

***No one
comes to the Father
except through Jesus.***

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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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2026 MAY 03
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*.
See *LSB* xxvi for how the text and the tone correspond.)

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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 MAY 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: There were 4 students, 1 teacher, and 1 adult helper for Sunday School; 11 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 person participated via Jitsi; 51 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (31 communed), and 4 devices streamed the Service live via YouTube; 5 people were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, another 3 people participated via Jitsi; 1 catechumen was present for Thursday early-afternoon in-person adult catechesis; and 3 catechumens were present for Thursday-evening in-person family catechesis. (The Thursday late-afternoon Jitsi youth catechesis was not held this week.)

THANKS: to all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities (especially those who sawed up the tree that came down across the lower driveway); 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; Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty; and Debbie Shockley, Substitute Organist Service Operator.

SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST SERVICE: Today our usual accompanist Elaine Navaille is recovering from cataract surgery and resting her hands, and we are staying familiar with using the Substitute Organist Service. Remember that there are short introductions to some liturgical pieces, that we hear the Psalm tone once at the beginning and then sing the Psalm *a capella*, and that any *Amens* added to hymn stanzas marked with \triangle will also be sung *a capella* after the music ends.

LIFE THOUGHTS: "The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless" (Psalm 146:9). The LORD cares for those others might discard and for everyone else, too. The Father created them, the Son died for them, and the Holy Spirit at least wants to sanctify them. God works through means. How can we better defend God's gift of human life?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9) As the Father has redeemed us through His Son and sets us apart by His Holy Spirit, we direct our praise back to God, and others hear and set it, and also hear the Good News, believe, and continue the cycle!

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 05/02 column titled, "The Lord can be your shepherd"); the May 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.

"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.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Galler's second of his five weeks of 2026 vacation begin after the Divine Service today and continue through midday Tuesday, May 12. Midweek Bible Study and Catechesis and will not be held this week. An Elder will monitor the Church Phone and contact the on-call pastor if needed. Rev. Adler will teach a special Sunday Adult Bible Class and conduct the Divine Service next Sunday, May 10.

HELP WANTED: Pilgrim is in immediate need of a Financial Secretary and a Facilities Coordinator. If you are willing to take on either responsibility on a temporary interim or regular term basis, please speak with Acting-President Remo Gualtieri as soon as possible. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the congregation's needs!

TEXAS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: Tickets for the 2026 Summer Season go on sale to the general public online on May 8. Who wants to get a group together to see one or more of the shows? See the schedule and buy tickets at www.texasshakespeare.com. (Note that tickets are sometime sold at a discounted price closer to a show, especially on Sundays.)

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NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("Acknowledging the Gravity of Sin & the Necessity of the Law"); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service.

Readings: Ac 17:16-31; Ps 66:8-20; 1 Pe 3:13-22; and Jn 14:15-21.

Hymns: LSB 792, 556, 469, 616, 773, and 490.

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

SPECIAL ADULT BIBLE CLASS: In Bible Class next Sunday Pr. Adler will cover the topic "Acknowledging the Gravity of Sin & the Necessity of the Law." He will also include an exercise of making the distinction between Law & Gospel in Biblical texts.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will continue on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. with Amos 5:1-17 (part 2). 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: The in-person adult class will meet next on Thursday, May 14 starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference/Room Library, while the Jitsi youth class will meet next on Thursday, May 21, starting at 4:15 p.m. online, and the in-person family class likewise will meet next on Thursday, May 21, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library

ASCENSION DAY: Divine Service will be offered on Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate the Lord's seating our human nature in heaven!

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL: Plan now to stay after the Divine Service on Sunday, May 31, for our "quarterly" Fifth-Sunday Meal. Bring a dish to share, and enjoy the time with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council has scheduled a Special Council Meeting for Sunday, May 31, after the Fifth-Sunday Meal to consider internal action in keeping with the Voters' decision on April 12.

PILGRIM'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC is scheduled for July 12 after the Divine Service. Enter the picnic on your calendar now! We will grill outside and enjoy picnic food from the comfort of the air-conditioned Parish Hall with ready access to its ADA Restrooms.