

4th Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
Oak Lake Lutheran Church, ELCA

Order of Worship

Prelude

Confession/Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: **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.**

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Song

400 LBW

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

Greeting

p. 57

Kyrie

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(Hymn of Praise left out for Lent)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us Pray...

C: Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 23 p. 225

Second Lesson- Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel Acclamation (for Lent) p. 63

Holy Gospel- John 9: 1-41

Sermon

Song # 448 LBW

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Installation of Church Council

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Closing Song # 649 WOV

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Volunteers are needed to sign up for **Lent meal on March 18th** for Soups, Sandwiches and desserts at Oak Lake. The signup sheet is on the start of the lunch line counter.

March 31: Thrivent Choice Dollars deadline to direct funds. Want Thrivent to support an organization close to your heart? Eligible Thrivent clients can make it happen by directing Choice Dollars® to causes they care about. The deadline to direct 2025 funds is March 31, 2026. All Choice Dollars® designated to Oak Lake church will go to the furnace fund.

March 17: WELCA Meets at 9:30 Quilting/Lunch/Bible Study and business meeting

March 17: Council Meeting at 6:30/Joint Council at 7:00

March 18: Lent meal at 6 pm with service at 7 pm at Oak Lake – need volunteers for soup/sandwiches and desserts

March 20: April Newsletter Deadline and Spring begins.

March 22: Worship at 11:15 am

March 29: Palm Sunday Worship service at 11:15 am - followed by a brunch potluck

Cooperative churches Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday April 2 services:

4:00 Bethany-
5:30 Oak Lake-
7:00 Emmanuel-

Good Friday April 3 services:

4:00 Bethany-
5:30 Trinity-
7:00 Grace-

Easter Sunday April 5:

6:30- Prayer gathering at Vilstad church (between Bruno & Askov)
7:00- Bethany
8:45- Oak Lake
9:45- Trinity (8:30 Easter breakfast before the service)
11:00- Emmanuel