



***What was sown on
good soil is the one
who hears the word
and understands it.***

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PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU HERE! We are pleased that you have come to receive God's gift of forgiveness. Pentecost and the Sundays after Pentecost emphasize the work of the Holy Spirit through God's Word and Sacraments in growing the Church, so we especially invite you to join us in our Bible Classes, as well as in all of our other activities. If you have no church home, you are cordially invited to consider making Pilgrim Lutheran Church 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.

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2026 JULY 12
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)


+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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(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*.

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

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 ... Lord, in your mercy,  **hear our prayer.**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 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, 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 1 student and 1 teacher in Sunday School; 11 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 device was connected via Jitsi; 22 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (18 communed), and 7 devices streamed the Service live via YouTube; 1 adult was present in-person for Tuesday early-afternoon catechesis; 6 people were present in-person for Midweek Bible Study, and 4 devices were connected via Jitsi; 1 adult was present in-person for Thursday-morning catechesis; and 1 youth catechumens and 1 youth observer connected via Jitsi for Thursday afternoon catechesis. (The Tuesday late-afternoon youth class and the Thursday-evening family class were not held this week due to schedule conflicts.)

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 Holy Spirit, Who makes us fellow-heirs with Christ and enables us to call out "Father", is called "the Spirit of adoption as sons" (Romans 8:12-17). In Holy Baptism, God the Father adopts us as His children, and, in turn, we also may adopt children. We do so not primarily because we want a perfectly matched set of children but primarily because those children need parents. Adoption is a better choice for families and for the life of a child that otherwise might be aborted!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: A sower went out to sow, and some seed fell along the path, on rocky ground, and among the thorns, though the sower likely was aiming for good soil (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23). Jesus is not teaching us to target only some with His law and Gospel, as they are for everyone. Rather, Jesus helps us understand that results will differ depending on the kind of soil, even as the seeds that fall on good soil produce grain, some one-hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

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 07/04 column titled, "Celebrate 250 years of unalienable Rights"); the July 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage; Portals of Prayer* for July-September 2026; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for June and July; Pilgrim's Constitution, Bylaws, and updated Standing Rules; 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.

PILGRIM'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC is scheduled for today July 12, after the Divine Service, in the comfort of the air-conditioned Parish Hall, with ready access to its ADA Restrooms, while those grilling sweat outside in the heat. Please stay whether or not you brought food to share!

HELP WANTED: Pilgrim is in immediate need of a both a Financial Secretary, a Facilities Coordinator, and an Inreach Coordinator, and we also could use another Elder and a Vice-President. If you are willing to take on such 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 as you serve God and neighbor!

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.

CATECHESIS: This Tuesday, July 14, an in-person adult class will meet at 1:00 p.m. and the same will meet this Thursday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m., both in the Conference Room/Library. Also this Thursday, the 4:15 p.m. youth class will meet via Jitsi, and the 7:30 p.m. family class will meet in-person in the Conference Room/Library. (The Tuesday 4:00 p.m. in-person youth class will meet next on July 21.)

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, July 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. If you have an item of concern that the Elders should

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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 XIX: The Cause of Sin, *Concordia*, pp. 41, 198.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. with at least Hosea 1:2-9. 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>.

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 Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society

Readings: Is 44:6-8; Ps 119:57-64; Ro 8:18-27; Mt 13:24-30, 36-43.

Hymns: LSB 905; 772; 650; 663; 762; 750.

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 on Sunday, July 19, after the Divine Service, in order to share lunch and to continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on the woman at the well in John 4. All women are invited and welcome to attend!

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council is scheduled to have its regular Second-Quarter Meeting on Sunday, July 26, after the Divine Service. The Packet with the working agenda and reports was distributed via email to Pilgrim's members and is available in hardcopy in the Narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview invites students aged 4-12 and youth and adult volunteers to its "Tropical Trek-Jesus Comes to Seek and Save" VBS July 28-30 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Diane Braun at 713-443-6413 or visit <https://vbsmate.com/events/ORLCLongview/32574>.

BABY-SHOWER GIFTS: For the Ford family's new baby, we are collecting Newborn diapers, wipes, and/or cash or gift cards for the things that they will need the most. In the Narthex, near the LWML-Mite Box, there is a small box for any cash/gift-card contributions. Diapers can be put in the Office.

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977 I Will Sing My Maker's Praises



1 I will sing my Mak - er's prais - es And in Him most
 2 He so cared for and es - teemed me That the Son He
 3 All that for my soul is need - ful He with lov - ing
 4 As a fa - ther, ev - er yearn - ing, Long - ing to be
 5 Since there's nei - ther change nor cold - ness In God's love that



joy - ful be, For in all things I see trac - es
 loved so well He has giv - en to re - deem me
 care pro - vides, Nor of that is He un - heed - ful
 rec - on - ciled, Seeks the prod - i - gal's re - turn - ing,
 on me smiled, I now lift my hands in bold - ness,



Of His ten - der love for me. Noth - ing
 From the quench - less flames of hell. O my
 Which my bod - y needs be - sides. When my
 Lov - ing still the way - ward child, So my
 Com - ing to You as Your child. Grant me



else than love could move Him With such deep and
 Lord, the Spring of bless - ing, Could some - how my
 strength can - not a - vail me, When my pow'rs can
 man - y sins and er - rors Find a ten - der,
 grace, O God, I pray You, That I may with



ten - der care Ev - er - more to raise and bear
 fi - nite mind Of Your love the lim - it find
 do no more, Then will God His strength out - pour;
 par - d'ning God, Chas - t'ning frail - ty with His rod,
 all my might, All my life - time, day and night,



All who try to love and serve Him. All things else have
 Though my ef - forts were un - ceas - ing? All things else have
 In my need He will not fail me. All things else have
 Not in ven - geance with His ter - rors. All things else have
 Love and trust You and o - bey You And, when this brief



but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
 but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
 but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
 life is o'er, Praise and love You ev - er - more.

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*Unless you prefer to keep this copy,
 please return this insert to the Narthex
 for the next time that we sing this hymn.
 Thank you!*