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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! Today is a “white” festival on what would otherwise be a “green” Sunday after Epiphany. As the Epiphany season emphasizes God’s revealing Himself in the human flesh of Jesus, so the conversion of St. Paul celebrated this day can be seen as another of those revelations, though after Christ rose. We are glad that you are here this day, and we invite you to come again any time. You are also welcome by your church membership to join the congregation in its confession of Jesus as the Christ!

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.

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

2026 JANUARY 25

MATINS (*Lutheran Service Book*, pp.219-228.)

+++ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +++

Versicles, Gloria Patri, and Ascription of Praise (Common) 219

PSALMODY

Venite 220-221

(The Seasonal Antiphon is sung before and after the Venite.
The congregation's portion is as given.)

Additional Psalm: 67  67

(Sing the Psalm responsively using the tone provided. Verse 5 is the antiphon that begins and ends the Psalm. The congregation sings the indented and bold portions.)

Office Hymn: “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” 611

READINGS

221

(Please remain seated for all of the readings, and speak the short response after each.)

Acts 9:1-22

Galatians 1:11-24

Matthew 19:27-30

Responsory (Epiphany) Back cover

Sermon

CANTICLE

Te Deum (Note that we will sing stanzas 8 and 9.) 223-225

Offering 227

(Please mail your offering to Pilgrim, marked for the Financial Secretary or Offering Box, or make your contribution electronically, such as by going to www.Zelle.com.)

PRAYER

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Salutation (right column), Collect of the Day, 227-228

Additional Collect(s), & Collect for Grace (Use the given “Amen” for each.)

Benedicamus & Benediction (top line) 228

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

RESPONSORY (EPIPHANY)

- ℣ The Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.
- ℣ **Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
- ℣ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ℣ **Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
- ℣ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- ℣ **Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Isaiah 60:2, 1, 3



***As Saul was filled
with the Holy Spirit,
so also are we.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 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 6 students, 1 teacher, and 2 adult helpers for Sunday School; 8 people were present in person for Adult Bible Class, another 2 people participated via Jitsi; 42 were present in person for the Sunday Divine Service (27 communed), and another 5 people streamed the service live via YouTube; 2 people were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, and another 7 participated via Jitsi; and there were 3 catechumens in Thursday-evening catechesis. (Thursday afternoon catechesis was not held due to the illness of 2 catechumens.)

THANKS to all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities, especially Brady Gage and Remo Gualtieri for fixing the Sanctuary furnace; to Rev. Adler for the use of his chasubles; to Remo Gualtieri and Ben Ford, 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; and Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty.

LIFE THOUGHTS: Saul's three days of temporary blindness were only the beginning of what he would suffer for the sake of the Lord's Name (Acts 9:8-9, 11). Also our loved ones and even we ourselves will suffer as we follow the Lord, but, if we let Him, He uses our suffering to refine our faith and draw us closer to Him.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: The sacrifices that we make in this life as a result of our following Jesus do not go unnoticed or unrewarded by Him. Jesus Himself told His disciples, "everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:29).

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 latest Church Directory (dated 2026/01/22 on light-blue paper); Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 01/17 column titled, "National surveys can lead us to answer for ourselves"); the January 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; issue #16 (Autumn 2025) of *Christian*

Culture: A printed Magazine for Lutherans from Luther Classical College; *Portals of Prayer* for January-March 2026; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for December and January; and Pilgrim's Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

QUARTERLY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Pilgrim's Church Council is scheduled to have its regular First-Quarter Meeting today, January 25, after the Divine Service. The Packet with the working agenda and reports was distributed electronically to Pilgrim's members and is available in hardcopy in the Narthex. Even though only Council Members can vote in Council Meetings, everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend and to join in the discussion. The Council makes some decisions and recommends other decisions to the Voters' Assembly. Humanly speaking, our participation in the administration of Pilgrim's secular affairs is necessary for its survival, and, spiritually speaking, our participation is fruit of our faith.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFORMATION IN THE NEW DIRECTORY distributed by email this past Thursday and available in hardcopy in the Narthex, and then let Ellen Menconi or Pastor Galler know if corrections or additions should be made. Thank you!

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

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. with the introduction to Amos. 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>.

CATECHESIS: This Thursday, January 29, Pastor Galler will continue both the youth class starting at 4:15 p.m. via Jitsi and the family class starting at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library.

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RIGHT TO LIFE 2026 ESSAY CONTEST: Graduating high-school seniors are invited to write a 300-500 word essay on one pro-life topic. The deadline for submissions is next Sunday, February 1. More information is in the Church Office or online at <http://righttolifeofeasttexas.org/>.

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("Romans: The Righteousness of God"); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, followed by a gathering of "The 15-2 Folk".

Readings: Mic 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Co 1:18-31; and Mt 5:1-12.

Hymns: LSB 904, 842, 848, 567, 932, and 683.

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

"THE 15-2 FOLK" will gather next Sunday, February 1, 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.

"WALKING TOGETHER": Please plan to attend the Open Forum on Sunday, February 8, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall (remote participation via Jitsi should be available). Before then, please review both the September 26, 2025, "Options" mailing and the November 23, 2025, "FAQ" mailing that you should have received (additional copies are available from the Church Office upon request). If you missed or want to review any of the Special Congregational Studies, handouts and audio and video files are available online at www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE on the committee organizing the celebration of Pilgrim's 75th anniversary in 2027? Some volunteers are in place, but others are needed and welcome! Please pray about it and speak either to President Don Gibson or to Pastor Galler.

ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS: Although Pilgrim does not pay to receive online offerings, some Pilgrim members make use of services such as a "bill pay" through their financial institutions, EFT/ACH (Electronic Funds Transfer/Automatic Clearing House transactions) from their employers, and Zelle (www.zellepay.com). If you need help setting up an electronic offering, contact Pilgrim Treasurer Debbie Shockley.