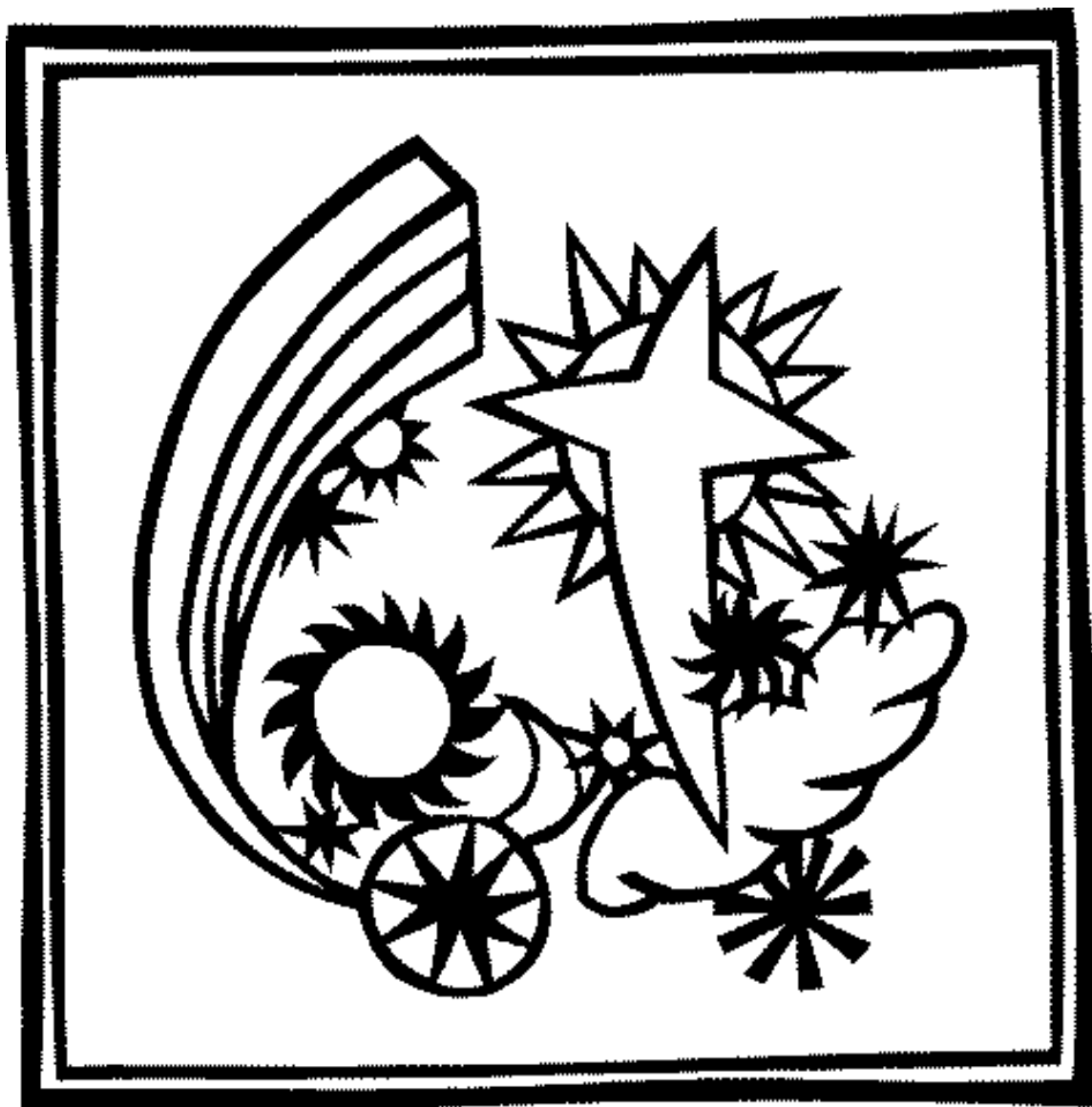




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WELCOME!

GATHERING

PRAYER of CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Please Stand

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's goodness to us, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

C: God of mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient sons and daughters. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles, or imitated the example of your saints. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: Christ is faithful to all who turn to him in repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

C: Amen.

HYMN - "Lord of All Hopefulness" #765

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: Lord Jesus, we so easily set our own course, only to find ourselves adrift when you are not at the center. Come among us again, for we need you. Gather us together in your grace, and lead us forward as your disciples—empowered in the work you have given us to do.

Amen

WORD

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

R: The first reading is from Malachi chapter 4.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

*(Read responsively by verse, the **READER** begins with the light text and the **CONGREGATION** responds with the dark text. All read the refrain.)*

Refrain: In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of
Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who dwell
therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy
before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. R

Refrain: In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

R: The second reading is from Second Thessalonians chapter 3.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: John 6:16-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ When evening came, (Jesus') disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Timothy Vadis

please stand

HYMN - "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #596

APOSTLES' CREED

P: 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 Worship Leader leads the "P" petitions while individual worshippers in the congregation lead the Assisting Minister petitions marked with an "A".)

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis especially Lutheran Disaster Response as they respond to those affected by Hurricane Melissa, and the Typhoon in Alaska. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. May those who make decisions seek to serve the vulnerable and the powerless. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind especially Joanie, Jason, Tom, Brian, Prissy, Jean, Mary, Rita, and Robert. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREETING of PEACE

P: May the Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Share God's peace with those around you.

MEAL

You may be Seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN-“We Are an Offering” #692

Please stand for the final verse

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and most merciful God, we call to mind before you all whom it is easy to forget: those who are homeless, destitute, sick, isolated, and all who have no one to care for them. May we bring help and healing to those who are broken in body or spirit, that they may have comfort in sorrow, company in loneliness, and a place of safety and warmth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word

and deed and was obedient to your will,
even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN— “Canticle of the Turning”

723

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

please stand

P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

HYMN-“When Peace like a River- #785

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We rejoice that you have joined us to worship the Risen Lord this morning. We hope you experience the love of Christ and Community. Please join us for coffee, a light breakfast and fellowship immediately following worship.

WELCOME TO COMMUNION:

We are a welcoming community of believers; ALL who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. If you prefer, you're welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please take a few moments to fill out the white card in your pew rack. If you would like a visit from Pastor or have other needs or prayer requests, please indicate this on the card.

In Our Prayers: Joanie, Jason, Tom, Brian, Prissy, 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 1st, 3rd, and 5th weeks of the month. Your help is most assuredly appreciated!

Serving in Worship

Musicians: Kay Hickson

Communion Assistant: Worship and Music

Altar Guild: Worship and Music

Usher & Greeter: Harold Johnson & Friends

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Vadis

THIS WEEK AT PIONEER

Today	9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:00 am- Fellowship
Next Sunday	9:00 am – Sunday Worship 10:00 am Fellowship-Pie Social

“Pie Social” on Sunday, November 23rd, you are invited to bring a pie to share during the Fellowship Hour.

Keep in Mind: Christmas Tree Decorating at Pioneer Lake Lutheran, Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

-Sign up to “Ring the Bell” for the Salvation Army Christmas fundraiser for Vilas County.



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