

We're All Sheep

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The 4th Sunday of Easter
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Ps 23; Rev 7:9-17; Jn 10:22-30

Introduction

Christ is risen! [He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!]

A black sheep is still a _____.

CCT: Christ the Good Shepherd cares for _____
His sheep.

I. The Lord's Teaching on "Sheep"

A. Jesus

John 10:11-16 (ESV)

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ *And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

John 10:27-28

Luke 15:1-7 (ESV)

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

What doesn't matter to Jesus?

B. Isaiah/Peter

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Just as Jesus said:

John 10:17–18 (ESV)

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

C. Jesus the Good Shepherd

What does the Good Shepherd do?

“Having -on-ality”

Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Oconomowoc Golf Club

Adults: \$20.00	Children: \$10 (3-11 yrs)
Menu: Pork Tenderloin	Menu: Chicken Tenders
Potatoes	Mac ‘n Cheese
Vegetables	Fruit
Salad & Rolls	Ice Cream
Tuxedo Cake	

Fellowship 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Entertainment 8:00 pm

(Lake Country Lutheran High School’s Vocal Ensemble)

Get your Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet tickets from the church office (262.567.5001) no later than *Tuesday, April 26th*. Fun and fellowship for all ages!

Bring a bag of Hard Candy for

**BRING YOUR
PURSE**

What’s in yours?



Preferred flavors:

Root Beer
Peppermint
Lemon
Ginger



“...ing the Word of God”



You are invited!

When: Sunday, April 17th

9:00am-10:00am (between services) in the Fellowship Hall

Refreshments will be served

**WHY: to find out more about Family Promise and what you can do
to be a part of this outreach ministry**

**David Tennyek, Executive Director of FPWWC will be here
to talk with us and answer questions.**

II. All Things New

A. In Heaven

With all these crazy, multi-colored, deformed, stubborn sheep, Jesus does something amazing. He makes _____ *glorious* flock out of them all...

Revelation 7:9-10

B. On Earth

Even on earth, now and then, we get a glimpse of the hues of heaven.

Refugees find peace in Christ...

<http://wmltblog.org/2015/01/persian-iranian-lutheran-congregation-in-berlin/>

<http://ilc-online.org/2014/02/04/germanys-independent-evangelical-lutheran-church-welcomes-iranian-converts/>

Conclusion

Don't _____-judge who will hear the message of Christ and who won't. Don't _____-judge others by their deformities or what they struggle with...

Youth Group Minutes

Easter Bags- Thank you to all of the adults and youth who helped to deliver the Easter bags to our community in March!

Easter Breakfast- The youth served over 200 people for the Easter breakfast. Thank you to the 15+ youth and adults who helped to make this a great breakfast for so many! Thank you also to all congregation members who donated food items!

Middle Lock-In- Over 70 youth participated in the game night and lock-in. Thank you to all the adults who helped make this event a success! A special thanks to Adam and Nicole Tanney and Paul and Megan Shanks for staying all night and keeping the kids busy with a variety of fun activities!

Youth Group T-Shirts- The youth created and also voted for their favorite t-shirt design at the lock-in. Watch for the final design and order form to be out soon!

Upcoming Events

+ **Middle School Sunday Night Alive-** April 17, 6-7:30

+ **High School Sunday Night Alive-** April 24, 6-7:30

This month the youth will participate in challenge courses at SNA!

Bonfire at the Mueller's- May 21

All youth in 5th-12th grade and their families are invited to Ben and Denise Mueller's house for a fun night of fellowship, games, and a bonfire.

Rummage Sale- June 9-11

Items for the rummage sale can be dropped off beginning June 5th from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.