

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk



"Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." -Luke 15:1-10

The parables of Luke chapter 15 are directed at those pharisees and scribes who grumbled at the reception of publicans and sinners by Jesus. They don't like that Jesus allows himself to be associated with such people. It's worth noting that the term "sinners" isn't used in a general sense like we use it today. We're very used to hearing things like "We are all sinners". However, this isn't the way they are using it. They are talking about people who are actively, as a lifestyle, engaged in willful sin. These are bad people, criminals, prostitutes, thieves and all other types of riff raff. People who are known publicly as such should be avoided. But Jesus doesn't avoid them, He receives them and eats with them.

Publicans are tax collectors, but they aren't tax collectors as we know them today. In those days it was different. In those days they were more like tax farmers. They were Jewish people who knew the community and the area. They paid the Romans X dollars for the rights to collect taxes for their territory. They would then have the backing of the Roman Military and be able to make a tidy profit exploiting

their countrymen. They weren't just people doing a job. They were getting wealthy off of the occupation of a foreign power, they were traitors. But Jesus receives them and eats with them.

Sharing a meal with someone was also different back then. In our day it's not out of the ordinary to share a meal with someone you hardly know. But back then sharing a meal, especially publicly, was a statement of association. When you shared a meal with someone you were associating yourself with them. Jesus shares meals with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus associates himself with tax collectors and sinners. This is why they grumble. The parable is then a simple explanation. We find that these people that Jesus is ministering to didn't just show up by random chance. In the parable of the lost sheep, we see a shepherd who actively seeks, finds, and brings home his lost sheep and rejoices. This is what is happening here. Jesus has drawn sinners and tax collectors to him, to bring them home, to bring them to repentance and faith. He identifies himself with sinners because he will take on their sin and bring them forgiveness. And this is what he does for you.

God's Peace,
Nicholas Kandoll

As president of his church's young people's society, James Black called the roll each week. He was glad to see a particular young teenager become a regular member of the group. A few weeks earlier, Black had seen her sitting on the front steps of her house, and he had invited her to come. He knew her father was a drunkard and that she had no Christian training at home. But one Sunday evening, she didn't answer to the roll call. He called her name a second time and soon learned that she had become seriously ill. Black later recalled, "I spoke of what a sad thing it would be when our names are called from the Lamb's Book of Life, if one of us should be absent."

That night when he went home, the words of the gospel song came to him very quickly. In not much more than fifteen minutes, he had written all three verses. The missing girl had been stricken with pneumonia, and ten days later she died. She missed the roll call of her youth group, but James Black trusted that she will be present at the great roll call in heaven.

*When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

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CHORUS

*When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

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*On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

CHORUS

*Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

CHORUS

No. 605 in Hymns and Songs of Zion

**Annual Meeting
September 8, 2025
@ 7pm. General
church business will
be conducted and
any new business
that may come up.**



Dear Jesus, In the face of our weakness, we need Your strength. Please give the children starting school this fall the power to endure & persevere in the all the obstacles they will face this year. Help them to have strength to do hard things, to not give up, to fight discouragement, to run their race with endurance. Help them know that You will enable & strengthen them to do everything they need to do, in Your power. As they grow in character, help them to value the perseverance they are gaining. Help them to not grow weary in well-doing, knowing they will reap a harvest for their efforts. ([Heb. 12:1](#), [Col. 1:11](#), [2 Peter 1:5-6](#), [Gal.](#)

Psalms 96:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.



We mourn the passing of our former Pastor Don Salo but rejoice in his victory through the merits of Christ's Work on the Cross.

Don faithfully served the New York Mills congregation for about 29 years as a Pastor, Bible Study leader, Sunday evening Song Service leader as well as often visiting shut-ins and the ailing church members.

Don and his faithful wife Vi served in many capacities in church as a team, helping out on coffee groups and funeral groups. Vi often shared her canned goods and Don shared the surplus of apples each fall.

Don and Vi were a good Christian example of faithful and supportive marriage partners and working together in God's Kingdom.

Donald Salo was born on August 13, 1933, in Vermilion Township, Minnesota, to Eino and Lydia (Hill) Salo. He graduated from Embarrass High School in 1951. On November 14, 1953, he was united in marriage to Vi Thompson in Virginia, Minnesota. Shortly after their marriage, Don entered the U.S. Army, where he honorably served with the 6th Armored Division at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Following his military service, Don and Vi returned to Vermilion Township, where they raised their seven children. Don and his brother Ed owned and operated Salo Dairy in Virginia, MN. At the age of 30, Don began a lifelong commitment to ministry when he started serving as pastor at Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church.

In 1986, Don and Vi moved to New York Mills, Minnesota, where he continued his pastoral work with the Apostolic Lutheran Church until his retirement in 2015. He was a devoted servant to many in the community including guiding the youth of the congregation, leading annual trips to the Boundary Waters that became beloved traditions.

Don had a deep love for the outdoors. He enjoyed bow hunting, trapping, fishing, and gardening. Known for his generosity, he often shared the harvest of his labors—whether from the woods, waters, or garden—with family, friends, and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 71 years, Vi; his daughter, Naomi Thomas; his grandson, Nicholas Salo; and his brothers Edmond, Clarence, Willy, and Arthur.

He is survived by his children: Mary Lou (Ardell "Mort") Mortenson of International Falls; Daniel (Wendy) Salo of Watkins; Julie Tumberg of New York Mills; Timothy (Gerry) Salo of Ramsey; Joseph (Karen) Salo of Alexandria; and Benjamin Salo of Fort Lauderdale, FL; 18 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and a host of friends.

Don's life was marked by faith, service, and a generous spirit. His memory will be cherished, and his legacy will continue to inspire those who knew and loved him.

Church Information

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Radio Broadcast
920 AM KWAD

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
Lutheran Churches*

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15
Adult Bible Study 9:30
Worship @ 10:30
Holy Communion
1st Sunday of month.

If you choose to watch the services online and would like to donate to the church please send checks to:

Louise Amberg-Jokela
206 South Broadway #107
New York Mills, MN 56567

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to send contributions. It is greatly appreciated!

Meals/potluck
will be served **monthly**.
Group 10 for September
Group 7 for October

The serving group will make the main dishes for **potlucks** (unless announced otherwise) and others are asked to bring salads or desserts.



**Looking for
volunteers to
help with
coffee and
cleanup.**

NYM Emergency Food Shelf

FOR EMERGENCY HELP
CALL NYM CULTURAL CENTER
218-385-3339

CONNIE WARNER
218-385-2853 (work Mon–Thurs)
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IS CONFIDENTIAL**

LOCATION
400 S WALKER AVE
NEW YORK MILLS, MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

9:00-NOON and 4:30-6:30

June 30, 2025

July 28, 2025

August 25, 2025

September 29, 2025

October 27, 2025

Usage limit 1 time per month

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

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