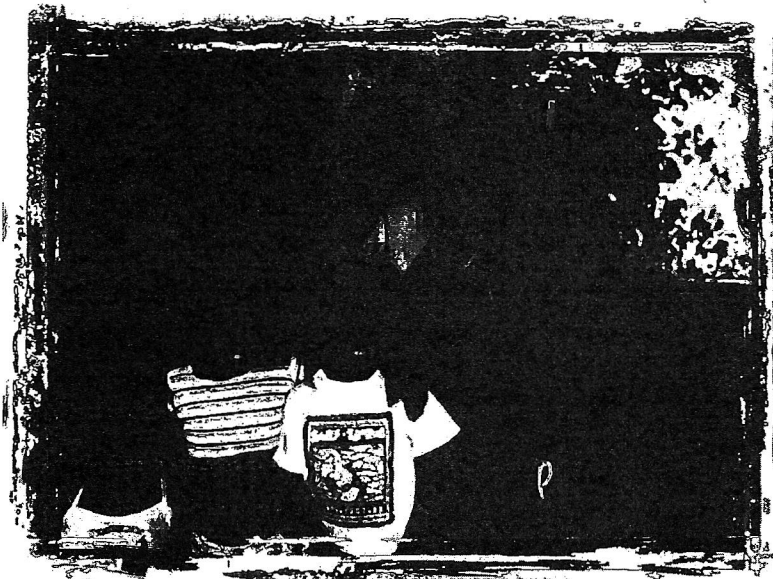


**"This is my
commandment,**



**that you love
one another as
I have loved you."**

John 15:12

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Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

"The Lord is my Shepherd"

Pote

Alleluia Choir, assisted by Frank Jones

Call to Worship

Ps. 23:1; John 10:14–16

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

* Hymn 187

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

on 1 John 3:16–24

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us

by the power of your Spirit

so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,

in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.

* Silent Confession

- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Response 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Special Music "Lord's Prayer Calypso" Keesecker
Chapel Choir

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24 (NT, p. 240)
Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 801)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: John 15:9-17 (NT, p. 109)
Sermon: "Sinking In and Sticking Around"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" arr. Hobby

- * Doxology (606)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Christ, all people here below! Praise Holy Spirit evermore!
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Trumpet Tune"

Young

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

***The flowers** this morning have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Tom and Marion Abraham by their daughters, Barbara Mellander and Carole Grodack.*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist/Director of Children's Choirs	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists	Members of Alleluia and Chapel Choirs
Ushers	Drew Taylor, Ginny O'Brien
Welcomer	Lee and Mick Wirth



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1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How 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? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And 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. All 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.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the

servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.