



PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Time after Pentecost-Lectionary 25

September 22, 2024

9:00 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

(Cranberry Hymnal)

Congregational responses are in bold print.

Service of Word, Prayer, and Song

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace we have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
our sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song "How Great Thou Art" #856

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

C: And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

(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: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the
scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that [|] do not wither; everything they [|] do shall
prosper.

⁴**It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment
comes, nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed. R**

Refrain: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water.

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Matthew Johnson

Hymn of the Day- "Children of the Heavenly Father" #781

Apostles' Creed

L: 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.**

PRAYER SONG: "LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING" #752

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L. 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: Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation (*specific ministries may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer (*especially*). Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

C: Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

PRAYER SONG: "LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING" #752

Greeting of Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.



OFFERING

Offering Song

"As the Grains of Wheat" #465

(Please stand as the offerings are brought forward.)

Offering Prayer

L: 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.

SENDING

Blessing

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

SENDING HYMN

Sending Song: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" #551

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Welcome to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church!

Please fill out the “Welcome” card. *We’re glad you’re here.*

Thank you to Matthew Johnson for leading us in worship today while Pastor Peggy is attending the NGLS Fall Theological Conference.

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

Worship Leader: Matthew Johnson

Music: Ruth Wagoner Thompson

Lector: Carl Ketterman

Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Richard Martin

Acolytes: Members

Attendance-----56

Looking Ahead: Northern Great Lakes Synod Events

Lifelong Faith Formation Classes- nclsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation

October 4-6 High School Youth and Young Adult Retreat

October 5th Fortune Lake Camp Fall Fest!

October 12th Congregational Resource Fair, -Emmanuel, Menominee

or 19th Congregational Resource Fair, -Bethel, Ishpeming

THIS WEEK AT PIONEER

**Today 9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am-Fellowship**

Wednesday 9:00 am Quilters

**Next Sunday 9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am Fellowship**

**Confirmation Classes to prepare for Affirmation of Baptism
begin in October. Classes will meet on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm.**

**Jan-Aug 2024
Revenue \$66,508.00
Expenses \$93,790.00
Balance (-\$27,282.00)**



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