



# *Pinawa Lutheran Church*

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

*September 22, 2024*  
*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Worship Leader: Sharon Howe*

***With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer***  
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**INTRODUCTION:** Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honour in the assembly.

**GATHERING SONG**   WOV 741 – *Thy Holy Wings*

**GREETING** – Season after Pentecost

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**SCRIPTURE SONG**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to you and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, so we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.  
<sup>19</sup>But 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!”  
<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.  
<sup>17</sup>Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
<sup>18</sup>for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.  
<sup>19</sup>Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.  
<sup>20</sup>Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

## PSALM 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

## SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But 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. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You 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. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL: 9:30-37

*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.*

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>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." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

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

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**   WOV 754 – *Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ*

**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.  
    who try the heart and the mind,

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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**BLESSING** Page 53  
**SENDING SONG** WOV 724 - *The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**DISMISSAL**

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**BIBLE STUDY:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month – 10am. All are welcome.  
**IRONWOOD SERVICE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

**CLOTHING NEED FOR U OF M STUDENTS!!!!**

Deacon Michelle is collecting winter clothing for U of M students. Can you help? Deacon Michelle would like this clothing by the end of September. Bring your items to church or contact Audrey at [a\\_n\\_miller@mymts.net](mailto:a_n_miller@mymts.net) or 204-753-8202 to arrange for drop off or pickup.. Let's help keep these students warm!

**REFORMATION SUNDAY:** October 27, 2024 the Lutheran congregations of the Brokenhead area will come together to worship. This service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Beausejour. More details to follow soon.

**SERMON:** The sermon for this Sunday, today was prepared and shared by Pastor Nolan Gingrich for Ascension Lutheran in Nelson, BC.

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*If we don't do something about pollution soon,  
walking on water won't seem like a miracle anymore!*