

PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Time after Pentecost-Lectionary 23

September 08, 2024

9:00 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

(Cranberry Hymnal)

Congregational responses are in bold print.

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

C: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

P: Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

C: At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

P: Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song “Earth and All Stars!” #731

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health
and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make
us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world,
through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God’s vengeance on Edom, Israel’s age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles’ return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

*(Read responsively by verse, the Pulpit side begins with the regular print and the Piano side responds with the **bold print**. All read the refrain.)*

Refrain: I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

¹Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish. ⁵Happy are they who
have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those

who hunger. The LORD sets the ¹ captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down; the LORD ¹ loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah! R**

Refrain: I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage” #509

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Mark’s gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus’ ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not

escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Peggy Rose

Hymn of the Day- “We Are Called” #720

Affirmation of Baptism-pgs-234,235 and 237

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P. Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

C: Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships (*local partners may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict (*especially*) and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

Offering Song

"As the Grains of Wheat" #465

(Please stand as the offerings are brought forward.)

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray together

**C. Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface Prayer for Sundays after Pentecost

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note followed by a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table V (Pg. 65-ELW)

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

The Communion

As the minister and communion assistant give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond.

Amen.

Hymns during Communion-

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #779

“Jesus, Remember Me” #616 (Repeat several times)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together.

**Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing of the Backpacks

(All students, teachers, and school staff are invited forward)

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✝ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sending Song: "On Our Way Rejoicing" #537

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Welcome to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church!

As a congregation of the ELCA, Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church practices open communion. All who believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and renewing of their lives are invited to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sacrament is offered in bread – *the body of Christ given for you*, & red wine or white grape juice – *the blood of Christ shed for you*. Those not receiving the sacrament are invited forward for an a pastoral blessing – please fold your hands to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please fill out the “*Welcome*” card to indicate that you communed.

A special welcome to all visitors and to our new members who are affirming their faith today.

Please remember in prayer; James Hogenmiller, Harold Johnson, Janet Boone, Berleen Carlton, Marilyn Hilliard, Marcia Hilliard Gloeckner, Ed Wright (Judy and Norm Johnson's brother-in-law), Brian Drover Family, Jack Halbert (Joyce Blaser's Great Grandson) Kenny Moser, Donna Dow, Dick and Sandy Martin, Gene Klump, Rodd Wangen, Chris Williams, Carol Klaver, Craig Justice, Mary Wakelyn.

We like to keep the prayer list up-to-date. Please use the back of the “Welcome” card to make a request or call the church office: at 715-479-4966.

Please take a moment or two to check out the sign-up sheets: **helpers** are needed for the **Altar Guild**; **Readers** are needed for worship and volunteers are needed to prepare **fellowship time coffee and goodies**. Your help is most assuredly appreciated!

Serving in Worship

Music: Dr. Dave Klaus

Lector: Val Laabs

Communion Assistant: Holly Guerin

Altar Guild: Holly Guerin

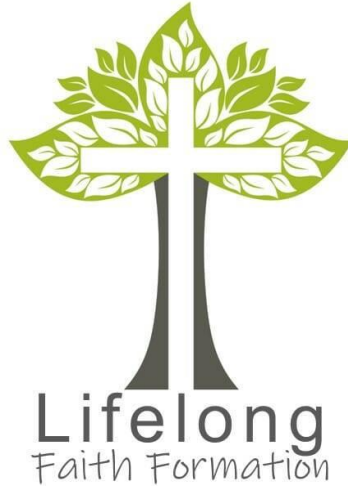
Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Richard Martin

Acolytes: Members

Attendance-----41

THIS WEEK AT PIONEER

- Today** **9:00 am Worship and Reception of New
Members, Blessing of the Backpacks
10:00 am-Fellowship**
- Monday** **7:00 pm Council Mtg.**
- Wednesday** **9:00 am Quilters**
- Saturday** **2:00 pm Roadside Clean-up(Meet at Energy Mart)**
- Next Sunday** **9:00 am Worship- God's Work Our Hands
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Pack LWR Personal Care Kits**



Synod's Lifelong Faith Formation Classes begin in September

Enjoy the conversation and fellowship, as you learn more about the Bible, church history, and Christian mission. Beginning in September, classes meet online via Zoom for two to ten sessions.

For more information and to register, visit the Northern Great Lakes Synod website: nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation

To sign-up for Lifelong Faith Formation emails, contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org

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Year-to-Date Expenses.....\$76,210.00
Year-to-Date Balance.....\$(-18,907.00)



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