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Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Apostolic Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

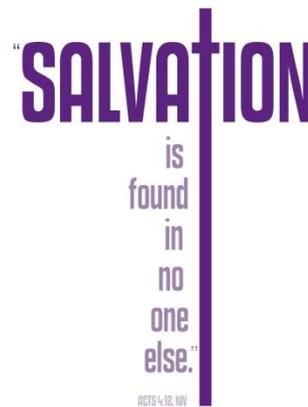
Prayer of the Day

P. 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.**

First Reading.....Acts 4:5-12

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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

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

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.

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

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

Second Reading.....*I John 3:16-24*

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; ²²and 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Spoken)

P: *Alleluia.* Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. *Alleluia.*

Gospel.....*John 10:11-18*

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

C. Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon.....Pastor Wil Goetze

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The Apostles Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we 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.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. 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 again 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.

Offering Hymn..... ELW #829

“Have You Thanked the Lord?”, Verse 3

Refrain

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?

Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same?

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,
and rejoiced that, rain or sunshine, our God is there?

3 Hallelujah! Joy and peace the Savior will bring. Grace amazing! So we lift our voice and sing,
grateful when clouds are bright or gray: have you thanked the Lord today? *Refrain*

Offering Prayer

Let us pray...God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen**



Prayers of the Church

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your love, we uplift and pray for Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley and this congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellwood City in our conference. Keep them strong and centered, especially in these days and times of this pandemic. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Lord, Remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

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.



Blessing and Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. May the God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....ELW #392

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”, Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

The Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude

PARISH NOTES

Serving God's People at the Liturgy:

Ministers	The Members of Trinity
Pastor	Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley
Music Director	David Spielvogel, II
Lay Lector	Kim Hunter

Announcements

Helping those in Need – We have had several requests from people wanting to help those in need in our communities during this time. In the Ellwood City area the local food pantry is housed at **Holy Redeemer Ministerium Social Services**, 300 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724-758-3465). Your monetary donation can either be sent directly to the Food Pantry or sent to the church and the church will forward the money on to the respective Food Pantry. Please in the memo portion of your check write: **Food Pantry**.



We welcome Pastor Wil Goetze as he leads our worship service this morning. Pastor Goetze is one of our retired pastors in our synod. He currently is serving as Local Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, New Castle.



Sunday School & Confirmation Classes continue to take place virtually on Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45 a.m. via Zoom. **Confirmation Class** will **NOT** meeting today, April 25th because of Pastor's absence. **Next Sunday, May 2 is our last class for both groups until the fall.** A BIG word of thanks to our confirmation and Sunday School students and their parents for making this happen.

Scholarship Committee will be meeting virtually on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.



Clean-Up Day – Volunteers are needed Saturday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m. for a clean-up day at the church. Your help will be appreciated! If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of our Council Property Persons: Bob Porter, Dave Blank or Bryan Neghiu.

Congregational Meeting – A congregational meeting will be held next **Sunday, May 2nd** following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect 2–4 church council members. Please prayerfully consider serving on church council.





Good Neighbor Team News – Due to the recent and unfortunate closure of the Crossroads Shelter in Beaver Falls, the Good Neighbor team has redirected its March/April monetary donations efforts toward the **Table of Grace Feeding Ministry**. This organization is also located in Beaver Falls and currently is serving meals, take out style, out of Center Methodist Church in Beaver Falls. They serve between 120-150 people each night. Most of the clients walk to the church and a few drive. Please mark “**Table of Grace Feeding Ministry**” on your check to the church.

Lutherlyn’s 2021 Summer Camp Schedule runs June 13th through July 29th. They plan to schedule and plan following all American Camp Association and CDC guidelines. Registration has begun. Camperships are available for all who need assistance from both our church and Camp Lutherlyn. Please reach out to Pastor Peggy if you are interested in a campership. Visit www.lutherly.com/summer to register and for more details or call the church office.



Calvin Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time Directory of Children’s Ministry and Outreach as they begin a five day after school program for grades 2-4. If you would like more information, please call Trinity’s church office as we have the Job Description and compensation information. Those that apply need to have a bachelor’s degree and experience in children’s or youth ministry, be mature in faith and have a passion for sharing Jesus, a self-starter with initiative and energy, a strong communicator, ability to organize and direct volunteers and able to pass all necessary background checks. They must also be able to affirm the Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s “*Essentials of Our Faith.*”



The 2021 Flower Chart is hanging in the Educational Wing. Please call or email the church office if you would like to reserve a special day.

Giving to the Congregation -

If you are interested in contributing to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church the link can be found below.

http://www.trinitylutheranellwoodcity.com/site/donate.asp?sec_id=180019417



This Week at Trinity:

Today, Sunday, April 25 th	9:15-9:45	Virtual Sunday School, <u>NO</u> Virtual Confirmation
	10:30	“In-Person” Worship
	8:00	AA Group
Tuesday, April 27 th	7:00	Scholarship
Wednesday, April 28 th	5:45-7:30	Last Girl Scout meeting until fall
Thursday, April 29 th	7:00	Women’s AA Group
Saturday, May 1 st	9:30	Clean Up Day
	7:00	AA Group
Next Sunday, May 2 nd	9:15-9:45	Last Virtual Sunday School and Confirmation until fall
	10:30	In-Person Worship
	11:30	Congregational Meeting
	8:00	AA Group

**Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to worship with us,
as we proclaim the Good News of Christ!**