

PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection

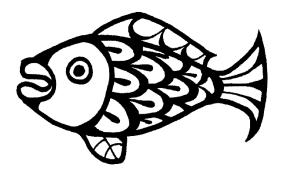
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** Look, here is water!

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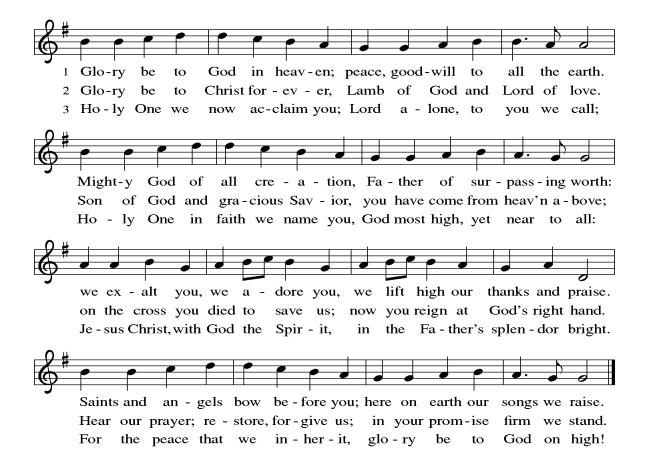
Gathering Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" #377

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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L. Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 4

(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 does wonders for the faithful. (*Ps. 4:3*)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and I hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishon-¹ or my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?"

 $^{3}\mbox{Know}$ that the LORD does wonders 1 for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and [|] do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R

⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,

and put your trust [|] in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,

more than when grain and ¹ wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie [|] down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R

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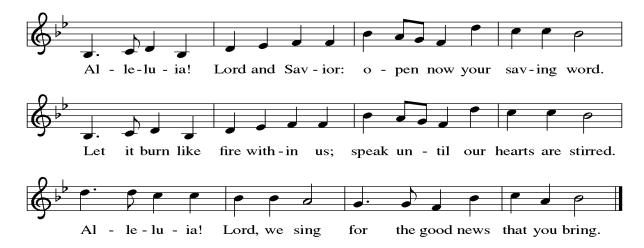
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins. ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L. Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: **Luke 24:36b-48** The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Pastor Peggy Rose

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- " Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" #671

Vss. 1-3

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

C: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

C: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

C: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

C: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. 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

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #184

(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.

<u>MEAL</u>

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

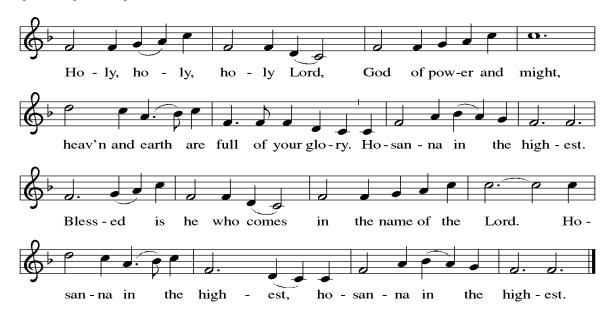
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE #IV

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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

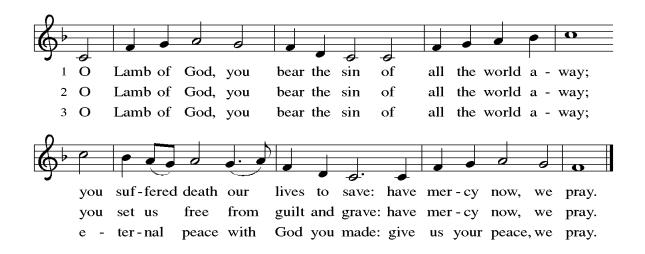
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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"



Hymn during Communion-

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #674

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing" #537

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

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.

<u>Please remember in prayer</u>; Marilyn Hilliard, Ed Wright (Judy Johnson's brother) Jack Halbert (Joyce Blaser's Great Grandson) Kenny Moser, Donna Dow, Dick and Sandy Martin, Gene Klump, Rodd Wangen, Larry Rectenwald.

<u>Please take a moment or two</u> 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: Jo Simons Lector: Jeff Lane Communion Assistant: Valerie Hogans Altar Guild: Valerie Hogans Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Richard Martins Acolyte: Members

Attendance

Last Sunday -31

THIS WEEK AT PIONEER

Today	9:00 am Sunday Worship
	10:00 am- Fellowship
Saturday	9:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:00 am Sunday Worship
	10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Transition Team Congregational Event #3	

Looking Ahead:

Transition Team Congregational Event #3-Sunday April 21st @10:15 a.m.

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? Attention: 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 seven weeks to make this happen.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

