



***PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH***  
***Evangelical Lutheran Church in America***

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***Church Office—715-479-4966***

***4th Sunday of Easter- Good Shepherd Sunday.***

***May 11, 2025***

***9:00 am***

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship***

***(Cranberry Hymnal)***

***Congregational responses are in bold.***

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **GATHERING**

Prelude

**Welcome**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**P:** Christ is Risen

**C: Christ is Risen in dead. Alleluia**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

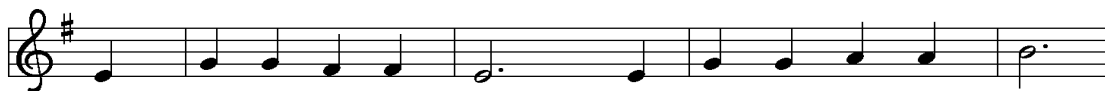
## Gathering Hymn-“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789

### 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.**

### Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43**

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

<sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her

eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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)**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall |  
fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

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

**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation



### GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of



Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Sharolyn Swenson**

**Hymn of the Day- “For All the Faithful Women” #419 (vss. 1,2,10, and Last!)**

**Nicene Creed (Celebrating 1700 years)**

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.**

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### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

C: You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

C: You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

C: You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

C: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

C: This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (*especially*), we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Offering Hymn

**"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #860**

### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray together

**C: Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE PG. 111-#IV

### 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.*

## “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-

## “Jesus, Remember Me” #616

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray together.

**Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

### **“The Lord’s My Shepherd #778**

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

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### ***Welcome to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church!***

As a congregation of the ELCA, Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church invites all who believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and renewing of their lives to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sacrament is offered in bread (gluten-free available- please ask) *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 blessing – please fold your hands to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Please follow the usher’s directions come forward by the center aisle and returning to your pew by the side aisles. Please fill out the “*Welcome*” card to indicate that you communed. 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, and on the back of these cards.

**Please pray for:** Joanie, Leila, our NGLS Staff and all attending the Synod Assembly this week.

**Sign-up Sheets** are up on the bulletin board. Helpers are needed for the **Altar Guild** (set-up, clean-up, & assisting with Holy Communion);



**Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, & Greeters** are needed for worship; and volunteers are needed to prepare **fellowship time coffee and goodies**. **Church Cleaners** for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month. Your help is most assuredly appreciated!

**Serving in Worship**

**Musicians: Jennifer Anderson, Mark Hovel**

**Lector: Members**

**Communion Assistant: Worship and Music**

**Altar Guild: Worship and Music**

**Usher & Greeter: Harold Johnson**

**Acolyte: Members**

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Sharolyn Swenson**

**Thank you to Pastor Sharolyn Swenson for leading us in worship today!**

**THIS WEEK AT PIONEER**

**Today**                    **9:00 am Good Shepherd Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am- Fellowship**

**Monday**                **7:00 pm Council Mtg.**

**Thurs.-Sat.**        **Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly**

**Next Sunday**        **9:00 am Worship- Blessing of Graduates**  
**10:00 am Fellowship-Graduate Recognition**

## **Looking Ahead:**

**May 18 - Graduate Recognition**

**May 26- Memorial Day Service, Hildegard Cemetery- 10:00 am.**

## **Attendance**

Sunday -28

Year-to-Date thru March 2025

Revenue.....\$21,635  
Expenses.... \$25,672  
Balance..... (-\$4,037)



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