



The Shepherd's Lost Sheep by Harold Copping

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Luke 15:4-6


Seventh Sunday After Pentecost • July 27/ 28, 2019

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# Worship Notes

## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

### July 27/28, 2019

**Prayer before worship:** Lord Jesus Christ, Great Shepherd of the sheep, give to us, your people, the heart of the Good Shepherd. Give us hearts to love the lost. Give us hearts to share the message of your forgiveness. Give us hearts filled with joy and gratitude for all that you have done for us to save us. Dwell in our hearts through your saving Word that we may serve and worship you now and always. We pray it in your holy name, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**OPENING HYMN**

*O Lord, in Prayer You Spent the Night*

*CW* 548

**FIRST LESSON**

**1 Kings 17:1-16**

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. Some time later the brook dried up because there

had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-- only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we

may eat it-- and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'" She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

**PSALM of the DAY**

**Psalm 66**

*CW* p. 90

## SECOND LESSON

## Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can

do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what

may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## GENERAL VERSE

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## GOSPEL

## Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost

sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

## HYMN of the DAY

*O Christians, Haste*

*CW570*

## SERMON

## Luke 15:1-10

### The Heart of a Messenger

1. Share the Message
2. Rejoice in the Results

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**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER**

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**HYMN**

*May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

**CW 458**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**CW 562**

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**PREACHER**

**PRESIDING MINISTER**

**ORGANIST**

**Seminarian,** Carl Boeder

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee

Jeneane Thiesfeldt

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sun	10:45 am	Bible Class
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Wed	7 pm	Mission Fest Choir Rehearsal
Thu		St. Paul's School Registration Day at St. Paul's Church
Fri	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Hermann Heights Park

### **† Upcoming Services †**

Saturday: 6:30 pm  
Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 4	10:45 am	Mission Fest Sunday: Presentation and Potluck
Aug 5	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Aug 7	5:15 pm	Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Aug 9	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Lincoln Park
Aug 11	10:45 am	Bible Class
Aug 12	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Aug 13	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Aug 14	5:15 pm	Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Aug 15		MVL Registration Day
Aug 16	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Harman Park
Aug 18	10:45 am	Bible Class
Aug 19	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Aug 20	5:30 pm	Youth Group Bonfire at the Black's: 34470 615th Ave., Gibbon
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Aug 23	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Highland Park
Aug 24/25		Fall Schedule Begins: add 11 am service
Aug 25	1:30 pm	MVL Opening Service
Aug 26	10:15 am	MLC Opening Service
Sep 2		Labor Day: Church office closed
Sep 3	8:20 am	St. Paul's School Opening Service
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's
Sep 5	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
Sep 6	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
Sep 8	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class begins
Sep 8-11		Pastors' Conference in Dunroven
Sep 9	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting

## **ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** for the past weekend was 410 with 304 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$12,295	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$1,036	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$100	Audio/Video Equipment
\$1,102	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$25	Church Library Fund
\$1,027	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$25	MLC Ladies Auxiliary
\$10	Endowment Fund	\$10	Kitchen Fund

**Contribution Statements** ~ Contribution statements for January – June, 2019, are ready and can be found in your church bulletin box. Please pick up yours today if you haven't already done so.

**Vacation Bible School** ~ Jesus said, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." That was the theme of St. John's VBS this year. There were 83 students, plus a host of helpers, parents, and teachers in attendance to make this year's production an overwhelming success. Special thanks to our teachers, crafters, food service folks, and those who helped plan to bring the message of Jesus' love to all who came to hear. One more event will take place this weekend in connection with VBS. The Sleepy Eye Water Park was reserved on Saturday from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm by St. John's for those who attended Vacation Bible School, as well as for friends and families of St. John's.

**Sunday School Teachers** ~ If you are interested in being a Sunday school teacher or a substitute Sunday school teacher for the upcoming season, please contact Josiah Stoering at [thestoerings@yahoo.com](mailto:thestoerings@yahoo.com) or 507-359-2612.

**Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity** ~ (formerly Women's Summer Devotions) The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all women and moms to join them during the summer months for a fellowship opportunity in the park. We meet at 10 am at the park listed in the calendar for free play for the children and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions please contact Sarah Strackbein at 612-361-0425.

**Mission Fest Weekend Opportunities** ~ Mission Fest is the weekend of August 3/4 when Missionary Paul Nitz will preach for our services. Pastor Nitz will also give a presentation after the 9:30 am service followed by a **Potluck**. Please use the sign-up sheets located in the narthex to indicate the number from your household who will be attending and the type of dish you are willing to provide. There will be one rehearsal for the **Choir** to rehearse in the balcony on Wednesday, July 31 beginning at 7 pm. The choir will sing at the 8 and 9:30 am service on Sunday, August 4. Singers who are 8th grade and older are welcome to join in this special opportunity. Contact Bethel Boeder at [betheljbo@gmail.com](mailto:betheljbo@gmail.com) with questions.

**Fellowship Sunday and Produce Swap** ~ Everyone is invited to our next Fellowship Sunday on August 11th. There will be coffee and treats after both services for all to enjoy. In addition, we will have tables set outside the entrance by the archway in case your garden is overflowing at that point and you would like to share some produce with others. The produce swap was a hit last year, so we can't wait to see what yummy goodies people bring this year!



**Youth Group Bonfire** ~ Calling all youth (grades 6th - 12th) for the bonfire, food and games. This will be a send off to the outgoing seniors and a welcome to the incoming 6th graders! Come to Joel and Shari Black's (34470 615th Ave., Gibbon) on Tuesday, August 20th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Hot dogs and buns, water and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a side to share. There will be smores, lawn games and volleyball. Bring a friend! If you can come, please sign up in the narthex. If you need a ride, check the box next to your name. Contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com with questions.

**Food Shelf Volunteer** ~ The New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf is seeking a volunteer to serve on its Board of Directors. St. John's Church was previously represented by Noreen Ubel. Noreen resigned in May after serving on the Board for several years. The Board of Directors meets bimonthly with the next meeting July 9th. In addition to attending meetings, the Board members also assist at fund raising events. If you would be interested please contact Pastor Bovee. The New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf was founded in 1982. The Food Shelf is a volunteer run organization to provide food, as needed, to families and individuals monthly.

### **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St. Paul's School *Time to Build* Campaign Update** ~ God has greatly blessed the Campaign as gifts to the campaign now total \$2,935,146. The balance after early expenses and the \$1.7 million payment to WELS CEF is \$569,490. If you haven't seen the progress on the project, drive by on Payne or Garden Streets. It's impressive and progressing quickly! Otherwise, go to [app.oxblue.com/open/knutson/all](http://app.oxblue.com/open/knutson/all) for a pictorial update on the project. Please keep the project in your prayers and offerings. Please make donations out to St. Paul's Lutheran School. Thank you.

**St. Paul's School Lost and Found** ~ can be found in the new narthex. Please check for items that may belong to your child.

**Summer Noontime Organ Recitals** ~ The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals each Tuesday, 12:10 pm, through August 13. Location will be Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd Street, Mankato (7/30 – 8/13). Each recital is free. For information about specific locations and performers, visit [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**Area Choir for WELS Synod Convention 2019** ~ The 65th biennial synod convention under the theme "For the Generations to Come" will be held on the campus of Martin Luther College, July 29-August 1, 2019. Volunteer singers from area congregations are invited to participate in a special choir that will lead opening worship at the convention on Monday, July 29, 6:30 pm, in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. Children in grade 6 through adult are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held in the Chapel of the Christ on Sunday, July 28 at 7 pm and Monday, July 29 at 4:30 pm. Dinner will be provided to all choir members after rehearsal on Monday, July 29 in the MLC cafeteria. If you would like to participate or for more information, please contact Adrian Smith at [smithar@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:smithar@mlc-wels.edu) or 248-505-3410.

**OWLS Annual Picnic for Senior Citizens** ~ The annual OWLS' picnic for Senior Citizens (over 50) will be held at the Steffen residence, 1415 North Minnesota, on Monday, August 12. The fellowship will begin at 4:30 pm and the meal served at 5:00. All food, beverages and tableware will be provided: BBQ/Buns, American Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Raw Veggies, Pickles, Hot Fudge Sundaes and Cookies. A free will offering will be taken for the meal and for the National OWLS' Military Chaplaincy Fund. Please contact Dale Markgraf at 354-2735 or at demarkgraf@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Let him know if you need a lawn chair or a ride.

**Holy Land Tour** ~ You are invited to join a 10 day tour to the Holy Land. The tour dates are April 28 - May 7, 2020. Many places of the Bible will "come alive" for you: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Sea of Galilee etc. The tour host will be retired pastor Eugene Kock, who has been to the Holy Land 27 times. For more information, please contact him at pastorkock@yahoo.com.

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**About the Cover** ~ The illustration on the bulletin cover is the work of British artist Harold Copping, taken from the illustrated Bible he both authored and for which he also produced the artwork. This depiction of the Good Shepherd is a reminder of one of the two parables Jesus uses in our sermon text for today to teach us how he, the Good Shepherd, seeks those who are lost and straying, and reminds us that there is rejoicing in heaven over every sinner who repents. It is our incentive also to proclaim this glorious message so that others may be saved.