

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Like 15 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.

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, in those days, even though it's true, it wasn't generally used that way. This word denotes people who are actively, as a lifestyle, engaged in willful sin. These are bad people, criminals, prostitutes, thieves and all other manner of riff raff. People who are known publicly as such that should be avoided. But Jesus 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 amount of 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

Vacation Bible Study was held in August.



Tell how He's gone back to heaven,
Up to the right hand of God:
How He is there interceding
While on this earth we must tread.
Tell of the sweet Holy Spirit
He has poured out from above;
Tell how He's coming in glory
For all the saints of His love.

Refrain:

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Confirmation Students

Confirmation service was held August 21st. The students were: Aaron Tumberg, Mason Wiirre and Phoebe Underdahl. We pray God's blessings on them.

1 Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From Thy clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give:
Come, Thou Father of the poor!
Come, with treasures which endure!
Come, Thou Light of all that live!

2 Thou, of all consolers best,
Visiting the troubled breast,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

3 Light immortal! Light divine!
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill;
Where Thou art not, man hath naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.



Ira Stamphill had an international ministry as a singing evangelist and writer of about four hundred gospel songs. But in the 1940's he felt his ministry might be finished. His wife had walked out on him and he felt his life had been shattered. He had an exciting ministry in a large church and school of music, but now he wondered if he should give it all up and get out of Christian work altogether. He sank deeper into depression. Then one day he began humming a tune. He didn't know where it came from. Then he started putting words to the tune, words about not knowing the future but realizing that God knew.

When he got to the church that day, he rushed to a piano and started writing. He hadn't written anything for months while in his depression, but now the words and the melody flowed out of him. Suddenly he felt at peace.

His questions weren't all answered, but he was content to leave them with the One who holds tomorrow, the One who was walking with him each step of the way, the One who was his holding his hand.

*I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day;
I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its the skies may turn to gray.
I don't worry over the future for I know what Jesus said;
And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead.*

*Every step is getting brighter As these golden stairs I climb;
Every burden's getting lighter, Every cloud is silver lined.
There the sun is always shining, There no tear will dim the eye;
At the ending of the rainbow, Where the mountains touch the sky.*

*I don't know about tomorrow, It may bring me poverty;
But the one who feeds the sparrow, Is the one who stands by me.
And the path that be my portion, May be thro' the flame or flood,
But His presence goes before me, And I'm covered with His blood.*

CHORUS

*Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow, And I know who holds my hand!*
(No. 518 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)

The annual business meeting of the New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran church will be held Monday September 12 @ 7 pm.

All members are encouraged to attend.



The First Commandment.: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

1 That is: Thou shalt have [and worship] Me alone as thy God. What is the force of this, and how is it to be understood? What does it mean to have a god? or, what is God? 2 Answer: A god means that from which we are to expect all good and to which we are to take refuge in all distress, so that to have a God is nothing else than to trust and believe Him from the [whole] heart; as I have often said that the confidence and faith of the heart alone make both God and an idol. 3 If your faith and trust be right, then is your god also true; and, on the other hand, if your trust be false and wrong, then you have not the true God; for these two belong together, faith and God. That now, I say, upon which you set your heart and put your trust is properly your god.

4 Therefore it is the intent of this commandment to require true faith and trust of the heart which settles upon the only true God, and clings to Him alone. That is as much as to say: "See to it that you let Me alone be your God, and never seek another," i.e.: Whatever you lack of good things, expect it of Me, and look to Me for it, and whenever you suffer misfortune and distress, creep and cling to Me. I, yes, I, will give you enough and help you out of every need; only let not your heart cleave to or rest in any other.

47 Let us, then, learn well the First Commandment, that we may see how God will tolerate no presumption nor any trust in any other object, and how He requires nothing higher of us than confidence from the heart for everything good, so that we may proceed right and straightforward and use all the blessings which God gives no farther than as a shoemaker uses his needle, awl, and thread for work, and then lays them aside, or as a traveler uses an inn, and food, and his bed only for temporal necessity, each one in his station, according to God's order, and without allowing any of these things to be our lord or idol. 48 Let this suffice with respect to the First Commandment, which we have had to explain at length, since it is of chief importance, because, as before said, where the heart is rightly disposed toward God and this commandment is observed, all the others follow.

Luther's large Catechism

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Church Hours beginning Sept 11

Sunday School @ 9:15
Worship @ 10:30

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

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

Meals/potluck, will be served on
the

first Sunday
Group 8 serves in Sept
Group 9 in Oct

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

There is a sign up sheet for Sunday coffee in the dining room.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are hurting in body and mind; any that have lost loved ones; the lonely and alone; those that are struggling with depression, addictions, temptations, persecutions. Pray for the sick and relatives and/or friends that are ill or are awaiting surgeries. Also pray for our nations leaders for wisdom from on High to rule this great land; our military; first responders, fire fighters; mission workers. Our country needs Jesus.

And pray especially for the children of Christian parents who do not have Jesus as their Savior.

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