



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

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***17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost-Lectionary 27***

***October 5, 2025***

***9:00 am***

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Holy Communion***  
***(Cranberry Hymnal)***

***Congregational responses are in bold print.***

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude & Welcome**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: We are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

## "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #733

### Greeting

P: 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together

**C: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

**3** Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." **4** When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." **5** Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **6** He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

*(Read responsively by verse, the LECTOR reads with the regular print and the CONGREGATION responds with the bold print. All read the refrain.)*

**REFRAIN- <sup>1</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.**

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by <sup>1</sup> evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those <sup>1</sup> who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither <sup>1</sup> like the grass,**  
**and like the green grass <sup>1</sup> fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD <sup>1</sup> and do good;  
dwell in the land and <sup>1</sup> find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,**  
**who shall give you your <sup>1</sup> heart's desire. R**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
and see what <sup>1</sup> God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD will make your vindication as clear <sup>1</sup> as the light**  
**and the justice of your case like the <sup>1</sup> noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait <sup>1</sup> patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who  
succeeds in <sup>1</sup> evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave <sup>1</sup> rage alone;**  
**do not be provoked; it leads on- <sup>1</sup> ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall <sup>1</sup> be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- <sup>1</sup> sess the land. **R**

**REFRAIN- <sup>1</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**L: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day-“How Firm a Foundation” #796**

**Apostles’ Creed**

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

**C: 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** *(The Pastor leads the “P” petitions while individual worshippers in the congregation lead the “C” petitions.)*

P: Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*



**C:** O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

**C:** O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

**C:** O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

**C:** O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

**C:** O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

P: O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Please share a word of peace with those around you.

## **OFFERING**

**Offering Hymn-"My Faith Looks Up to Thee " #759**

(Please stand as the offerings are brought forward.)

### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray together

**C: Lord of the harvest,**

**We return to you a portion of what you have given to us.**

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERING



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## 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.**

### **Words of Institution**

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.**

Hymn during Communion-“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
#471

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Let us pray together.

**C: O God,**  
**through this meal you have strengthened us**  
**and appointed us to be your servants.**  
**Send us to do good and to share our possessions**  
**with all in need.**  
**We ask this in Jesus’ name.**  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

P: The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song-“Faith of Our Fathers” # 812**

Announcements

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

## ***Welcome to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church!***

As a congregation of the ELCA, Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church invites all who believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and renewing of their lives to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sacrament is offered in bread (gluten-free available- please ask) *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 blessing – please fold your hands to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Please follow the usher’s directions come forward by the center aisle and return to your pew by the side aisles. Please fill out the “Welcome” card to indicate that you communed. You can also make a prayer request, update your contact information, ask the pastor to call, or let us know that you are interested in joining the congregation, and on the back of these cards.

Please pray for: Joanie, Jason, Tom, Brian, Tim, Jean, Mary, Rita, and Robert.

**Sign-up Sheets** are up on the bulletin board. Helpers are needed for the **Altar Guild** (set-up, clean-up, & assisting with Holy Communion); **Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, & Greeters** are needed for worship; and volunteers are needed to prepare **fellowship time coffee and goodies**. **Church Cleaners** for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month. Your help is most assuredly appreciated!

### **Serving in Worship**

**Musicians: Kay Hickson**

**Readers: Keith Hughes**

**Communion Assistant: Worship and Music**

**Altar Guild: Worship and Music**

**Usher & Greeter: Harold Johnson & Friends**

**Acolyte: Members**

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Kari Vadis**

## **THIS WEEK AT PIONEER**

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 am Sunday Worship</b> <b>10:00 am- Fellowship</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am – Sunday Worship</b> <b>10:00 am Fellowship</b>

### **Looking Ahead**

**Monday, October 13th, at 7:00 pm - Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>-From Noon to 5 pm- Blood Drive at Conover  
Community Building**

### **Attendance-34**

#### **August 2025 Year-to-Date Financials:**

Revenue: \$76,645

Expenses: \$70,301

Balance: \$6,344



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