



PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Fourth Sunday of Easter-Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21, 2024

9:00 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
(Cranberry Hymnal-Setting 10, Pages 203-209)
Congregational responses are in bold print.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

P: Christ is Risen

C: Christ is Risen in dead. Alleluia

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

**Gathering Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV (Blue) #671
(vss. 1-4)**

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.

Canticle of Praise



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

(Read responsively by verse, the LECTOR reads with the regular print and the CONGREGATION responds with the bold print. All read the refrain.)

Refrain: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD ^l is my shepherd;
I shall not ^l be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ^l in green pastures
and leads me be- ^l side still waters.**

³You restore my ^l soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ^l for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ^l
fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ^l comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ^l of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ^l running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ^l of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ^l LORD forever. R**

Refrain: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if

our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Peggy Rose

Hymn of the Day- “ Have No Fear, Little Flock” #764

Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

C: Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

C: Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

C: Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

C: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

C: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith (*including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel*). Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" #686

(Please stand as the offerings are brought forward.)

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray together

**C. Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
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.

Preface Prayer for Easter

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note on G4. The second staff ends with a quarter note on G4. The third staff ends with a quarter note on G4. The fourth staff ends with a quarter note on G4.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE #IV

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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 during Communion-

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together.

**Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✝ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” #536

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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 an Easter 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 pew by the side aisles. Please fill out the “Welcome” card to indicate that you communed. (As you know active membership at PLLC is determined by a record of those who commune & contribute each year.) You can also make a prayer request, update your contact information, ask the pastor to call, or let us know that you are interested in joining the congregation.

Please remember in prayer; Marilyn Hilliard, Ed Wright (Judy and Norm Johnson's brother-in-law), **Brian Drover** (Judy and Norm Johnson’s nephew), **Jack Halbert** (Joyce Blaser's Great Grandson) **Kenny Moser, Donna Dow, Dick and Sandy Martin, Gene Klump, Rodd Wangen. Family and friends of Larry “Louie” Rectenwald who was buried on Tuesday.**

Please take a moment or two to check out the sign-up sheets: **helpers** are needed for the **Altar Guild; Readers** are needed for worship and volunteers are needed to prepare **fellowship time coffee and goodies.** Your help is most assuredly appreciated!

Serving in Worship

Music: Kay Hickson

Lector: Jeff Lane

Communion Assistant: Valerie Hogan

Altar Guild: Valerie Hogan

Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Richard Martin

Acolyte: Members

Attendance

Last Sunday -51

THIS WEEK AT PIONEER

Today 9:00 am Sunday Worship
10:00 am- Fellowship in honor of Roger and Jane Kerstner
10:15 am Transition Team Congregational Event #3

What do you think is the core value of PLLC?
What is it, that if it did not exist, would make your church
totally different than it currently is?

Wednesday 9:00 Quilters
April 24th Administrative Professional Day Thank you Holly
Saturday 11:00 am Donna Offerdahl Funeral

Next Sunday 9:00 am Sunday Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
2:00 pm Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association Annual Mtg.

Looking Ahead: Brat Sale (ELCA Youth Gathering-check the bulletin board) is going to be on Saturday, June 8th, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Looking for baked goods to sell! Looking to fill the freezer before June 8th! We have six weeks to make this happen.

Donna Offerdahl, former member of Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church, passed away on Thursday, January 25, at her residence in Oak Park Heights, MN. Donna and her husband, Phil, were active members of Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church from 1990 until 2019 when they moved to Hudson, WI. The two of them always had a special place in their heart for Pioneer Lake. Donna directed the choir and Phil was always ready to help with property maintenance. A **Celebration of Life** will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 11:00 am at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church. A reception will follow at the Kickback Grill in Eagle River.



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God's work. Our hands.



