



# Pinawa Lutheran Church

A congregation of the ELCIC &  
The Brokenhead Shared Ministry  
*Altruism, Stewardship, Faith, Cooperation*

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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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## **With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

**GATHERING SONG**   WOV 799 - *When Long Before Time* (ver. 1-4)

**GREETING** – Season after Pentecost

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**SCRIPTURE SONG**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### **PSALM 8**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe<sup>1</sup> and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work<sup>1</sup> of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set<sup>1</sup> in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind-<sup>1</sup>ful of them,  
human beings that you should<sup>1</sup> care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less<sup>1</sup> than divine;  
with glory and hon-<sup>1</sup>or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works<sup>1</sup> of your hands;  
you have put all things un-<sup>1</sup>der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all<sup>1</sup> flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts<sup>1</sup> of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish<sup>1</sup> of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths<sup>1</sup> of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O<sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in<sup>1</sup> all the earth!

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?"

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## **GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become

one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *God on the Mountain*

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain  
And you've got peace of mind, like you've never known  
But things change as you're down in the valley  
Don't lose faith, for you're never alone

**Refrain:** For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley  
When things go wrong, He'll make them right  
And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times  
Oh, the God of the day is still God in the night

We talk of faith when we're up on the mountain  
But talk comes so easy when life's at it's best  
Now it's down in the valley, of trials and temptations  
That's when your faith, is really put to the test

**Refrain**

You may be doubting the God of the valley  
He'll carry you through; the darkness to light  
When you're travel'ing your last valley  
Hold on dear child till your faith reconciled

**Refrain**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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### PEACE

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**OFFERING:** The offering plate is on the table at the church entrance.

### OFFERTORY: **What Have We to Offer?**

What have we to offer? What have we to share?

Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.

God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there.

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?

Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;

dreams of what we're after; promises of when. Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?

Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;

truth that must be spoken; justice somehow. Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?

Lives ..... we will live.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**BLESSING  
SENDING SONG**

WOV 791 - *Alabare*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
DISMISSAL**

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**REFORMATION SUNDAY:** October 27, 2024, 10:00am the Lutheran congregations of the Brokenhead area will come together to worship. This service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Beausejour. Worship will be followed by fellowship, coffee and pot luck desserts

**BIBLE STUDY:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month – 10am.

**IRONWOOD SERVICE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

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