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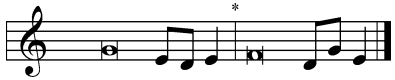

(Sing the Introit responsively using the tone provided.
The congregation sings the indented portions.
All sing the Gloria Patri with the words and music on 186.
See *LSB* xxvi for how the tone and the text correspond.)

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!
You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, altered

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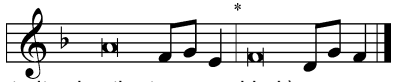

(Sing the Gradual responsively as the Introit using the tone provided.)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, altered

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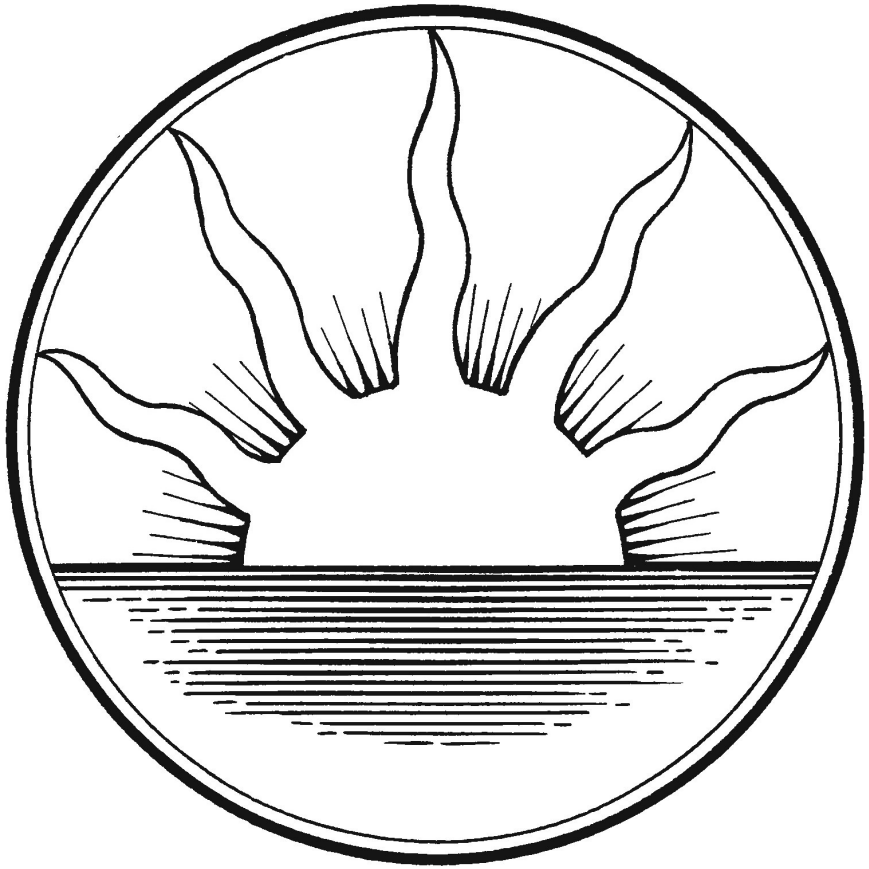

Heaven and earth will pass away, but Jesus's words will not pass away.

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BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! Advent is a season of "coming": our Lord came in human flesh to save us from our sins, He comes to us now in Word and Sacrament, and He is coming again to judge the living and the dead. We are glad that you have come here this day, and we invite you to come again any time!

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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT — 2026 NOVEMBER 29
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.184-202)

+ + + IN THE NAME OF JESUS + + +

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 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 1 device was connected via Jitsi; 38 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (27 communed), and 2 devices streamed the service live via YouTube; and 1 catechumen was present in-person for youth catechesis on Tuesday afternoon. (Midweek Bible Study was not held due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and Saturday morning youth catechesis has been suspended.)

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: We can say with Isaiah, "O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand" (Isaiah 64:1-9). We do not question when or how God makes us (confer Isaiah 45:9-10; Romans 9:20-21). We recognize that God alone determines each life's beginning and end and how we are to use our bodies to glorify Him.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Our situation is very much as Jesus describes in today's Gospel Reading (Mark 13:24-37). God entrusts us to work with what is His and on the Last Day holds us accountable for our stewardship. As we with contrition and faith receive God's forgiveness of sins, He works in us for us to work with what He entrusts to us, including such things as making sacrificial first-fruit offerings to support Pilgrim!

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!

"LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY": Please use the large Mite Box in the Narthex today, 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.

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX are hardcopies of the December 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for December and January; *Portals of Prayer* for January-March 2027 (as well for October-December 2026); Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 11/21 column titled, "In every-thing give-thanks!"); Issue #17 (Summer 2026) of *Christian Culture: A* printed *Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College; 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.

FIFTH-SUNDAY MEAL & GAME DAY: Please stay after the Divine Service today for our "quarterly" Fifth-Sunday Meal and Game Day. Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society is having a Silent Auction of craft items, with proceeds designated for Pilgrim's 75th Anniversary Offering. The craft items could make good Christmas presents! Enjoy time with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

DOUBLE YOUR OFFERING by donating to Pilgrim this Tuesday only through www.thrivent.com/give, 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.

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.

95TH ANNUAL KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE: Please join us in parading and partying this 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. (We will not know Pilgrim's position in the parade until the float is in the staging area that afternoon/evening.)

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ADVENT MEALS AND SERVICES: The first of Pilgrim's four Midweek Advent Soup/Salad Suppers is this Wednesday, December 2, starting at 6:00 p.m., with the Midweek Evening Prayer Service following beginning at 7:00 p.m. For his special Midweek Advent Sermon Series this year, Pastor Galler is developing the theme "Restore us in the Psalms of Advent". Please sign-up sheet in the Narthex to provide one of the remaining meals.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Due to Advent 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.

CATECHESIS: The in-person youth classes will meet this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library.

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 "The 15-2 Folk".

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; and Mark 1:1-8.
Hymns: *LSB* 344, 347, 352, 343, and 719.

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.

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather next Sunday, December 6, 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.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 8, 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 study Augsburg Confession and Apology Article XXI: The Invocation of the Saints, *Concordia*, pp. 44, 202-208.