



***Jesus talks with us on
the way, opening to
us the Scriptures.***

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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 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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026 APRIL 19
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++



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The indicated antiphon is sung both before the Psalm and after the *Gloria Patri*.
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 ... Lord, in your mercy:  **Hear our prayer.**
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+++ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +++

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 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: There were no students, but a teacher was prepared for Sunday School; 19 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 2 people participated via Jitsi; 51 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (39 communed), and 6 devices streamed the Service live via YouTube; 4 people were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, another 3 people participated via Jitsi; no catechumens connected via Jitsi for Thursday-afternoon Catechesis (1 was ill); 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: The practice of abortion in part rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity, and protection under the law. How different is the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are "for you and your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the "precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19), then surely all children are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb (the Bible uses the same word for both!).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Christ ransomed us, buying us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil, or to the world. We belong to Jesus! Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom but in line with God's Word, including giving generously for others as God in Christ gave for 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 04/18 column titled, "Jesus's resurrection is a sign for you"); 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.

AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE AREA are several Easter Lilies that were in Pilgrim's Chancel for the Easter season, purchased out of the congregation's operating budget. Please feel free to take one or more home with you today and replant in your yard for next Easter!

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather today 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!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Pilgrim is in immediate need of a Financial Secretary. If you are willing to take on the responsibility, either on a temporary interim or regular term basis, please speak with Acting-President Remo Gualtieri as soon as possible. Help is available for you!

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 continue this Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. with Amos 4:1-13. 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: This Thursday, April 23, a new adult class begins in-person in the Conference/Room Library at 12:30 p.m., the 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 (Loose-Change Sunday), followed by the Quarterly Church Council Meeting.

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; and John 1:1-10.

Hymns: LSB 475, 709, 473, 463, 711, and 753.

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>.

"LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY": Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next Sunday, April 26, 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).

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council is scheduled to have its regular Second-Quarter Meeting next Sunday, April 26, after the Divine Service. The Packet with the working agenda and reports was distributed electronically to Pilgrim's members and is available in hardcopy in the Narthex. Even though only Council Members can vote in Council Meetings, everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend and to join in the discussion. The Council makes some decisions and recommends other decisions to the Voters' Assembly. Humanly speaking, our participation in the administration of Pilgrim's secular affairs is necessary for its survival, and, spiritually speaking, our participation is fruit of our faith.

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