

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Litany of Praise  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Message  
Hymn of the Day  
Creed, Prayers and Peace  
The Words of Communion  
Communion  
The Lord's Prayer  
Blessing & Sending

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**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Kyrie  
Prayer of the Day  
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Psalm of the Day  
Gospel Acclamation  
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*"Where Ya Gonna Run To?"*

*Rev. Ralph Mineo & Brennen Durst*

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
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OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

**TODAY'S THEME**

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

**Today's Bible Readings**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Pew Bible p. 685  
Philippians 2:1-13 Pew Bible p. 954  
Psalm 25:1-9 Pew Bible p. 436  
Matthew 21:23-32 Pew Bible p. 802

**Today's Message**

*"Never-Ending Grace"*  
by Rev. Ralph Mineo

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**PSALM RESPONSE:**



Psalm 25:6

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**OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, and the Varner Family.

**Cancer treatments:** Ellen Stevens

**Friends of the congregation:** Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, and Nick.

**Cancer Friends:** Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

**Other prayer requests:** The congregation of St. John’s to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

**CHOIRS ARE BACK:** All rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings. No more late-night driving in the winter. The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir after the 10:00 AM service. Come and join the fun and fellowship!

**Gem City Band Concert:** this Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the gym.