



***PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH***  
***Evangelical Lutheran Church in America***

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***4th Sunday in Lent***

Sunday, March 30, 2025- Hymn Sing Sunday

9:00 am

ELW- Cranberry Hymnal

Holy Communion-Setting 10 (pages 203-209)

(Congregation responses in Bold Print)

## **GATHERING**

Prelude

**Welcome**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's  
abiding love.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

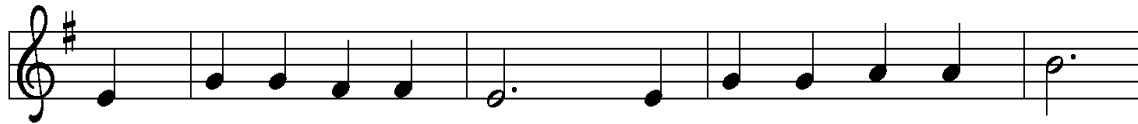
# Gathering Hymn- Hymn Sing-#787 "On Eagle's Wings

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12**

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.

<sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L. The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 32**

*(Read responsively by verse, the READER begins with the regular text and the CONGREGATION responds with the bold print. All read the refrain.)*

**Refrain: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile! R**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,

because of my groaning | all day long.

**<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you  
forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of  
trouble; when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**<sup>8</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay  
near you."

**<sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **R**

***Refrain: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)***

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a

new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

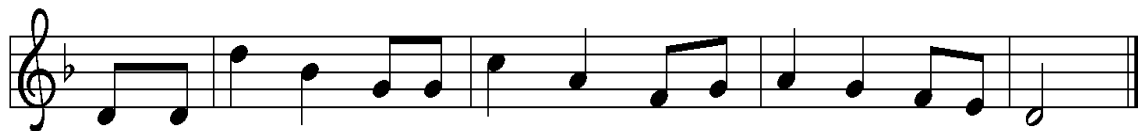
L. The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### GOSPEL: **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and

approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn Sing- #781 “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

**#742 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**Installation of Congregation Council: Jeff Lane, Valerie Hogan, Lori Mosser, Linda Rectenwald, Robin Indermuehle, Carol Clure, and Lawrence Dow.**

**Call Committee: Donna Dow, Mark Hovel, Keith Hughes, Tony Justice, Jeff Lane, and Joyce Leavitt.**



## Prayers of Intercession

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

C: God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

C: God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

C: God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

C: God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion (*especially*). Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

C: God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died (*especially*). We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
**Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **Offering Hymn**

### **"Go To Dark Gethsemane" #347**

### Offering Prayer

P. Let us pray together,

**C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.**

**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

### The Communion

*As the minister and communion assistant give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond.*

Amen.

### “Lamb of God”



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### Hymn Sing “Amazing Grace” #779

## Post-communion Blessing and Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**Generous Host,**  
**you have shared your feast with us and made us new.**  
**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,**  
**that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,**  
**in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn Sing-“ Lift High the Cross” #660**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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## ***Welcome to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church!***

As a congregation of the ELCA, Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church practices open communion. All who believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and renewing of their lives are invited to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sacrament is offered in bread – *the body of*

*Christ given for you, & red wine or white grape juice – the blood of Christ shed for you.* Those not receiving the sacrament are invited forward for a blessing – please fold your hands to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please fill out the “*Welcome*” card to indicate that you communed.

**Please remember in prayer:** Mike, Arlen, Robert, Vicky, Norm, Lois, Claire, Bill, Rin (Dave and Gail’s friends), Richard, Sandy, Carol, Marilyn, Marcia, Anna Marie, Lenny, Janet, Don, and Rodd.

Please use the back of the “*Welcome*” card to make a prayer request or call the church office: at 715-479-4966.

**Sign-up Sheets for 2025** are up on the bulletin board. Helpers are needed for the **Altar Guild** (set-up, clean-up, & assisting with Holy Communion); **Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, & Greeters** are needed for worship; and volunteers are needed to prepare **fellowship time coffee and goodies**. **Church Cleaners** for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month. Your help is most assuredly appreciated!

**Serving in Worship**

**Music: Kay Hickson**

**Lector: Keith Hughes**

**Communion Assistants: Toni Lynn Kleeba**

**Altar Guild: Toni Lynn Kleeba**

**Usher & Greeter: Harold Johnson**

**Acolyte: Members**

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Peggy Rose**

## **THIS WEEK AT PIONEER**

Today	9:00 am – Worship- 4th Sunday in Lent-Council and Call Committee Installation 10:00 am Fellowship- 10:15 am - Memorial Committee Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00 pm -Lenten- Soup Supper and “Bread for Sharing”
Thursday	10:30 am- NGLS Headwaters Conference for Clergy @ PLLC
Sunday	9:00 am Worship- 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 10:00 am – Fellowship

### **Lent, Holy Week & Easter at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church**

Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers & “*Bread of Life*” Series Continue in April:

- Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30 p.m. - “*Bread for Sharing*”
- Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - “*Bread for the Community*”

#### **Holy Week:**

- April 13<sup>th</sup> - Palm/Passion Sunday  
+ 9:00 a.m. - Worship  
+ 10:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday Brunch
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Worship - “*Bread for the Road*”
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Worship - “*Listening to the Cry of Creation: Stations of the Cross*”

***Easter Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Worship - “Bread for Feasting”***

**ATTENDANCE**

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