



Fourth SUNDAY after Epiphany

SERVICE OF WORD, PRAYER, & SONG

PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 1, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Reconciling God,

**C: We yearn for your presence to transform our grief,
pain, and despair.**

**We confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;**

**we have not always recognized your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear.

**We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news.**

**Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song
of your salvation. Amen.**

L: God's grace upon grace flows over you.

✝ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

OPENING HYMN- Shall We Gather at the River # 423

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together,

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

R. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

(Read responsively by verse, the reader reads the light text and the congregation responds with the dark text.)

ALL: LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their
friends; they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who |**

fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

ALL: LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God

chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

#768

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Keith Hughes

HYMN Of the Day “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” # 596

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Let us affirm our faith together.

**C: 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

The worship leader leads the prayer petitions indicated with the "L" while worshippers are invited to pray the petitions marked with the "A."

L: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way (*especially*) Kenny, Jason, Brian, Prissy, Jean, Rita, Tom, Mary, Joanie, and Robert. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Share a greeting of peace with those around you.



OFFERING

Offertory Hymn-“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” # 733

Please stand for the last verse

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

**C: God of glory, great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts
for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice
in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

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 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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

L: The triune God, glorious Mystery,
holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” #669

DISMISSAL

L: Go in joy. Share the light of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church!

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ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE: We are glad you're here. You do not need to be a Lutheran, nor a member of PLLC to receive Holy Communion. All who are baptized are welcome to share in the gift of grace that we receive in the bread and the wine.

Children who have not yet received their **FIRST COMMUNION** are welcome to receive a blessing. If you are wondering what this is all about please contact Pastor Kari. First Communion instruction will happen upon request. If your child is interested in participating in communion, Pastor Kari would love to meet with you to set up a time for that. There is no right age... but sometime around 2nd-4th grade is usually about the time that congregations offer this.

PASTORAL VISIT & PRAYER REQUESTS: Please take a few moments to fill out the white card in your pew rack.

Please pray for the following individuals: Kenny, Jason, Brian, Prissy, Jean, Rita, Mary, Joanie, and Robert.

Please take a few moments to fill out the white card in your pew rack. If you would like a visit from Pastor or have other needs or prayer requests, please indicate this on the card.

Serving in Worship

Music Kay Hickson

Lector: Jeff Lane

Communion Assistants: Members of the congregation

Altar Guild: Worship and Music

Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Friends

Acolyte: Worship and Music

Attendance

1-25-2026-27

THIS WEEK AT PIONEER

Sunday **9:00** Worship Service
10:15 Fellowship

Next Sunday **9:00** Worship Service-Souper Sunday
10:15 Fellowship-Chili

Looking Forward- Ash Wednesday- Feb. 18 at 7:00 p.m.

1st- Lent on Feb.25 at 5:30 p.m.

The sign-up sheet is on the board



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