

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**Pastor:** Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

**Pastor:** God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn:** Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service LBW 423

**\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Lamar Walter Maul Elzy Pauley Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich  
Emma Rosman

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING ON COUNCIL, PLEASE SEE ANY CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBER OR KAREN POHOPIN. WE HAVE ONE VACANT POSITION TO BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY.**

**September 22—Newsletter items are due to Becky Canavan or Sharon Cordwell for the months of October through December 2024. If you have any items, please place in their mail-boxes in the back of the church. Thank You.**

**October 7—Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.**

**This morning, Gary Mickle, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.**

**If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.**

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**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 22, 2024**  
*First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662*  
*Worship Sundays at 9:00 am*



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***Communion Hospitality***  
*Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune..*

Tall candles are in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine. Small candles are in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine.

### Setting II

# Prelude

**\*Announcements:**

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

**Pastor:** Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Entrance Hymn:** **God Is Here** **WOV 719**

**\*Kyrie** p. 78

**\*Prayer of the Day: Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

**Psalm 54 (Read Responsively)**

**\*The Verse** p. 83

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

## Sermon

**\*Apostles' Creed** **p. 85**

**Pastor:** Hear us, O God.      **C:** Your mercy is great.

**Offering**                    *The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

**\*Offertory** **“Let the Vineyards”** **p. 86**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Liturgy of Holy Communion**  
**\*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus** **p. 88**

**\*When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared in the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.**

Gathered at the Lord's table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that "in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you..

**\*The Lord's Prayer** p. 91

**\*Invitation to Communion:**

**Pastor:** Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**\*Agnus Dei** **“Lamb of God”** **p. 92**

*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

*“The body of Christ, given for you.” & “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”*

*After each, the communicant may say: 'Amen.'*

### Distribution

**Communion Hymn:** **Now We Join in Celebration** **LBW 203**

**\*Post Communion Blessing** p. 92