

Then the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne.

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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year, which in part focuses on Christ our King. Thanks be to God that we, who in repentance and faith here receive God's gift of forgiveness, can look forward to being in His Kingdom for eternity. As we patiently wait for that reign or our own deaths, whichever comes first, we invite you to join us in all of our services and other activities. And, 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.
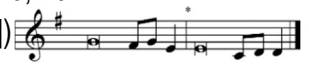
INDIVIDUAL CUPS: The top of the tray contains several individual cups of highly-diluted wine. If you receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please be sure to wait to consume it until Pastor comes by with the chalice, so that he knows you are receiving it in that fashion. If the supply of individual cups is depleted, please accept the blood of Christ from the chalice.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR 2026 NOVEMBER 22
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.151-166.)

+ + + IN THE NAME OF JESUS + + +

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℗ For he | is our God,*
ℂ **and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.**

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℗ For … let us pray to the Lord: ℂ **Lord, have mercy.**
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+ + + TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY + + +

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 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; 12 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 2 devices were connected via Jitsi; 31 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (20 communed), and 5 devices streamed the service live via YouTube; 4 people were present in-person for Midweek Bible Study, and 1 device connected via Jitsi; and 1 catechumen was present in-person for youth catechesis on Thursday afternoon. (The Saturday morning youth catechumen could not be present on 11/14, and the 11/21 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 and donating supplies to do so; 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.

LIFE THOUGHTS: When Jesus describes the Son of Man's separating people one from another as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, Jesus identifies with "the least of these", our brothers and sisters in Christ (Matthew 25:31-46). When we so see Christ in our neighbors, how do we not speak up for and defend the lives of everyone, especially those least able to speak up for and defend themselves?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: When we come into God's presence with thanksgiving (Psalm 95:1-7a), the specific "thanksgiving" being mentioned can be confession of sins and of faith; hymns of praise in liturgical worship; and processions of thank offerings. For all that God has done for us in our Savior Jesus Christ, how do we not confess, praise, and thankfully give Him back a portion of what He has entrusted to our use?

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 11/21 column titled, "In every-thing give-thanks!"); 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.

A KILGORE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held today, 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.

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: 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.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Due to Thanksgiving and such, Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study is on hiatus until Wednesday, January 20, 2027, but, in the meantime, you can catch what you might have missed online at https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets.

95TH ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE: Please join us in decorating, parading, and partying! We will decorate the float again this Saturday, November 28, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Remo and Kathy's (201 Norris Rd, Kilgore). The Parade is Tuesday, December 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., followed by a Chili Supper back at Pilgrim in the Great Room for float riders, parade watchers, and anyone else who wants to join us.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE: Note that next Sunday our order of Divine Service changes to Setting Three for the new Church Year. You may want to (re)familiarize yourself with *Lutheran Service Book* pp.184-202.

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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.

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; and Mark 13:24-37.

Hymns: *LSB* 332, 355, 348, 333, and 674.

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.

"LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY": Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next on Sunday, November 29, after the service, 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. (Current lists of grant recipients are on the bulletin board above the Mite Box.)

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL & GAME DAY: After the Divine Service next Sunday, November 29, we are planning a "quarterly" Fifth-Sunday Meal and Game Day. Also that day, Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society will have a Silent Auction of craft items, with proceeds designated for Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Offering. All are invited to stay and enjoy time with our brothers and sisters in Christ! The craft items could make good Christmas presents!

DOUBLE YOUR OFFERING by donating to Pilgrim through www.thrivent.com/give only on Giving Tuesday, December 1, when there should be a dollar-for-dollar match. You can use your credit/debit card or Apple/Google Pay. You do not have to be a Thrivent member or to use your Thrivent Choice Dollars (which you can also give to Pilgrim separately). Note that Pilgrim may not receive your offering until three days after December 9 nor the matching funds until three days after December 16.

ADVENT MEALS AND SERVICES: Pilgrim this year is planning four Midweek Advent Soup/Salad Suppers, one each on December 2, 9, 16, and 23, starting at 6:00 p.m., and Midweek Evening Prayer Services, those nights beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please volunteer to provide the meals, with a partner if you like, using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For his Midweek Advent Sermon Series this year, Pastor Galler is developing the theme "Restore us in the Psalms of Advent".