



Lamb of God

Lutheran Church

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Of all the words of Jesus, there are perhaps none on which people have written more than the words of Luke 15. The parable of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son thrusts listeners and readers to the heart of the Gospel. Every person, young or old, rich or poor, devoutly religious or militantly atheist, can easily find himself in the words of this story. Jesus' words in this parable are so simple they are easily understood by children, yet their implications are so deep they can confound and frustrate the most learned among us.

But no matter who you are, the words of this parable proclaim the same story and promise that all of Scripture seeks to tell: You were lost, and Jesus has come to find you.

Welcome and Greeting

REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS

Invocation Song

Glory, glory, glory

Glory, glory, glory

To the Father, Son, and Spirit

As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be

Is now and ever shall be

World without end

World without end

Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen

Opening Verses

- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing
C and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
- P** Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
C and give thanks to his holy name.
- P** For his anger is but for a moment,
C and his favor is for a lifetime.
- P** Weeping may tarry for the night,
C but joy comes with the morning.
- P** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
C and you have healed me.
- P** O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
C you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing
C and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

Song— Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

Confession and Absolution

P In our sin, we have rejected our God and Father, chasing the desires of our heart.

C **We have forsaken our Father. We have wandered from our home.**

P We have traded our inheritance for the vain treasures of the world.

C **We have forsaken our Father. We have wandered from our home.**

P We have chosen pride and self-reliance over the love of God.

C **We have forsaken our Father. We have wandered from our home.**

P But He still remains loving and kind. Let us then confess our sins, because our God of grace longs to welcome His children home.

C **Father of mercy, we are lost in sin. Like sheep, we have wandered astray. We have rejected Your love and chosen the idols of this world. We have relied on ourselves rather than trusting in Your mercy. We are no longer worthy to be called Your children. But You have sent Your Son Jesus to rescue us. For His sake, have mercy on us, forgive us, and bring us home.**

Kyrie— Breathe

Breathe, breathe on me now

Open your mouth

And speak the word that heals this broken ground

Say, say what you will

As we are still

And we breathe in the very breath of God

Oh, Spirit of God

Here with us now

Giving us life again

Breathe, breathe on us now

Fill us with your love

Send us with Your power

Spirit of God

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Our Father does not simply wait for His children to come home; he sends His Son to come find us. On the cross, Jesus has waded into the far country, into hell itself, to reclaim what was lost. What was unworthy, he has made worthy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you of all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Our Father is faithful! He has welcomed us home!

Song of Praise—

Alleluia, Alleluia

Awaken us, open eyes to see the truth

Alleluia, Alleluia

Awaken us, open hearts to love like You

Awaken us, open hearts and make us new

(repeat)

WORD

Luke 15:1-3, 8-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable:

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?

⁹And 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.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song— All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

Chorus: And all will sing out
Hallelujah
And we will cry out
Hallelujah

And all the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left
Will know that You are holy *chorus*

Shout it
Go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God *chorus*

Sermon

Song— I Am Set Free

You broke my chains of sin and shame
And You covered me with grace
You mend my life with Your holy fire
You cover me with grace
And You are the hand that reaches out to save

Chorus: (And) I am set free oh
I am set free oh
It is for freedom that I am set free

You broke my chains of sin and shame
And You covered me with grace
You mend my life with Your holy fire
You cover me with grace
And You are the hand that reaches out to save *chorus*

(And) yes Lord we are grateful for Your grace
And for Your love
(repeat)
'Cause You are the hand that reaches out to save *chorus*

Nicene Creed

**© I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

**Refrain O God we call,
 O God we call.
 From deep inside we yearn,
 From deep inside we yearn,
 From deep inside we yearn for You.**

- For the sick, hospitalized, homebound, injured, and dying.
- For those who mourn.
- For those who need food, clothes, shelter, employment.
- For genuine love for neighbor.
- For those we know who have yet to be baptized.
- For our church.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and necessary that we should give praise to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. For you have remembered us and brought us up out of Sheol. You have shown Your love to us in sending Jesus to find us and rescue us. By the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus, You have restored us to life. Therefore with angels, archangels, the host of heaven, and all of Your saints we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus— Holy, Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

God of goodness, God of light

All the universe is full,

Full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes

In the name of love.

The Words of Our Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Song— All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus: All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ *chorus*

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be
All glory be to Christ *chorus*

Benediction