

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 West Gano Chance Road
Centralia, Missouri 65240
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025
Theme: The Joy of the Angels

AS WE GATHER

The charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

WELCOME

Pastor James Lanning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN – “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB 915

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.

People: Heal and restore me, O Lord.

Pastor: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith and fear, that we may be kept to the day when Your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. His peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

Psalm 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 34:11-24

Lector: Danny Nadler

(The Lord promises to rescue His sheep and to set up a shepherd who will lead them to eternal life.)

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they

shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:169–176 (We have gone astray like a lost sheep.)

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

Let my cry come before You, O LORD; give me understanding according to Your word!

Let my plea come before You; deliver me according to Your word.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

My lips will pour forth praise, for You teach me Your statutes.

My tongue will sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are right.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts. I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

Let my soul live and praise You, and let Your just decrees help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Timothy 1:5–17

Lector: Danny Nadler

(Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. ¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to

believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

VERSE *Luke 15:10*

Pastor: Alleluia. I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God

People: over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-10

(Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.)

15 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. ⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

LSB 609

SERMON – “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

Pastor James Lanning

OFFERING HYMN “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves and for all people as they have need. O merciful Shepherd,
You came into the world to save sinners. Grant to us forgiveness of our sins, renewal of our lost

lives, and the grace to serve You in willing obedience all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, grant us grace that we know Your Word as the sound of Your voice. Grant to us faithful pastors who will rightly divide Your Word of truth and bless all church workers and those in training to serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, guard against all false doctrine and against those who teach in conflict with Your Word that the sheep of Your flock be preserved in faith to know and believe rightly by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, give us good and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your will and lead us and all nations in the ways of peace, justice, and virtue, that we live good, holy, and upright lives without fear or threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, You do not abandon Your sheep even when they are wounded and infirm. Deliver the weak, the suffering, the troubled in mind, and those with hearts weighed low with grief, [*especially . . .*]. We pray that they be healed and comforted according to Your will and delivered from all that afflicts them on the day when You raise Your people to everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, You daily and richly supply all things good and beneficial to us and guard us against the evil one. Give us a discerning mind and a generous heart that as You have done for us, we do for others in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, You set Your Table before us in the presence of our enemies. Grant to all who commune this day repentance and faith that they receive this holy food for their good and keep us united as one in doctrine and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, hear us and grant us all things beneficial to us and profitable for our salvation, but keep from us all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Silence for meditation.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O merciful Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answers us, O Lord.

People: Amen

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: 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.

PRAYER FOR HOLY CROSS DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, merciful Father, shepherd us with Your grace and favor that we be guided by the voice of Your Word and nurtured by the Law and Gospel to confess our sins and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Grant that what we have here received at the Table of His

grace we keep in holy hearts and confess with holy lips to the praise of Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Spirit, You are one God, one Lord, both now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

LSB 610

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 3.

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NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study **Anchored in Christ** led by Pastor Spotts 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9.17-9.24 Pastor Lanning Vacation

9.17 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

9.19-9.29 Catherine out of the office

9.21 Pastor Spotts is Guest Pastor

9.24 ZOOM Prayer Group – 8 pm

9.27 Men’s Group Activity and Grilling – time to be determined

9.28 OCC Craft day with lunch following worship

BIRTHDAYS – Donna Hoek – September 16; **Benjamin Robertson** – September 18; **Gary Seider** – September 18; **Judy Mahieu** – September 19

ANNIVERSARIES –No anniversaries this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congregational Survey QR Code

Please scan the code to take the survey – if a paper copy is preferred – they are available on the table in the narthex.

Give paper copies to one of the committee members – Allen and Wendy Fischer, on and Donna Hoek, Mark and Rina Nygren or Danny Nadler. Please complete by September 28th.

To avoid confusion no hymn numbers will be posted on the hymn boards on September 21st or 28th.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers for those with health issues; prayers for caretakers; Bob Maseman – thyroid cancer treatment (Judy's brother in law and Steve's uncle); **Steve Ward** – home hospice care; **Bruce Mills** – hospitalized with health issues; **Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan** – recovering from a stroke; **Cammie Cunningham (Olivia Hoek's mother)** – cancer treatments; **Christ Lutheran School, Perry, GA** – facing financial challenges; **Those affected by the flooding in Texas; Lynn Lake and the other communities affected by the wildfires in Canada; Barb Gerger** – hip fracture; **Ken Manola** – recovering; **Skip Elkin** – health issues; **Reverend Tim and Erin Schulte**; those **grieving recent loss of family or friends; Terry Plank** – undergoing chemo treatments; **Savannah & Taylor Tarwater** – as they mourn; **Mike Hyde** – recovering from hip fracture; **Tammy Morgan** – (Sherry Morse's daughter) – health issues; **Christina DeJesus** – health issues; **Brenda Belt** (Henry Rainey's sister) – Stage IV Cancer; **Grace** – health issues (friend of Hannah Lanning); **Steve Buckert** – recovering; **Jenni Murray**–Margaret Parker's daughter–recovering from surgery; **Ron Borgman; Dick St. John**–Brenda Moss's father–health issues; **Kim & Terry Decker**–health issues; **Ed & Ernestine Ramsey; Judy Mahieu; Kyle Lutz**–recovering from kidney/pancreas transplant; **Bonnie Berthelsen; Mark Ramsey; Calvin Stemme**–treatment for cancer; **Julia Rainey; Jane St. John; Dennis & Jackie Nadler; Susan Harris; Wayne Nolan**–stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith**–daughter of Jane St John; **Arla Benskin**–daughter of Mary Brechler.

Missionaries - MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term)

Community Prayers: Father Mike Coleman; Evie Ross–infant needs heart transplant; **David**–health issues; **Bernie Ryan** – health issues; **Charlene** – esophageal cancer; **Shelley R.** – melanoma; **Geri Ward** – health issues; **Gerry Southard** – health issues, **Kim Smith** – health issues, needs surgery.

ARMED FORCES: Veterans of Armed Services – especially those suffering from PTSD and anxiety; **Christopher Thompson**, U. S. Navy – cousin of Hannah Lanning; **Brandon Lowery**, U.S. Navy–brother of Rachel Rojas; **Donevin Leonard**, U.S. Marine Corps–grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Chris Chism**, U.S. Navy–son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Brittany Macklin**–great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; Community: **Ray Finlay**, U.S. Army

Welcome and Prayer Request Cards

Please place any prayer request cards in the offering plate when it comes around. The ushers will give them to the pastor. Please complete the welcome card and leave it at the end of your pew. Thank you.

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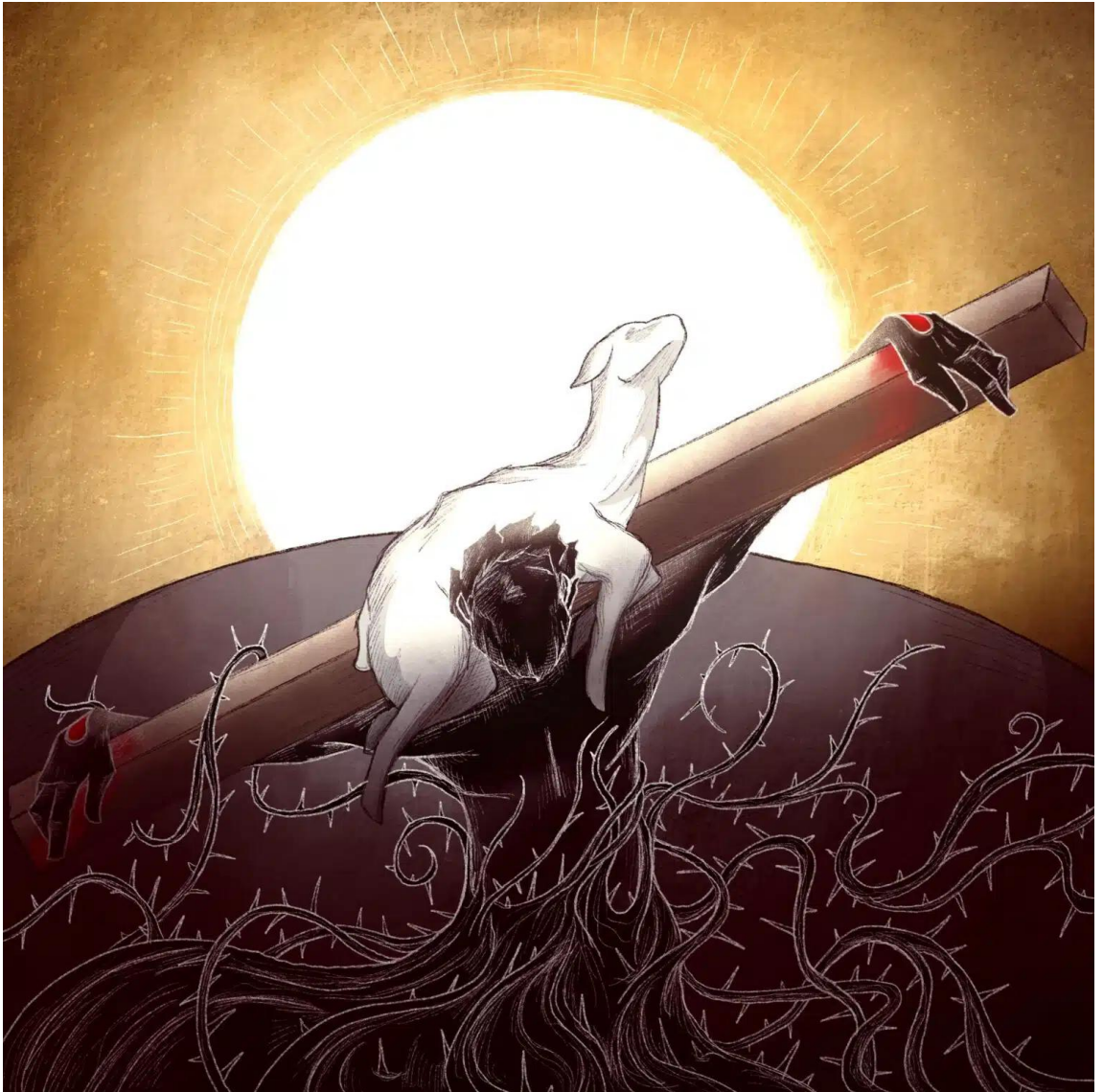
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Luke 15:5, "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing."