

Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness

1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness A vine - yard grows with
 2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; His vine with love he
 3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, And though we feel the
 4 From him we draw the juice of life, For him sup - ply his

prom - ise green, The plant - ing of the Lord him - self. Stanza 2
 plant - ed here To bear the choic - est fruit for him. Stanza 3
 dress - er's knife, We are the ob - jects of his care. Stanza 4
 win - er - y With fruit from which true joys de - rive. Stanza 5

5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be:

Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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***The wicked tenants took
 the Vineyard-owner's Son
 and killed Him***

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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.

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

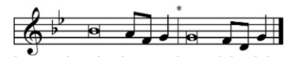
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DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

+ + + IN THE NAME OF JESUS + + +

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 04, 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 students but 1 teacher prepared for Sunday School; 15 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 2 devices were connected via Jitsi; 34 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (26 communed), and 3 devices streamed the service live via YouTube; 1 catechumen was present in-person for the Tuesday afternoon youth class; and 5 people were present in-person for Midweek Bible Study, and 1 device connected via Jitsi. (Thursday-afternoon youth catechesis has been suspended, and the Thursday-evening catechumens were not available this week.)

THANKS: to all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; to 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 Lord does everything possible for His beloved vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19), including sending His Son, Whom the wicked tenants killed (Matthew 21:33-46). We who are righteous through faith in that Son (Philippians 3:4b-14) are willing to suffer the loss of all things in order to love others as He has loved us, whether raising an unplanned child or caring for an infirm or aging family-member.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: The psalmist wonders why the Lord lets His vineyard be plucked and ravaged (Psalm 80:7-19), but the Lord through Isaiah says the vineyard's downfall was its failing to produce the expected fruit (Isaiah 5:1-7, where the "wild" grapes are stinking or worthless things). The vineyard is taken from the tenants who fail to give fruit in its season and given to those who do give fruit in its season (Matthew 21:33-46).

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 10/04 column titled, "Let all people praise God"); the October 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for October and

November; Issue #17 (Summer 2026) of *Christian Culture: A printed Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College; *Portals of Prayer* for October-November 2026; the latest Church Directory (dated 2026/08/27 and printed on ivory paper); Pilgrim's Constitution, Bylaws, and updated Standing Rules; and Pilgrim's Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Please submit reports from the Third Quarter of 2026 and any agenda items for the Fourth-Quarter Council Meeting to Recording Secretary Rita Whitley today, or as soon as possible, so that the Meeting's Packet can be compiled, distributed, and otherwise made available before that October 25 Council Meeting.

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather today, October 4, 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 them.

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, October 6, the in-person youth class will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. This Thursday, October 8, the in-person family class will NOT meet, due to Pastor Galler's family responsibility, but it will meet October 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. (The Thursday on-line youth class via Jitsi has been suspended, but other arrangements to instruct those youth in-person on another day should be forthcoming.)

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will NOT meet this Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m., due to Pastor Galler's family responsibility, but it will meet October 14 to continue the discussion of Hosea 5:8-6:6, starting at 6:1. 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

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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.

Readings: Is 25:6-9; Ps 23; Phil 4:4-13; and Mt 22:1-14.

Hymns: LSB 785, 510, 818, 631, 643, and 733.

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

"BASIC BIBLE ACCOUNTS": Next Sunday, Pilgrim's Sunday-morning Adult Bible Class continues its "just the facts, ma'am" approach to essential Bible "stories", with each session covering one account. All are welcome! For more information, and for the handouts and audio and video files from past sessions, see <https://pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/basic-bible-accounts>.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. If you have an item of concern that the Elders should 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 XX: Good Works, *Concordia*, pp. 41-44, 199-201.

HOW ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE PILGRIM IN 2027? Pilgrim's nomination process for next year is underway. Positions yet to have confirmed nominees are Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Elder (2), and Inreach Coordinator. Please pray about your serving the congregation in one of those official capacities during 2027, and then please speak to Acting-President Remo Gualtieri, Elders' Chair Carl Gardner, or Pastor Galler about how you would like to serve. How should God keep Pilgrim's doors open if no one is willing to fill necessary positions?

SECULAR BOOKS AVAILABLE: Many secular books recently were culled from Pilgrim's Children's Library. Those who originally donated the books are welcome to retrieve them first; then parents of young children can have their pick of the early-reader books. If the books are not claimed, they will be put up for sale on Amazon, with proceeds going to Pilgrim; and the books that are not sold ultimately will be donated to Rags to Riches, which benefits Rahab's Retreat and Ranch.

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