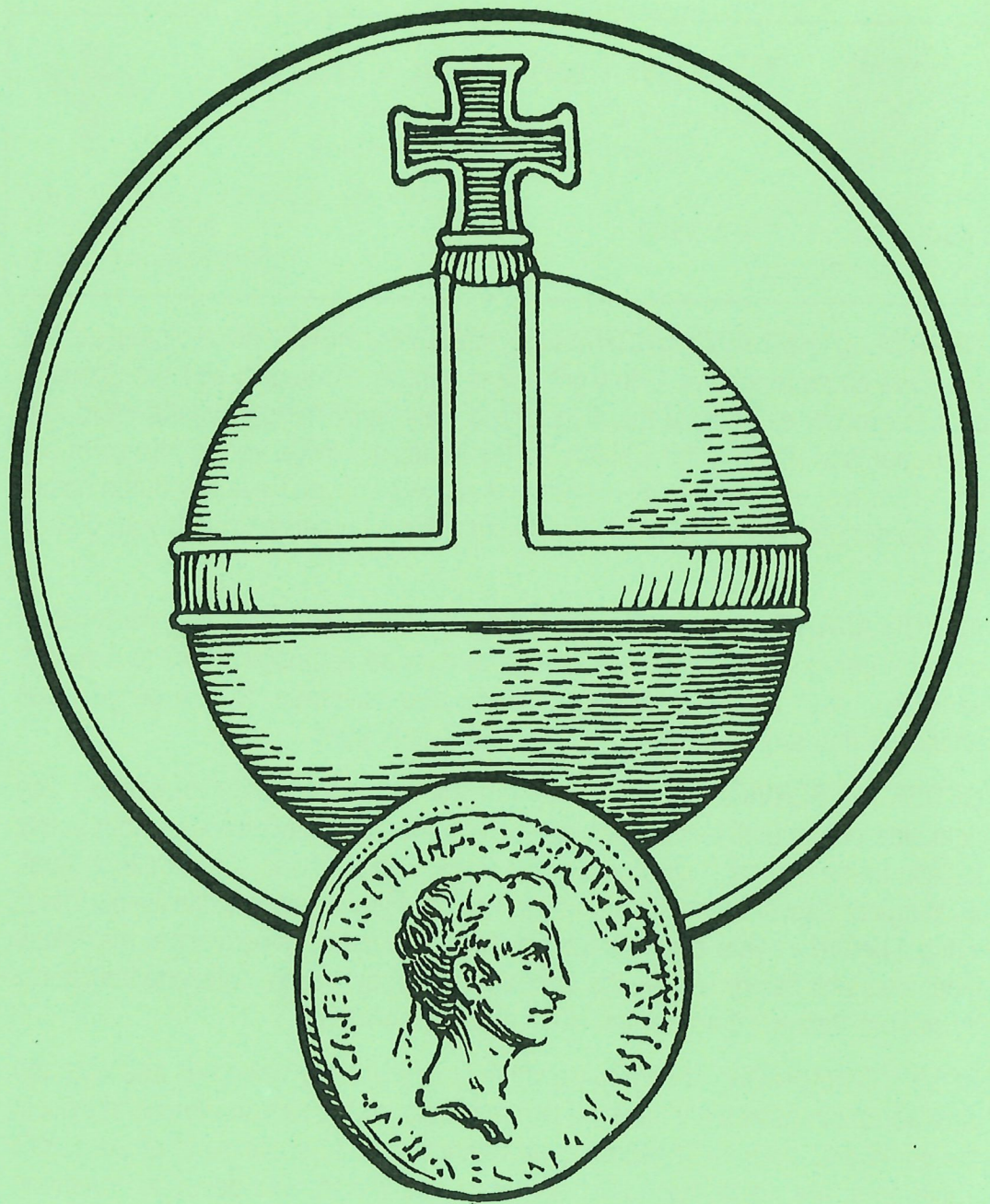




***Render to God
the things that are God's.***



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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.

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.

SECTION 4

Christian Questions
with Their Answers

*Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those
who intend to go to the Sacrament*

*[The "Christian Questions with Their Answers," designat-
ing Luther as the author, first appeared in an edition of the
Small Catechism in 1551, five years after Luther's death.]*

After confession and instruction in the
Ten Commandments, the Creed, the
Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of
Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor
may ask, or Christians may ask them-
selves these questions:

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?*

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. *How do you know this?*

From the Ten Commandments, which I
have not kept.

3. *Are you sorry for your sins?*

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against
God.

4. *What have you deserved from God
because of your sins?*

His wrath and displeasure, temporal
death, and eternal damnation. See
Romans 6:21, 23.

5. *Do you hope to be saved?*

Yes, that is my hope.

6. *In whom then do you trust?*

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. *Who is Christ?*

The Son of God, true God and man.

8. *How many Gods are there?*

Only one, but there are three persons:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. *What has Christ done for you that you
trust in Him?*

He died for me and shed His blood for me
on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. *Did the Father also die for you?*

He did not. The Father is God only, as is
the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true
God and true man. He died for me and
shed His blood for me.

11. *How do you know this?*

From the Holy Gospel, from the words
instituting the Sacrament, and by His
body and blood given me as a pledge in
the Sacrament.

12. *What are the Words of Institution?*

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."

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true
body and blood of Christ are in the
Sacrament?*

Yes, I believe it.

14. *What convinces you to believe this?*

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My
body; drink of it, all of you, this is My
blood.

15. *What should we do when we eat His
body and drink His blood, and in this way
receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His
death and the shedding of His blood, as
He taught us: This do, as often as you
drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. *Why should we remember and pro-
claim His death?*

First, so we may learn to believe that no
creature could make satisfaction for our

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

903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the
 2 To - day He rose and left the dead, And Sa - tan's
 3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To Da - vid's
 4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -
 5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on

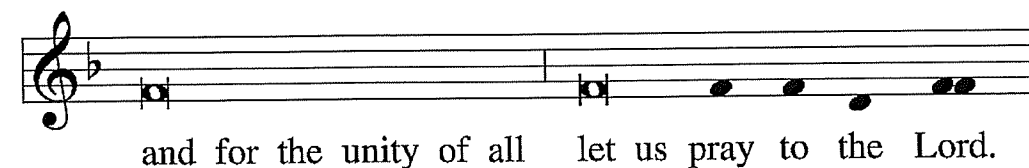
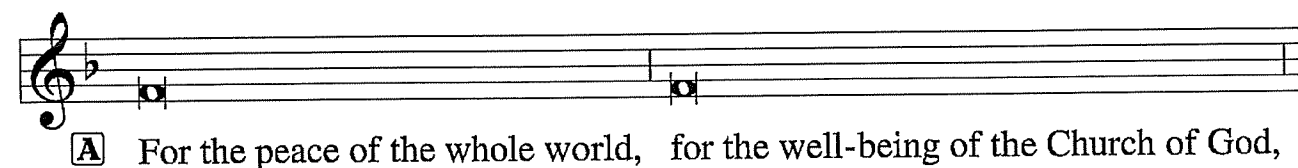
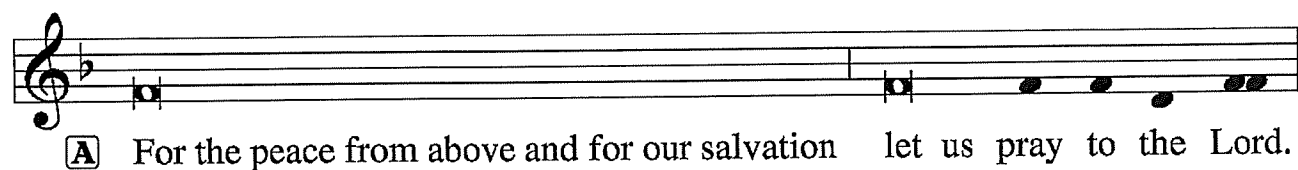
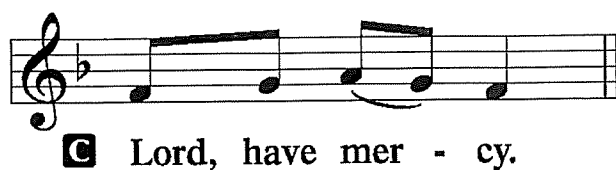
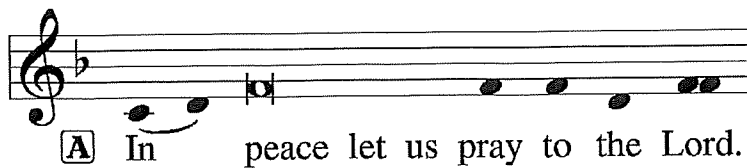


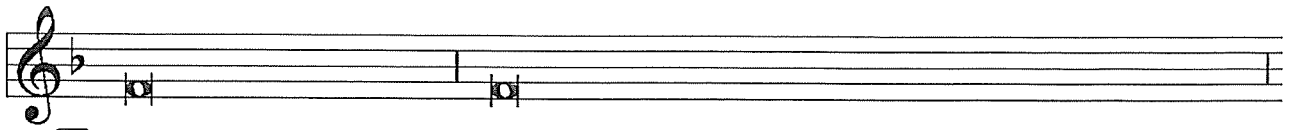
hours His own. Let heav'n re - jice, let
 em - pire fell; To - day the saints His
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,
 earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in



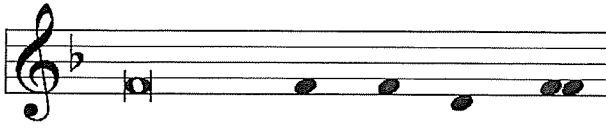
earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
 tri - umphs spread And all His won - ders tell.
 scend and bring Sal - va - tion from Your throne.
 comes to us To save our fall - en race.
 which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

Kyrie

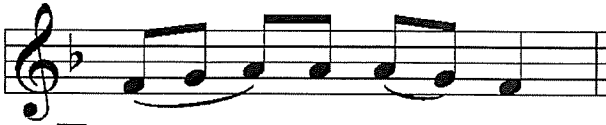




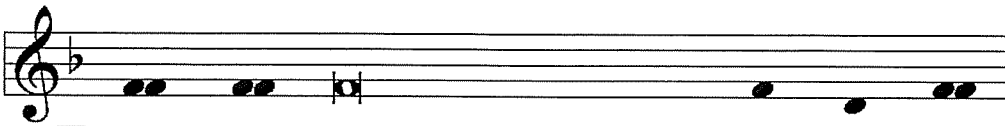
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



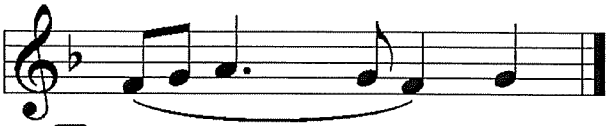
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



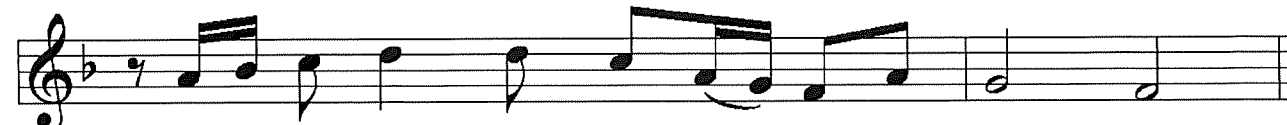
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

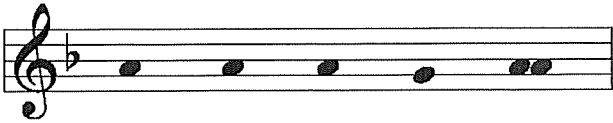


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. 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

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 96:1-13; antiphon v.9a

(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.)



⁹Wor- | ship the LORD*

in the splendor of | holiness;

¹Oh sing to the LORD a | new song;*
sing to the LORD, | all the earth!

²Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;*
tell of his salvation from | day to day.

³Declare his glory among the | nations,*
his marvelous works among all the | peoples!

⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;*
he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols,*
but the Lord made the | heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;*
strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the | peoples,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength!

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness;*
tremble before him, | all the earth!

¹⁰Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is
established; it shall nev- | er be moved;*”
he will judge the peoples with | equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the | earth rejoice;*
let the sea roar, and all that fills it; ¹²let the field exult, and
every- | thing in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³before the
LORD, | for he comes,*

for he comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world in | righteousness,*
and the peoples in his | faithfulness.

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.

⁹Wor- | ship the LORD*

in the splendor of | holiness;

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly
mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by
God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not
only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with
full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be
among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of
the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the
joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word
of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia,
but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need
not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the
kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God

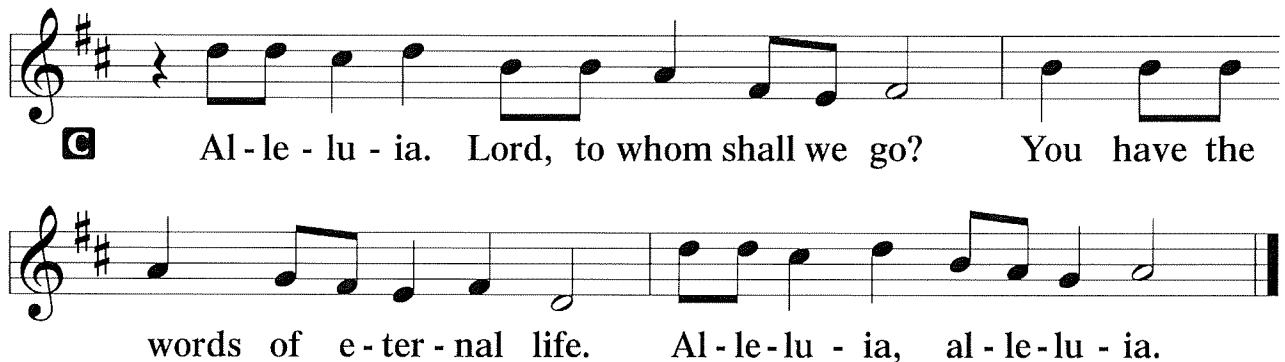
from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse: Common

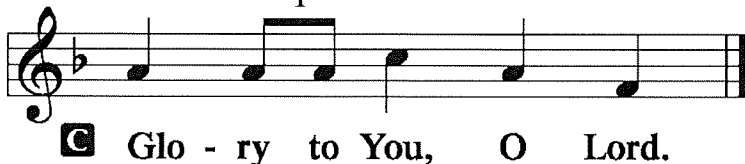


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to

them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.



5 Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim Thee
 And, adoring, bend the knee
 While we own the mystery.

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.

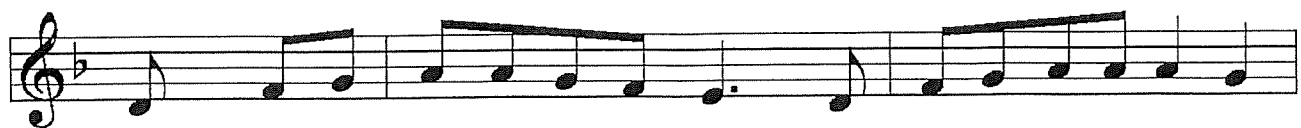
A For ... let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

Sit

Offering

Stand
Offertory



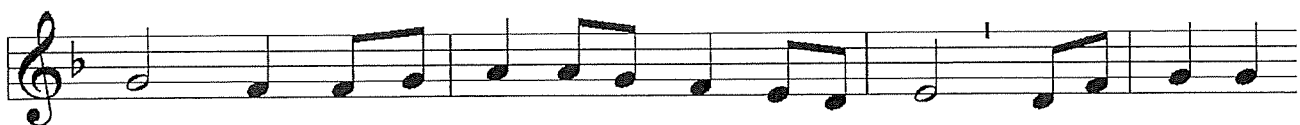
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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



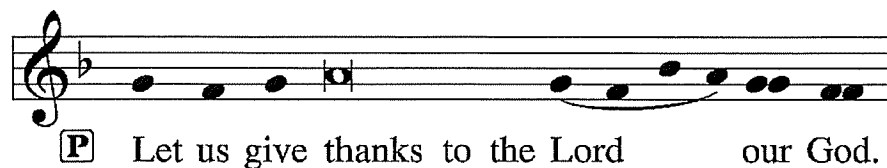
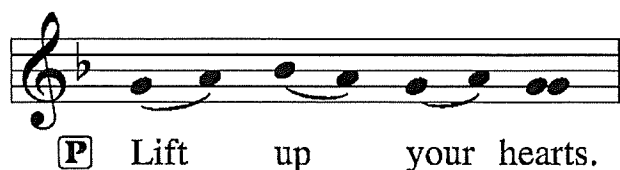
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

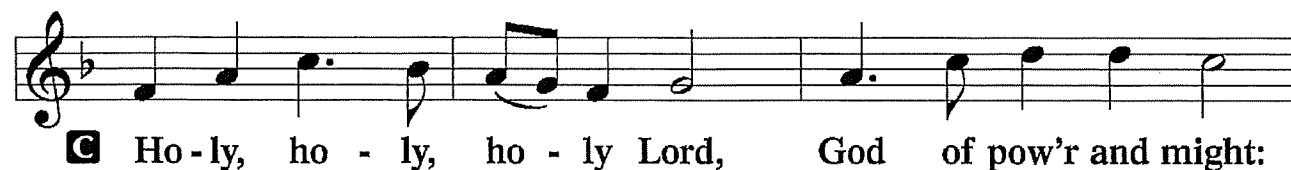
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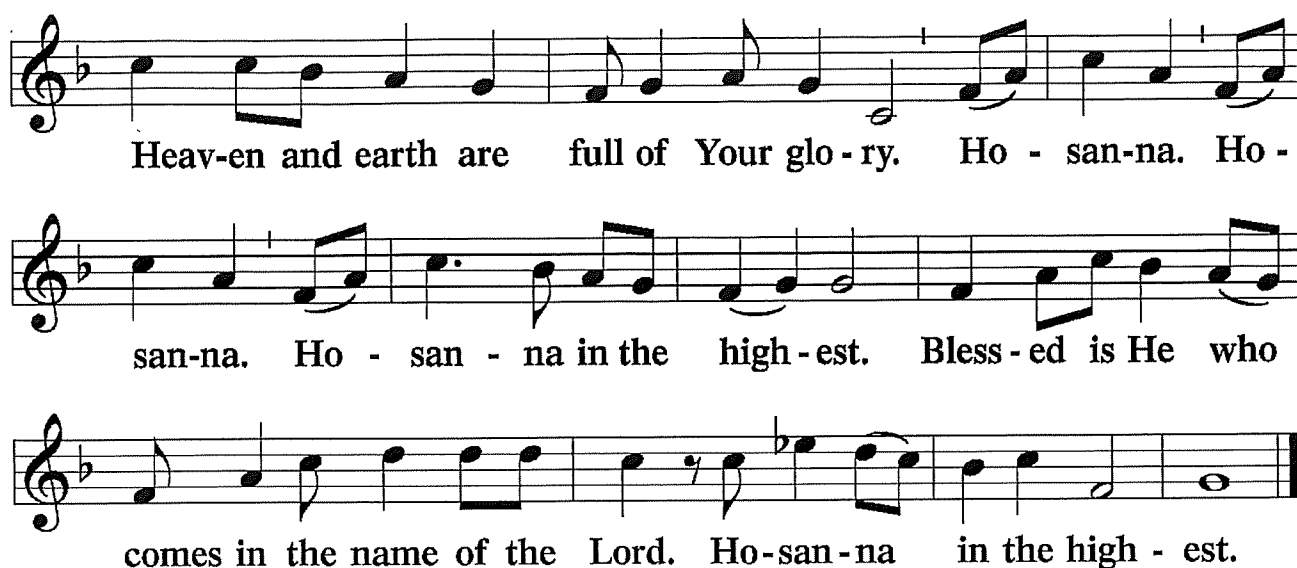
Preface



P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





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 ~~T~~ 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 ~~T~~ 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 ~~T~~ in peace.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

850 God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

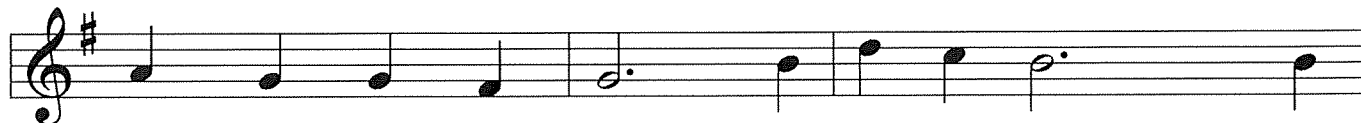
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my
 4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry
 5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy
 in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -
 boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
 Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
 ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.
 e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle



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



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



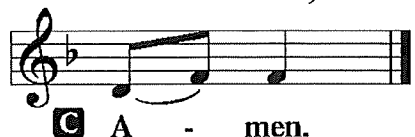
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



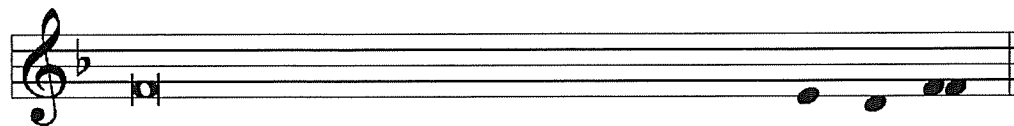
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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



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.



Closing Hymn

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.]

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 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; 14 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 (20 communed), and 8 devices streamed the service live via YouTube; 1 catechumen was present in-person for the Tuesday-afternoon youth class; 2 people were present in-person for Midweek Bible Study, and 2 devices were connected via Jitsi; 3 catechumens were present in-person for the Thursday-evening family class; and 1 person was present in-person for the Saturday-morning youth class (on 10/10; the 10/17 class had not yet been held when these announcements were printed).

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 Debbie Shockley, Substitute-Organist Service Operator.

SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST SERVICE: Today our usual accompanist Elaine Naville 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: Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord spoke to Cyrus, the king of Persia and conqueror of Babylon, about how the Lord would use Cyrus for the benefit of the Lord's people (Isaiah 45:1-7). "I make well-being and create calamity", the Lord told Cyrus and tells us. What we might think of as calamity the Lord can work for our well-being. We can be forgiven in Christ for past sins against God's gift of life, and going forward we do not take human lives into our own hands.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:15-22). Does not everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some goes to the work of His Church. And, some goes to support ourselves and the families that He has given to us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us: in the home, in the Church, and in society.

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 10/17 column titled, "Today's Christians benefit from God's work through Luther"); 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.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather today, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, in order to share lunch and to work on additional Chrismons ("Christ monograms", Christian symbols) for Pilgrim's Christmas tree. All women are invited and welcome to attend!

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 20, the in-person youth class will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. This Thursday, October 22, the in-person family class will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. And, this Saturday, October 24, the other in-person youth class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m., to continue the discussion of Hosea 6:7-11. All of the prophetic books testify that everyone who believes

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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>.

KILGORE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S WEEKLY DEVOTION will be conducted by Pastor Galler this Thursday, October 22, at 7:40 a.m. at the Kilgore Police Station.

NEXT SUNDAY (Reformation Day, Observed): 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 the regular Third-Quarter Church-Council Meeting.

Readings: Rev 14:6-7; Ps 46; Ro 3:19-28; and Jn 8:31-36.

Hymns: LSB 506, 656, 617, 794, 751, and 585.

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>.

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council will have its regular Fourth-Quarter Meeting Sunday, October 25, after the Divine Service.

TRICK-OR-TREAT AND FALL FESTIVAL: All families with young children are invited to LeTourneau University (2100 S. Mobberly Avenue in Longview) on Saturday, October 31, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There will be booths, games, and allergen-friendly candy.

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 (1 or 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?

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