



***PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH***  
***Evangelical Lutheran Church in America***

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**Time after Pentecost-Lectionary 24**

**September 15, 2024**

**9:00 am**

***God's Work Our Hands***

***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 “Lift High the Cross” #660**

## **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.

**O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,  
and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for  
the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our  
cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 116:1-9**

*(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 walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has **l** heard my voice,  
and listened to my **l** supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given **l** ear to me**  
**whenever **l** er I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup> came upon me; <sup>1</sup> I came to <sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD:**

**“O LORD, I pray you, <sup>1</sup> save my life.”**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the <sup>1</sup> LORD and righteous;  
our God is full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches o- <sup>1</sup> ver the innocent;**  
**I was brought low, <sup>1</sup> and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, <sup>1</sup> O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt <sup>1</sup> well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my <sup>1</sup> life from death,**  
**my eyes from tears, and my <sup>1</sup> feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living. **R**

***Refrain: I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)***

## **SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

<sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue

is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L. The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark’s gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

<sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say

that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Peggy Rose**

**Hymn of the Day- "Will You Come and Follow Me" #798**

## *Apostles' Creed*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **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.

C: We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



C: We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

C: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

C: We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve (*especially*). Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

C: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We remember our beloved dead (*especially*), who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in 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.

**C: And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 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.

## 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-

**“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #774**

**“Eat This Bread” #472**

### **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**

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

**Amen.**

## **Sending Song: “God’s Work, Our Hands”**

God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

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## 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, Brian- (friend of Lori and Kenny Moser).**

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: Kay Hickson**

**Lector: Dennis Laabs**

**Communion Assistant: Valerie Hogan**

**Altar Guild: Valerie Hogan**

**Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Richard Martin**

**Acolytes: Members**

**Attendance----48**

**Jan-Aug 2024**

**Revenue \$66,508.00**

**Expenses \$93,790.00**

**Balance (-\$27,282.00)**

**THIS WEEK AT PIONEER**

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> <b>10:00 am-Fellowship</b> <b>10:15 LWR Kits</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm Youth Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Fellowship</b>



## **Synod's Lifelong Faith Formation Classes begin in September**

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**For more information and to register, visit the Northern Great Lakes Synod website**

**[nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation](https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation)**

Grow in faith 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. Offerings this fall include: Earth's Climate Crisis; the Book of Proverbs; Strategies to Engage Young People; Connecting through Prayer; Biblical Greek; and focus on issues important to the modern-day church.

**For more information, or to receive the class schedule by e-mail, Contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org).**



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