

"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! 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△ 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.
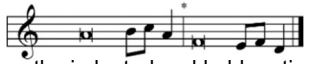
INDIVIDUAL CUPS: The top of the tray contains several individual cups of highly-diluted wine. If you receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please be sure to wait to consume it until Pastor comes by with the chalice, so that he knows you are receiving it in that fashion. If the supply of individual cups is depleted, please accept the blood of Christ from the chalice.

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — 2026 NOVEMBER 08
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 NOVEMBER 08, 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 1 device was connected via Jitsi; 43 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (26 communed), and 2 devices streamed the service live via YouTube; 4 people were present in-person for Midweek Bible Study, and 2 devices were connected via Jitsi; 1 catechumen was present in-person for youth catechesis on Thursday afternoon; and 1 person was present in-person for youth catechesis on Saturday morning 10/31 (the 11-07 class had not yet been held when these announcements were printed).

THANKS: to Sharon Clark and all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; to Remo Gualtieri 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; Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

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 the November 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 11/07 column titled, "Elections do not keep God from ruling all for His Church"); 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.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's Annual Voters' Assembly will be held today, November 8, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall. Key agenda items include both electing Officers and other position-holders for 2027 and approving the congregation's budget for

2027. An electronic copy of the Packet for the meeting, including the full working-agenda, was emailed to Pilgrim members, and hard copies of the Packet are available in the Narthex. May God direct the decisions made!

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.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, November 10, 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.

CATECHESIS: The in-person youth classes will meet this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. and this Saturday at 9:30 a.m., both in the Conference Room/Library.

THE EAST TEXAS PIPE-ORGAN FESTIVAL will run November 8-12, in Kilgore and several "surrounding" cities. All concerts usually are free. For more information, visit https://royperryfoundation.org/2026-festival/.

THE 10TH ANNUAL REEL EAST TEXAS FILM FESTIVAL will run November 11-14 in Kilgore. We could take-in some movies together, if people want to! See www.reeleasttexas.com for more information.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., to begin discussing Hosea 8:1-14 (Pastor Galler should be back from Veterans' Day observances by then.) 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.

HENDERSON'S SYRUP FESTIVAL is this Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The only folk-live festival in East Texas includes a demonstration of the production of old-fashioned cane-syrup!

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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: Zeph 1:7-16; Ps 90:1-12; 1 Thes :1-11; and Mt 25:14-30.

Hymns: *LSB* 804, 508, 783, 411, 836, and 854.

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.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next on Sunday, November 15, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, in order to share lunch and to do some pre-Christmas cleaning and decorations preparing. All women are invited and welcome to attend!

A KILGORE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the new Kilgore High School (711 N. Longview Street). Canned goods may be brought for the KHS Food Pantry. Individual Pilgrim members may attend, if they choose to attend, but neither Pilgrim's pastor nor the congregation will participate officially, in order not to give the impression by worshipping together that we agree in doctrine, when we do not agree in doctrine.

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 (TODAY IS THE LAST CALL); 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. Christian-Education Coordinator Katy Myers is spearheading this effort.

CLEANING SUPPLIES: Our faithful cleaning volunteer Sharon Clark requests packages of Wet Jet large mop-pads, stainless-steel cleaner, and acidic bathroom cleaner. If you are able to purchase any or all of these, please submit your receipts to Treasurer Debbie Shockley for reimbursement, so the expenses can be recorded and budgeted. Obviously, what you do with the reimbursement afterwards is up to you!