



March 30, 2025

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4th Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.

**WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements, Prelude

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**Sojourners and Pilgrims**

**GATHERING**

**LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Come and let us walk as sojourners and pilgrims in the light of the Lord.

And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

**Father of mercies and God of all consolation; come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen**

We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

*(Acts 10:39-40, 43)*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God...

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

**GATHERING SONG**

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

ELW #338 (Attached)

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray

**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.**

**CHOIR**

**“Lamb of God”**

Words & Music by Twila Paris  
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: “I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. <sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.” <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> In that day you will say: “Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. <sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

The word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

<sup>10</sup> **Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

<sup>11</sup> Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave

us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[b]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**          Restore in Us, O God

1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from

new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 15

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

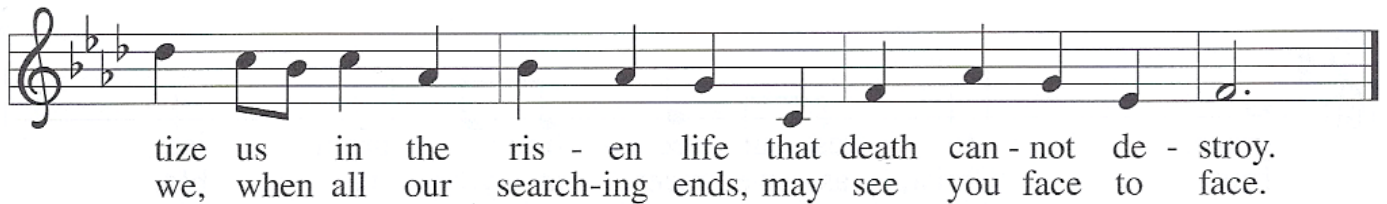
Luke 15:11-32

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your

property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’<sup>31</sup> “My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’<sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”  
The gospel of the Lord.....**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL RESPONSE

*Restore in Us, O God*



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

**“From Squandered to Surrendered”**

Pr. Andrew Young

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Blessed Assurance”*

ELW #638 (Attached)

## THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER:

In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of our faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter.

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed concerns Creation. What does it mean?

**I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

The Second Article of the Creed concerns Redemption. What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ -- true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary -- is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil -- not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this, he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

The Third Article of the Creed concerns Sanctification. What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, In Your Mercy

RESPONSE: *“Hear Our Prayer”*

### PEACE

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always

**And also with you.**

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**\*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**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**  
They go from strength to strength,  
**till each appears before God in Zion.**

Let us pray.

**Compassionate God, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

As you travel on your way, may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May he look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

**SENDING SONG**

*“There Is A Redeemer”*

(Attached)

Fellow Pilgrims and Sojourners... go in peace to love and serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

## WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Connie Holton
Greeters:	Mike & Lorrie Hansen
Refreshments:	Debbie & Gary Porter
Reader:	Mike Hansen
Acolyte:	Jackson Forsberg
Council:	Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Carl Grassel/Mike Hansen
March Altar Guild:	Amy Young/Karlene Swenson/Julie Hanson/Darlene Idland

### **Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Ole Wentz, good friend of the Zankowski family from Billings.....very ill with a urinary tract infection.  
Tom Grabinski, former member of Peace Lutheran, beginning treatment for Prostate Cancer. Prayers for courage and positive treatment results!  
Nancy Schievelbein's brother Robert, recently diagnosed with cancer.  
Jenn Kolling's second cousin, Luanne, fighting cancer.  
Kathy Benson, friend of Nancy Norberg, diagnosed with lung cancer; surgery went well; further treatment decisions ahead.  
Jim Caldwell.....complications from his knee surgery.  
Jodi Robbins continues uterine cancer treatment with the addition of radiation therapy.  
Janet Keppel, Darlene Idland's friend is on a new, more tolerable treatment, praise there's signs the tumor is being attacked, continue prayers, please.  
Diane Oddy health issues.  
Continued prayers for Jackie Currey's niece, Heidi Harbaugh, ill with Sarcoidosis.....a rare, very dangerous inflammatory disease. Recovery time is very long.  
Prayers for Dustin Hampton's father, as he deals with serious health concerns.  
Jenn Darr.....Prayers for a full recovery and supportive treatment options going forward.  
Mike Mattson's nephew, Dr. Keith Stampher; advanced bladder cancer.  
Erin Waynes mother, Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for her medical team and her recovery.  
Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.  
Prayers for Dee Feddes's friend Megan from Billings.....diagnosed with ALS.  
Mike Mattson's sister, Donna, Stage 4 breast cancer.  
Mary Gaub, Joni Sando's mother.....continues cancer treatment.  
Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.  
Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

### **Prayers for Comfort and Peace**

Kelly Apple, friend of Michelle Clark passed away from pancreatic cancer.

### **Prayers Of Thanks and Praise**

#### **Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement**

Katie Sorensen deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for Nick, Claire and Diana here at home.  
Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya