



Pinawa Lutheran Church

A congregation of the ELCIC & The Brokenhead Shared Ministry

Altruism, Stewardship, Faith, Cooperation

12th Sunday After Pentecost
August 31, 2025

With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer

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INTRODUCTION: Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

GATHERING SONG WOV 799 - *When Long Before Time*

GREETING – Season after Pentecost

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SCRIPTURE SONG

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

7a for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

PSALM 112

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine
away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

1 Let mutual affection continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember
those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are
being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be
held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge
the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money,
and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you
or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider
the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a
sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not
neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to
God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity
to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also
makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees
to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a
parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit
down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has

been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

SERMON: Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. He will begin his position as Bishop of the ELCIC on September 1, 2025.

HYMN OF THE DAY *WOV 778 - O Christ the Same*

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS
DISMISSAL

BIBLE STUDY: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month – 10am. All are welcome.

IRONWOOD SERVICE: 4th Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

BROKENHEAD SHARED MINISTRY NEWS:

- Pastor Kolleen will finish her interim ministry term with the BSM at the end of September. Her last worship service with Pinawa Lutheran Church will be September 7th.
- The Brokenhead Shared Ministry Council and the Manitoba Northwest Synod of the ELCIC are in negotiations with a retired pastor to serve as our half-time interim pastor once Pastor Kolleen's term ends.
- Bishop Jason continues to search for a full-time permanent pastor candidate for the BSM. If you have names of pastors (Lutheran, Anglican, Moravian) he might approach please pass the names on to Audrey Miller.

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*God gave people two ears and one mouth: God made the ears
to always remain open but the mouth to shut.*