphon: v.13*

(Sing the Psalm responsively using the tone provided.)

The congregation sings the indented and bold portions of the text.

See *LSB* xxvi for how the text and the tone correspond.)



<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- |  
alted;\*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the | heavens; \*  
praise him | in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his | angels; \*  
praise him, | all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, | sun and moon, \*  
praise him, all you | shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest | heavens, \*  
and you waters above the | heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD! \*  
For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and | ever; \*  
he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth, \*  
you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, | snow and mist, \*  
stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and | all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all | cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all | livestock, \*  
creeping things and | flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all | peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers | of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens to- | gether, \*  
old men and | children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- |  
alted;\*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for | all his saints,\*  
for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!

**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>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- |  
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## **Epistle**

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

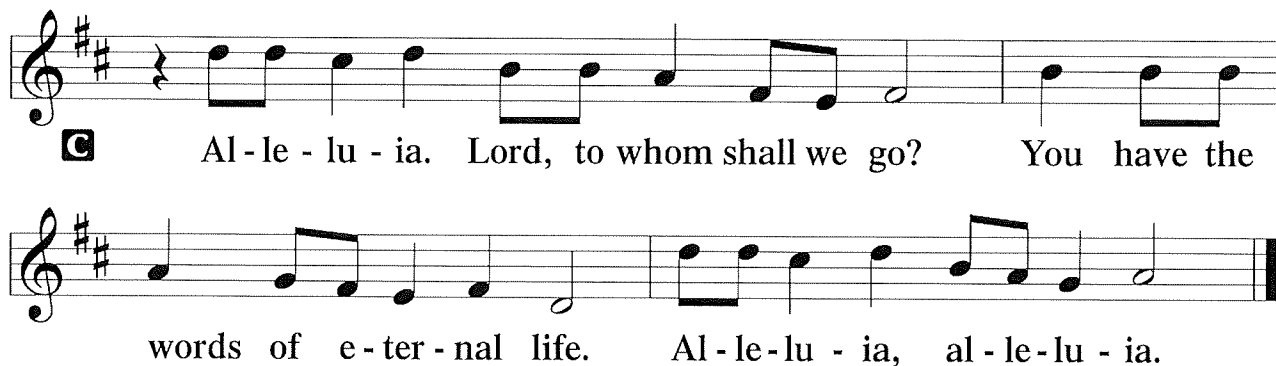
<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again  
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the  
dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and  
unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being  
guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the  
last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if  
necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the  
tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that  
perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in  
praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
<sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do  
not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is  
inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of  
your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse: Common**



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**

*John 20:19-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



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

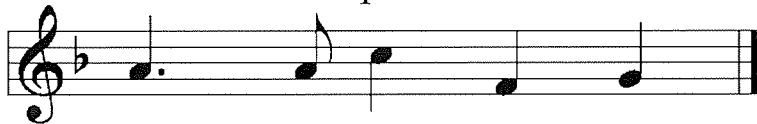
<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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



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

## Hymn of the Day

# 471 O Sons and Daughters of the King

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the  
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the  
Who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will  
A - mong them came their mas - ter dear And said, "My  
That they had seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.*



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!

6 "My piercè side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has  
constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

*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

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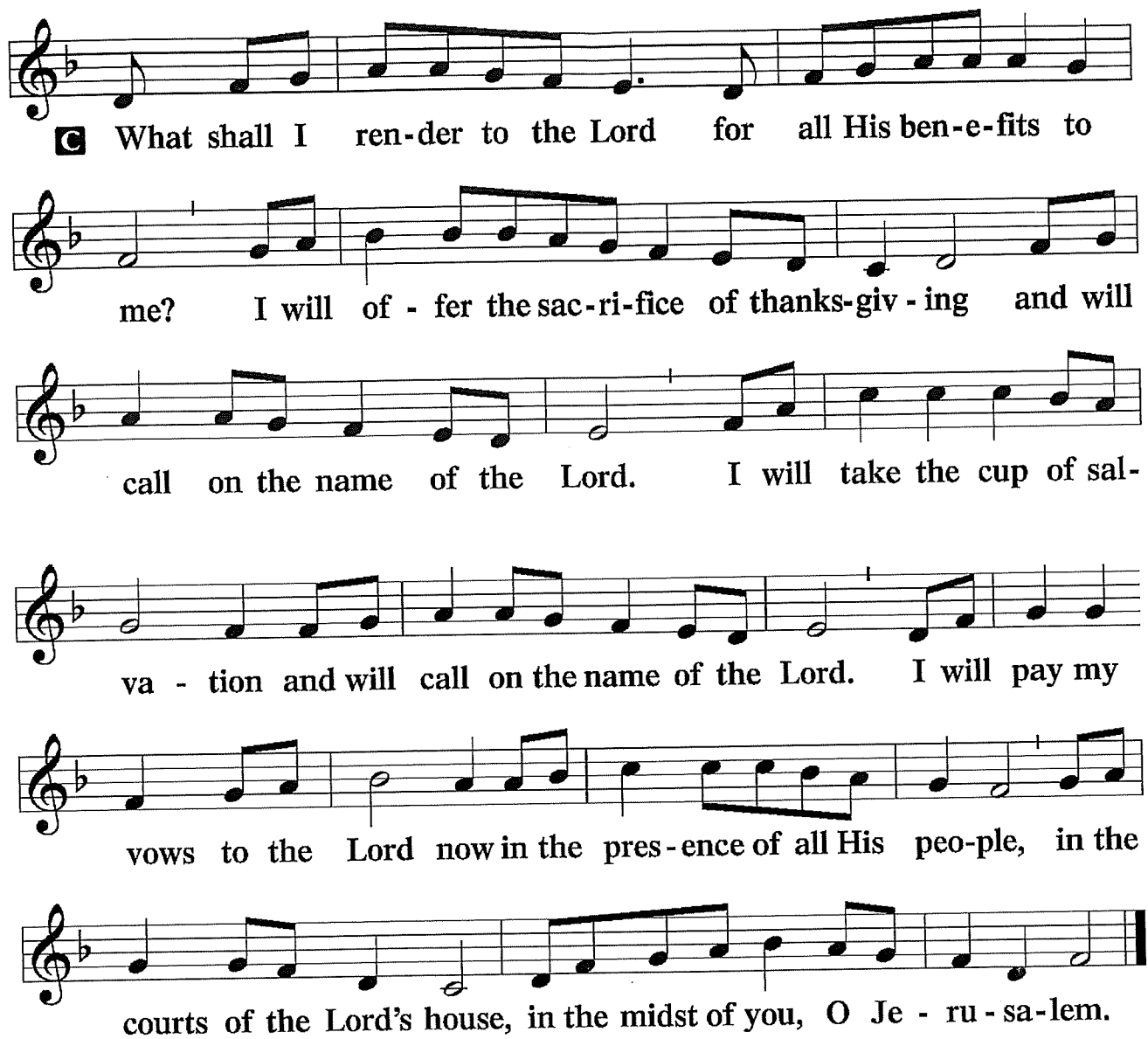
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| <input type="checkbox"/> For ... let us pray to the Lord. | <input type="checkbox"/> Lord, have mercy. |

*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

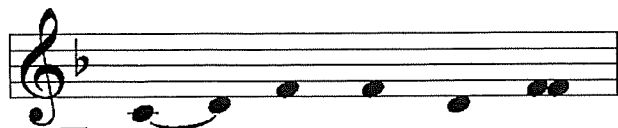
**Offertory**



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



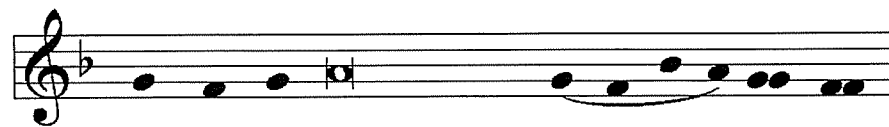
**C** And al - so with you.



**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)

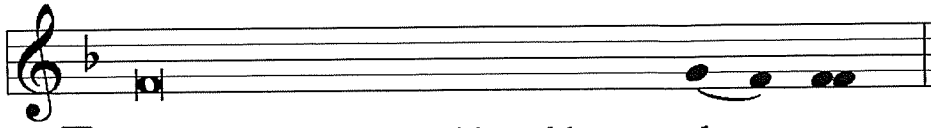
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final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

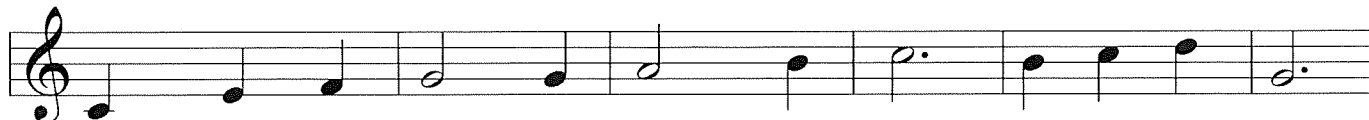
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**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

## 484 Make Songs of Joy



- 1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



- He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!  
He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!  
As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!  
When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!

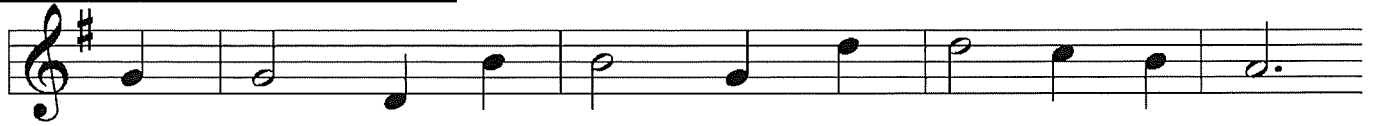
- 5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,  
Alleluia!  
Before our mighty Savior fall!  
Alleluia!

- 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,  
Alleluia!  
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia!

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## 480 He's Risen, He's Risen



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.  
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.  
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;  
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;  
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.  
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.  
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

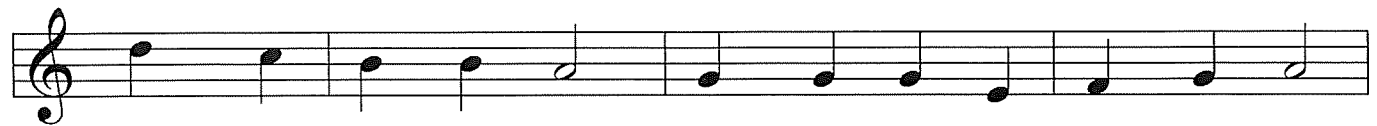
## 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



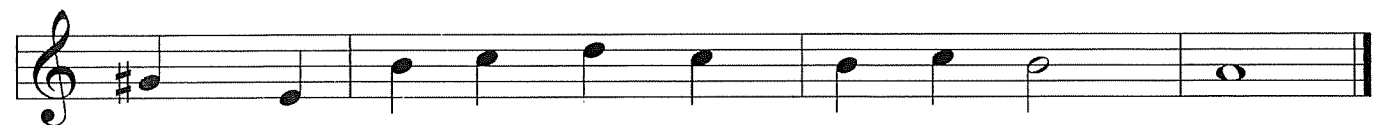
wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,  
Grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power  
Since You crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let Your agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection,  
Light and life and resurrection.

## 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.

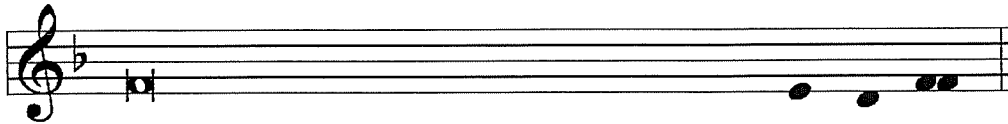
## Post-Communion Collect

**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

# 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

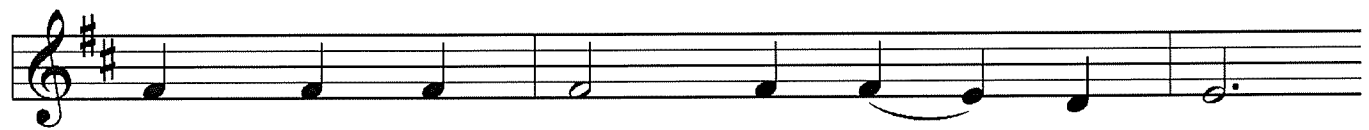
*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.  
From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 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:** 6 students, 1 teacher, and 3 adult helpers were in Sunday School; 26 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class; 79 people were present in-person for the Easter Sunday Divine Service (50 communed), and 3 devices streamed the Service live via YouTube; 5 were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, another 3 people participated via Jitsi; 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 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; Jeromy McMurray, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** Honoring God's gift of human life is not easy! In today's Epistle Reading the Divinely-inspired St. Peter refers to our "now for a little while" being "grieved by various trials" (1 Peter 1:3-9). He says the purpose or result of those trials is "that the tested genuineness" of our faith "may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." When our various trials involve the life of another, such as an unborn child or an aging adult, the tested genuineness should be not only of our faith but also of theirs!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** God the Father "has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-4). We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That reality should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But, we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEAL:** Whether or not you brought any food to share, all are invited and welcome to stay after the Divine Service today for the Congregational Meal in the Great Room of the Parish Hall!

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING:** After today's Divine Service and Congregational Meal, all are encouraged to participate in the Special Voters' Meeting that will consider Pilgrim's options for "Walking Together" with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so also the Texas District and its Circuit #14. This Meeting does not have a predetermined or foregone conclusion: neither Pilgrim's Elders nor Pilgrim's Church Council are recommending one or more specific options. This Meeting is everyone's opportunity to be a part of the decision and let a true majority of the congregation--not just a majority of those attending the Voters' Meeting--make the decision.

**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.

**ELDERS' MEETING:** Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, April 14, 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 XVI: Civil Government/Political Order, *Concordia*, pp.39-40, 194-196.

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**“ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY”:** Pilgrim’s Midweek Bible Study continue this Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. with Amos 3:1-15. 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** will be held this Thursday, April 16: 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.

**LWML TEXAS EAST TEXAS ZONE EVENT:** All women are invited to the Event this Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Centerville. The theme is “Jesus, Our Good Shepherd”, and the featured speaker is Lutheran children’s author Ruth Meyer. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and costs only \$5. There will be an Ingathering for Domestic Violence of Leon County. RSVP ASAP to Debbie Curry: text or call 936-635-8530, or email [debbietexaslwml@gmail.com](mailto:debbietexaslwml@gmail.com). For more information, see the flyer on the LWML bulletin board in the Narthex.

**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 gathering of the Mary Martha Society.

Readings: Ac 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 116:1-14; 1 Pt 1:17-25; Lk 24:13-35.

Hymns: LSB 810, 483, 598, 476, 474, 879.

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

**“BASIC BIBLE ACCOUNTS”:** Pilgrim’s Sunday morning Adult Bible Class is now considering “just the facts, ma’am” about essential Bible “stories”, with each session covering one account. The course is intended to help improve everyone’s Biblical “literacy”, especially if you did not grow up in Sunday School, but even if you did. If you have not regularly been attending Sunday Adult Bible Class, this new course is a great opportunity for you to begin or get back into the habit, in person or via Jitsi! For more information, and for the handouts and audio and video files from past sessions, see <https://pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/basic-bible-accounts>.

**PILGRIM’S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY** will gather next Sunday, April 19, after the Divine Service to share lunch and to continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on the Virgin Mary. All women are invited!

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