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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Care-A-Lot Sunday

Introduction to Worship

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, which gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

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Prelude: *Love of Jesus Medley* - Arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome to All Worshipers - Especially Care-A-Lot Children, Staff, and Families!

Easter Alleluia Cheers! (*Please Stand*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: 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!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!



(Stand if you are able)

Gathering Hymn : ELW 373

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

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.

A reading from the third chapter of 1 John:

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.

¹⁸⁻²⁰ My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.

²¹⁻²⁴ And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what he said, doing what pleases him. Again, this is God's command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other, in line with the original command. As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us. And this is how we experience his deep and abiding presence in us: by the Spirit he gave us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

P: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be- side still waters.

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

C: ⁴Though 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.

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

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

The Gospel – John 10:11-18

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.

P: The Gospel according to John the 10th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

P: ¹¹⁻¹³ “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He’s only in it for the money. The sheep don’t matter to him.

¹⁴⁻¹⁸ “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. In the same way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself if necessary. You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They’ll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd. This is why the Father loves me: because I freely lay down my life. And so I am free to take it up again. No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down; I also have the right to take it up again. I received this authority personally from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon:

(please be seated)



Children of the Heavenly Father *Tryggare kan ingen vara*

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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Remarks from our Care-A-Lot Preschool Staff

Offering - Today in addition to our monthly outreach envelope offering, our loose offering and extra checks will be given to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. Please make checks out to "Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham" and put on the memo line "Care-A-Lot."



Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Lord, hear our prayers.

Announcements

Sending Song: ELW 543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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BLESSING

P: All God's children, go and walk with God's love.

C: Thanks be to God!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

ANNOUNCEMENTS			
April	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
14	Joshua Roney		
16	John Wagner	Joan & Frank Mammana (58)	
18			Laura Helfrich
19	Matthew Crouse Fred Foerster		Cleo Eck
20	Karen Rilling		
21	Jayne Miller		
22			Landon Helfrich
24	Priscilla Genthner		
26	Robert Ziegenfuss		
27	Nancy Moskella		Clayton Helfrich, Landon Frey
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES			
Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Communion Worship <i>Care-a-Lot Sunday Worship</i> Confirmation @ Trinity	
Tuesday, April 23	7:30 PM	Finance Committee	
Wednesday, April 24	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM 12:00 PM	NO Choir Practice Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
Thursday, April 25	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours (Pastor Off) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
April 25 - May 3		Pr. Jim Vacation	
April 26-27 & May 3 & 4		Christ Pipersville Book & Rummage Sale	
April 26-27		St Luke's Rummage sale	
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES			
Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM	Worship with Linda Sauter Due date for Synod Ingathering Health Kits	
Wednesday, May 1	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Choir Practice Office Hours (Pastor Off)	
Thursday, May 2	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours (Pastor Off) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	

Friday, May 3 - Saturday, May 4		SEPA Synod Assembly Christ Pipersville Book & Rummage Sale
Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Communion Worship <i>Faith Conversations after Worship</i> Confirmation Class at Durham (LAST CLASS OF YEAR)
Monday, May 6	7:00 PM	PALM Meeting @ Upper Tinicum
Wednesday, May 8	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM 12:00 PM 12:30 – 2:00 PM 7:00 PM	Choir Practice Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Christian Education meeting VBS Meeting @ Trinity
Thursday, May 9	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM	Communion Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

James Altemose; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Joe Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; Laurel Sheetz; Kay Stokes; Russ Trauger; Annette von Watzdorf; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Regina Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox, Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck, Jean Pratt, Charles Reiman

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org



The April Outreach envelope is for Care-A-Lot.

Click the QR Code on the right to Register for the 40th Anniversary party on Sunday, June 30th. Please Note that the registration deadline is June 9th.



Please note that the deadline for Iron Pigs ticket payments is April 28th.

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Suzanne Maurer & Barbara Naska
Greeter(s)	Leo Grzelkowski
Acolyte	Colton Wagner
Lector	Tucker Wagner
Head / Communion Usher	Kat Wagner
Council Communion / Counting Team	Becky Praster & Pat Zion
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz