



# *Pinawa Lutheran Church*

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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*June 29, 2025*

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

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**INTRODUCTION:** We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

**GATHERING SONG** WOV 776 – *Be Thou My Vision*

**GREETING** – Season after Pentecost

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**SCRIPTURE SONG**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favour us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
Amen

**FIRST READING:** 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen,

ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## **PSALM 16**

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour

one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *WOV 752 – Here I am Lord*

**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**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and forests, animals, the land beneath us and the celestial heavens above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world and help us to care for this wonderful gift.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Counsel our leaders, O God. In this world of turmoil make them steadfast and compassionate in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those who know rejection, and shelter to those who have nowhere to lay their heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence (*especially those we now name aloud or keep in our hearts*). Give all the fullness of your joy.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation so we may continue in our ministries. Set our faces always on you, that we might respect and live in the freedom to which you have called us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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## **BLESSING**

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### **SENDING SONG**      *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 trave'ling your last valley  
Hold on dear child till your faith reconciled **Refrain**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL**

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**BIBLE STUDY:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> *cancelled*. Resumes July 17<sup>th</sup> – 10am. All are welcome.

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

**BSM ANNUAL PICNIC:** August 10, 2025 – Details to follow