**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 1, 2023**

***Please listen in silence to the music of the Lord.***

Prelude: “Meditation from “Thais” Jules Massenet

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS and PRAYER REQUESTS

Introit: Choir

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25) Please stand.

 Liturgist: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

 **People: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are**

 **GOD my Savior, and my hope is in you all day**

 **long.**

Liturgist: Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for

 they are from of old.

 **People: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my**

 **rebellious ways; according to your love**

 **remember me, for you, Lord, are good.**

Liturgist: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs

 sinners in his ways.

 **People: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches**

 **them his way.**

\*OPENING HYMN “Blessed Jesus At Thy Word” #212

\*INVOCATION

*Before you sit down, please take a moment to greet one another.*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:1-9

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION – Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM "Great Peace Have They" G. H. Richolson

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" A. Schreiner

\*DOXOLOGY

 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

 *Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

 *Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:*

 *Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" #391

SERMON “Where Are You?” Pastor Rick

COMMUNION ANTHEM "In This Moment of Remembrance”

 Dale Wood (Choir)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION/LORD’S PRAYER

 ***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin***

 ***against us. And lead us not into temptation, but***

 ***deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the***

 ***power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.***

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

\*HYMN “Take My Life and Let it Be" #404

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord" Cesar Franck

Pastor: Rev. Rick Miller

Organist and Choir Director: Ralph W. Farrar

Liturgist: Jerry Steves

Ushers: Bill Hazenberg and Gary Carnes

Communion Servers are Debbie Latona and Wendy Wilcox

**\*\*Pastoral Contact:** Pastor Rick – Call or text him at 716-969-4826 if you need to talk to him.

## Announcements

Worship Service 10:45am

Bible Study Thursdays at 1:30pm

Choir Practice Thursday at 7:00pm

1. Today’s loose offering goes to the deaconry.
2. Today is our special Neighbors in Need Offering. Please give generously. Envelopes are in your bulletins.
3. The next church dinner is October13 at the Bemus Point Inn at 6pm. There is a signup sheet on the back table.
4. There will be a concert presenting Magnus

 Martensson, Swedish Concert Pianist and Comedian,

 Sunday, October 1 at 4:00pm at the First Lutheran

 Church. A free-will offering will be received with a

 reception to follow in the parlor.

1. Deacons and Trustees meet next week.

 6) Budget meeting is Tuesday at 7pm

1. The Women’s Group will be putting together a Christmas-themed basket to raffle off. The proceeds will go to a woman, child or family in need. If you would like to contribute to the basket there will be a box in the back of the sanctuary for any new Christmas-themed items.

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 8) Meals On Wheels is asking for a variety of greeting

 cards to give to their participants. This can include

 Birthday, Get Well, Anniversary, Thinking of You,

 holiday. We would like to have them by October 22.

 Give them to Peg or Diane. Thank you.

1. Trunk Or Treat will be held Sunday, October 29 from

 5:30 to 6:30pm. Please be in the parking lot by

 5:00pm. We need donations of bags of candy.

 Please leave them in the Sunday school room or give

 them to one of the deacons.

 Our website is: [www.pilgrimmemorialucc.org](http://www.pilgrimmemorialucc.org)

 Please join us on Facebook at pilgrimfirstucc.

 *We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors.*