



***The devil sowed
his sons in the world.***

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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.

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

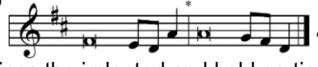
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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 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 0 student but 1 teacher prepared for Sunday School; 17 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 device was connected via Jitsi; 30 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (26 communed), and 5 devices streamed the Service live via YouTube; 1 adult was present in-person for Tuesday early-afternoon catechesis; 5 people were present in-person for Midweek Bible Study, and 3 devices were connected via Jitsi; 1 adult was present in-person for Thursday-morning catechesis; and 3 catechumens were present in-person for Thursday-evening catechesis. (The Tuesday afternoon youth in-person class and the Thursday afternoon youth Jitsi 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 Debbie Shockley, Substitute-Organist Service operator.

SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST SERVICE: Today our usual accompanist Elaine Navaille is 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 △ will also be sung *a capella* after the music ends.

LIFE THOUGHTS "The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18-27). Not even worth comparing! No matter how bad an unexpected pregnancy, our own lives, or caring for an infirmed or elderly loved-one might seem to us to be, such is not worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed to us for Christ's sake in the life to come!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "The LORD is my portion" (Psalm 119:57-64). Instead of a portion of the Promised Land assigned by lot like the other tribes of Israel, the priestly tribe of the Levites was given God Himself as their inheritance. Similarly, God graciously gives us Himself and all we need to support our bodies and lives. He is better than winning the lottery! And, we can graciously give of what He gives us to His Church.

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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 07/18 column titled, "Hamlet prompts reflection on repentance and forgiveness"); 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 MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather today 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!

HELP WANTED: Pilgrim is in immediate need of 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 21, an in-person adult class will meet at 1:00 p.m., and an in-person youth class will meet at 4:00 p.m., both in the Conference Room/Library. This Thursday, July 23, at 10:00 a.m. the 4:15

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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.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. with at least Hosea 1:10-2:1. 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 ("Loose-Change Sunday").

Readings: Dt 7:6-9; Ps 125; Ro 8:28-39; and Mt 13:44-52.

Hymns: LSB 907; 713; 573; 714; 574; and 724.

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

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

COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED: Due to concerns about having a quorum, Pilgrim's Church Council is now scheduled to have its regular Second-Quarter Meeting on Sunday, August 23, after the Divine Service. Before then the Packet with the working agenda and reports will be both distributed via email to Pilgrim's members and 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>.

THE LETOURNEAU CHURCH FAIR is Saturday, August 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At least one if not two volunteers are welcome to join Pastor Galler in reaching-out to the incoming students!

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