



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



## Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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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  $\Delta$  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.*

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

## SECTION 2

### Daily Prayers

HOW THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD  
TEACH HIS HOUSEHOLD TO PRAY MORNING  
AND EVENING

#### Morning Prayer

*In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

In the name of the Father and of the  
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (423)

*Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.*

#### Evening Prayer

*In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say:*

In the name of the Father and of the  
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (424)

*Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.*

HOW THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD  
TEACH HIS HOUSEHOLD TO ASK A BLESSING  
AND RETURN THANKS

#### Asking a Blessing

*The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:*

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. *Psalm 145:15–16*

## 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.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Entrance Hymn**

## 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



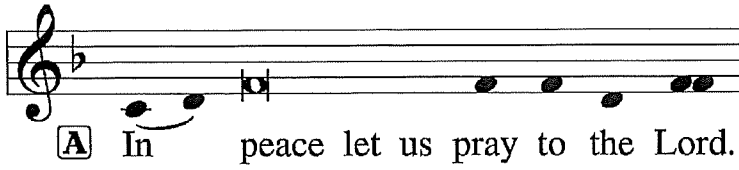
- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
- 2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



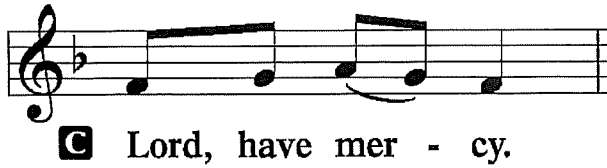
Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.  
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.  
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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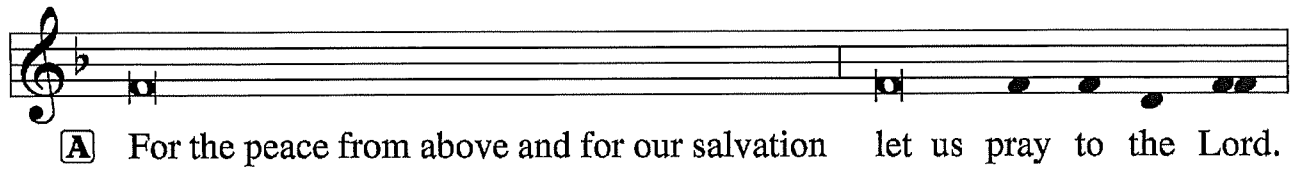
# Kyrie



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



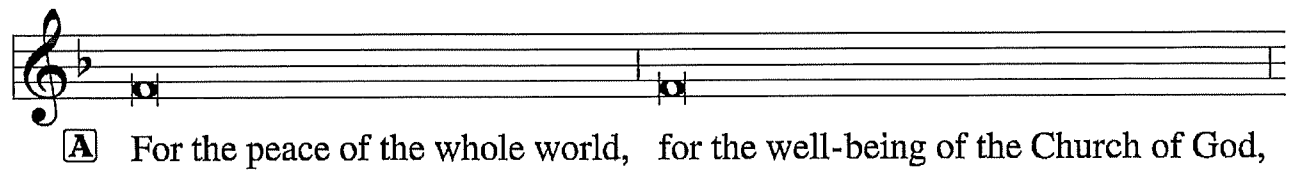
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



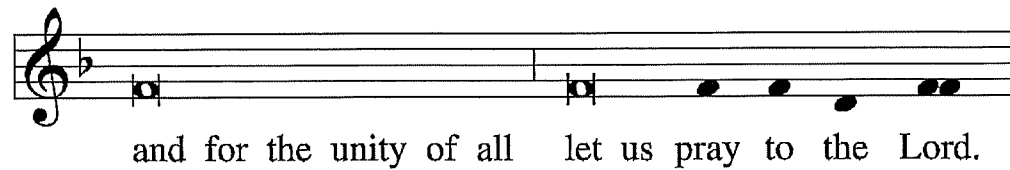
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



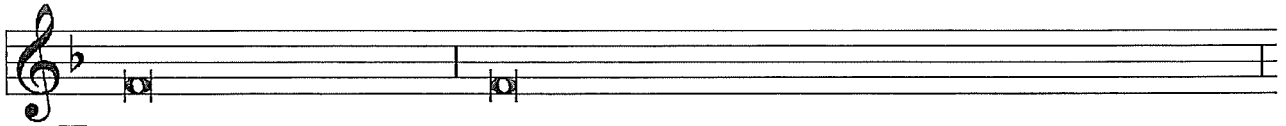
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



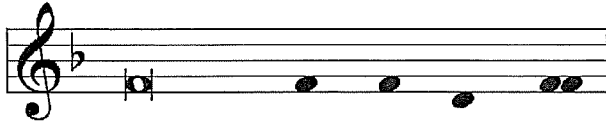
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



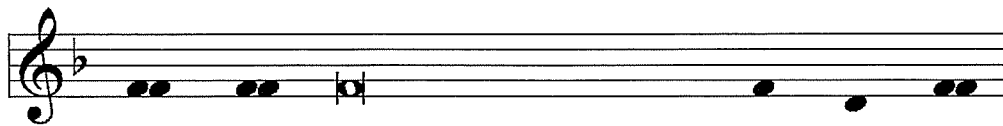
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



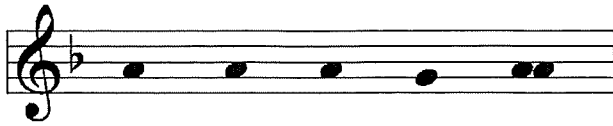
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



## 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*

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

*Psalm 65:1-13; antiphon: v.5*

(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>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of  
our sal- | vation,\*  
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas;  
<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,\*  
and to you shall vows | be performed.  
<sup>2</sup>O you who | hears prayer,\*  
to you shall | all flesh come.

<sup>3</sup>When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,\*  
you atone for our trans- | gressions.

<sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell | in your  
courts!\*

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the  
holiness of your | temple!

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of  
our sal- | vation,\*

the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas;

<sup>6</sup>the one who by his strength established the | mountains,\*  
being girded | with might;

<sup>7</sup>who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring | of their waves,\*  
the tumult of the | peoples,

<sup>8</sup>so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at  
your signs.\*

You make the going out of the morning and the evening to |  
shout for joy.

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of | water;\*

you provide their grain, for so you have pre- | pared it.

<sup>10</sup>You water its furrows abundantly, settling its | ridges,\*  
softening it with showers, and bless- | ing its growth.

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your | bounty;\*  
your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.

<sup>12</sup>The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,\*  
the hills gird them- | selves with joy,

<sup>13</sup>the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck  
them- | selves with grain,\*

they shout and sing together | for joy.

**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>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our sal- | vation,\*

the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas;

## Epistle

*Romans 8:12-17*

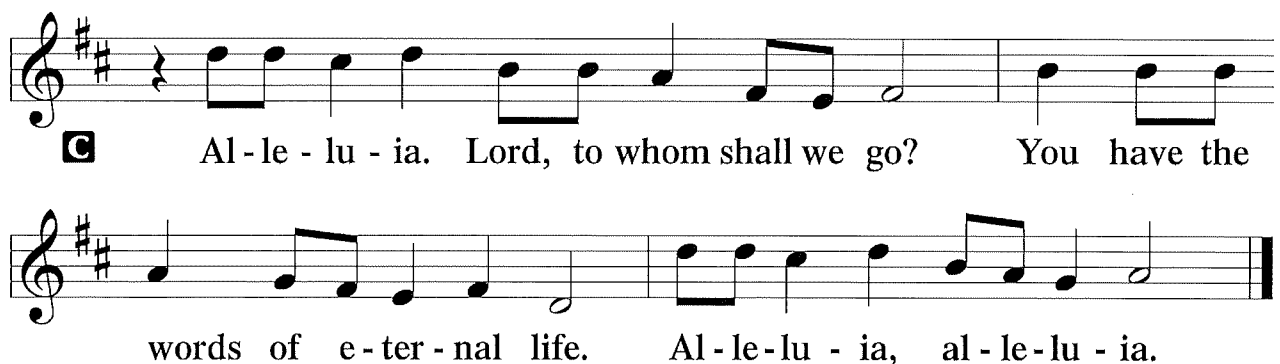
<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse: Common

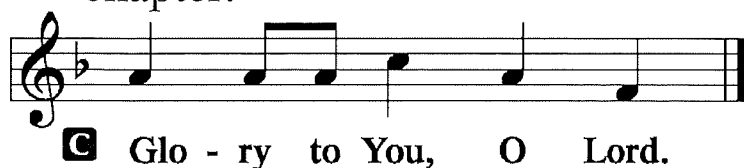


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

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



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

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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



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

## Hymn of the Day

## 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Congregational responses may be included according to one of the following forms:*

**A** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** For ... let us pray to the Lord.

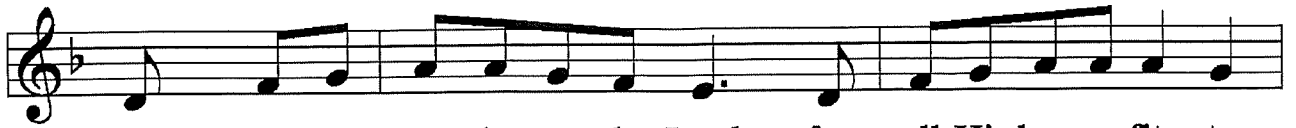
**C** Lord, have mercy.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Offertory**



**C** 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

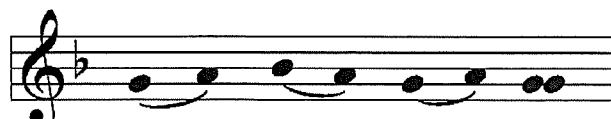
## Preface




**P** The Lord be with you.



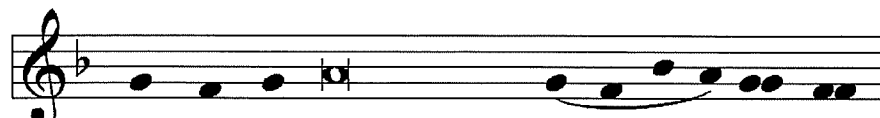
**C** And al - so with you.



**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.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

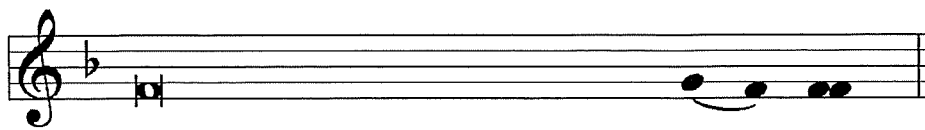
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the glory**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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."

## 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 ~~†~~ in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Distribution Hymns

## 894 For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,  
won - ders that as-tound us, For the truths that still con-found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.  
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

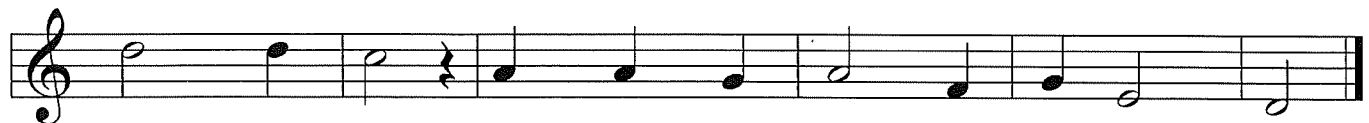
## 586 Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

## 502 Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire ce - les - tial,  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



Ev - er one with the One who is Three,  
Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,  
Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,  
Source of strength and of peace and of love,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro - claim,  
To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py  
Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite  
Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.  
As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;  
And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.  
To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.

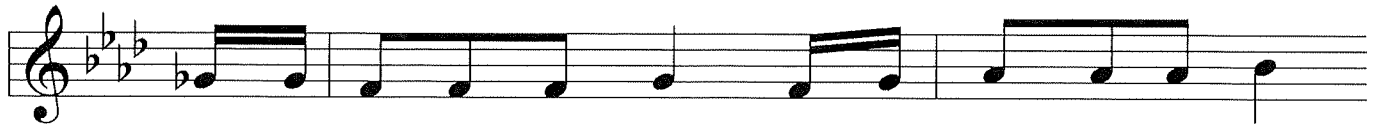


You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;  
All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,  
Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,  
Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;

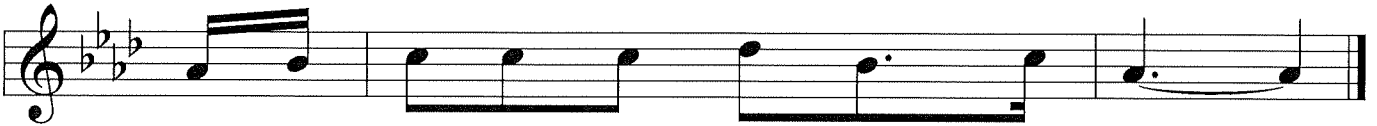
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Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.  
All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,  
Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in;  
Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,  
So that all the e - lect— All in Christ— may ex - pect  
For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one  
On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.  
To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.  
In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.  
By Your chris - m, — Christ's tri - umph we share.

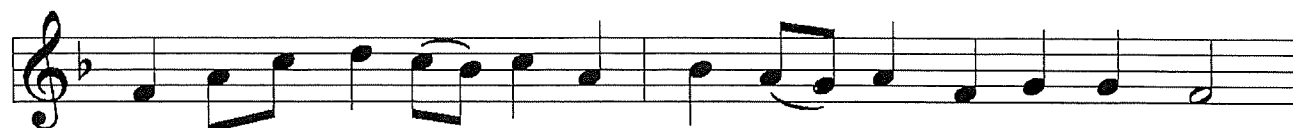
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*Stand*

**Post-Communion Canticle**



**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

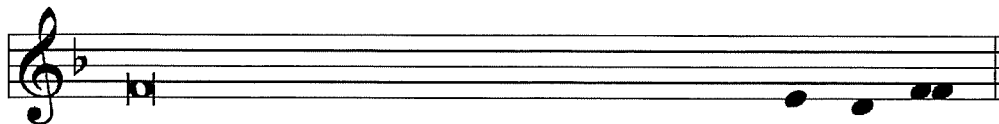
## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



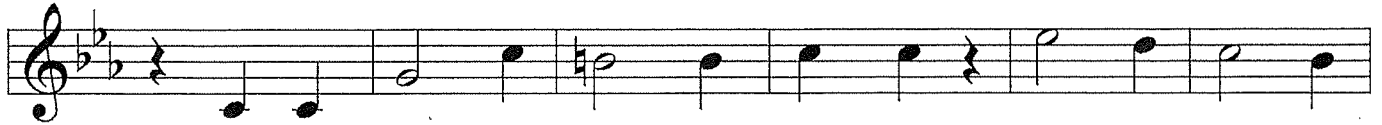
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

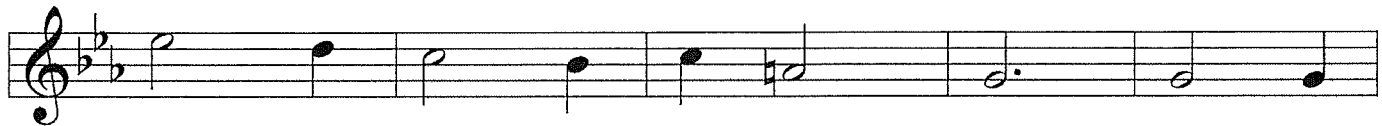
# 977 I Will Sing My Maker's Praises



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



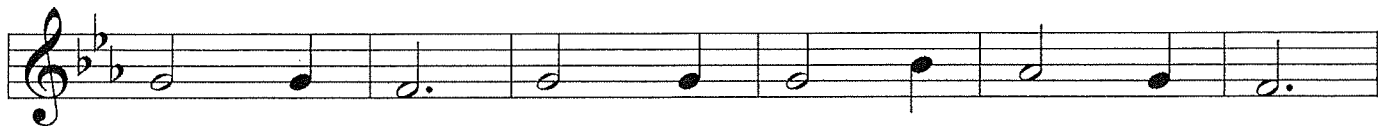
joy - ful be, For in all things I see trac - es  
 loved so well He has giv - en to re - deem me  
 care pro - vides, Nor of that is He un - heed - ful  
 rec - on - ciled, Seeks the prod - i - gal's re - turn - ing,  
 on me smiled, I now lift my hands in bold - ness,



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.  
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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## 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](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:** 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](mailto: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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