



August 17, 2025

**10th Sunday After
Pentecost**

*(Please stand at * points during
the service as you are able.)*

PRELUDE/BELLS

WELCOME

PEACE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of +Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Cloth with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG: How Firm a Foundation (ELW #796)**

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?
The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in

deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (*Pastor Mike Ozaki*)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light* (ELW #815)

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW #186)
(*Congregation stands as the offering is brought forward*)

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray... **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***APOSTLES CREED (ELW p. 152)**

**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**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound. Reassure them of your care in all times and places.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*ELW p. 154*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God (ELW #154)*

Eat This Bread (ELW #472)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray... **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

***THREE FOLD BLESSING:** *Numbers 6:24-26*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace. In the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

***SENDING SONG** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (ELW #536)*

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

BELLS/POSTLUDE

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JOYFULLY SERVING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Farewell Celebration for Pastor Mike Ozaki – See flyer
- Tue, Aug 19th NO 8:00 AM stretch and pray
8:30-3:00 PM Sabbath at the Lake, Women's Retreat at Trinity Point. – See flyer
- Wed, Aug 20th 6-7:30 PM BIO Girls at FLC
9:00 AM WELCA Bible Study at FLC
7:30 PM Fisher Council
- Thur, Aug 21st 6:30 AM AA at FLC
- Sun, Aug 24th 9:00 AM Worship at FLC
- Aug. 24th Trinity's Annual SUNDAY FUNDAY AT THE LAKE!
Worship at 11 lead by Tim Eggebraaten, lunch at 12 PM, Tim Eggebraaten music on the beach from 1-3 PM. Yard games, swimming, open to the community.
- Thank you to all that came out and participated at the Bygland Picnic. And a big thank you to everyone who put it together and contributed food to share!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

15577 N TRINITY PPOINT RD SE,
MENTOR MN 56736

a time to enjoy God's creation, deepen one's relationship
with God. speakers worship music morning treats lunch
fellowship provided.

TRINITY POINT SABBATH AT THE LAKE

AUGUST 19, 2025
8:30-3:00 PM

NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION



NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME CONGREGATION: _____

COST: \$30. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WOMEN OF THE ELCA.

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK BY AUGUST 5, 2025

TO TERRY PIPHO, 323 - 49TH AVE SW, MOORHEAD, MN 56560



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR

PASTOR MICHAEL OZAKI



*Come join us for
our 10:45am
worship followed
by a lunch/
celebration with
Pastor Mike*

*If you are
interested in
joining us, please
call First
Presbyterian or
Vicki Svedarsky to
RSVP. Thank You*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH @ 10:45AM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We are
HITTING
THE ROAD
and you are invited!

This August, synod staff are heading out on **Road Trip 2025**—a series of regional gatherings where we'll share a meal, worship together, and talk about what's happening across our synod.

AUGUST 18

12 PM | **Calvary** Alexandria
6 PM | **Trinity** Detroit Lakes

AUGUST 19

12 PM | **Zion** Thief River Falls
6 PM | **Good Shepherd** Clearbrook

AUGUST 20

12 PM | **Messiah** Roseau

You're welcome to attend any location that works best for you, regardless of your conference. Come connect with fellow ministry partners and hear what God is up to across Northwestern Minnesota!

COME WHEN YOU CAN, WHERE YOU CAN! SEE YOU ON THE ROAD!

