

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

An outline of today's sermon:

"THE PROBLEM WITH SHEEP"

Text: Luke 15:4-5 "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?"

INTRODUCTION – The problem with sheep is they like to wander. What makes it worse is that they have a nonexistent navigational system. They get lost a lot. Sounds familiar? – "Adam and Eve: here are the rules!" – "No, thanks. We'll find our way through life ourselves."

1 – The parable about the lost sheep.

2 – The Shepherd seeks the lost.

3 – The Shepherd carries the sheep.

4 – Ezekiel: "I Myself will search for my sheep."

5 – 1 Timothy: "Christ Jesus came to save sinners."

6 – Luke: the church is the lamp that helps in finding the lost.

7 – We are to imitate our Shepherd.

CONCLUSION – You and I were found and carried back to the fold of the Lord's sheep. The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin are not simply cute stories. They have meaning. They are about us. Therefore, since we are found, it is our joyful privilege to keep looking for the lost and finding them. The Shepherd himself goes ahead of us and guides us in this work in which people are saved and God is glorified! Amen.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to *“display his perfect patience”* (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep *“from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness”* (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He *“will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak”* (Ezek. 34:16), and *“they shall no longer be a prey”* (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who *“shall feed them and be their shepherd”* (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, *“having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,”* would *“leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it”* (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, *“the angels of God”* and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is led by Mr. Graf at 6:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. This class will be studying the Gospel of Mark.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY meets every Tuesday at 9:15am and 7:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall and is focusing on the book, *Love Rules- A Study of the Ten Commandments*. All ladies are welcome to join us! If you have small children at home, you are more than welcome to bring them along!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Mr. Graf will be teaching 2nd Corinthians from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Get to know your fellow Bible Study members as you study God's Word. We hope you will join us.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Rick Krause leads this Bible Study on the *Old Testament* at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying the book of *Proverbs*. Everyone is welcome.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS Our Special Missions project for the third quarter of 2019 is Missionary Micah Wildauer. Pastor Wildauer is a professor at the Lutheran Seminary in Dapaong, Togo. This seminary trains pastors for many French-speaking African countries. The students come from, besides Togo, Mali, Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, and Congo. Pastor Wildauer just visited Blessed Savior on June 13 and gave a presentation about the work of the Eglise Luthérienne du Togo. It is heart-warming to see God's promises unfold: "My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish that for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11) Blessed Savior is a participant in this exciting work!

DID YOU KNOW? The number of homeless veterans in the United States, as reported by the NBC News Network on August 25, 2019, was 40,000, representing 11 percent of the total estimated homeless population. (BSLC Hope for the Homeless and Destitute Fund)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Are you planning to pack some Christmas boxes with us this year? Now is a great time to stock up on some warm weather clothes and shoes as they go on sale! Many of the places that our boxes are sent are warmer climates and they would very much appreciate the tank tops, flip flops, shorts and short sleeve shirts! Boxes will be available soon!

SCHOOL BACKPACKS We are collecting school supplies to fill backpacks that will travel to children in need. Supplies are now on sale, so please consider supporting this mission. A list of items needed for the backpacks can be found on the table in the narthex.

CHURCH INFORMATION

PRAYER BOOKMARKS We encourage you to pick up a prayer bookmark or two! These bookmarks contain the names of all our students in preschool through 8th grade, both from the congregation as well as our preschool. Simply keep this student and his/her teacher in your prayers! Bookmarks can be found on the fellowship table in the narthex.

SWD-LWML FALL RETREAT September 19 – 21. Join other Lutheran Women in Mission from our District at the beautiful Green Lake Conference Center as you grow in faith and refresh your spirit. This year's retreat theme will be "Go & Tell the Story". Register today and join us for a fun, Spirit-filled weekend at www.lwml-swd.org.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR The Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in Oswald Hall from September 22 through 29. Many books will be available for purchase for all ages including Christian titles. Books can be purchased for your family, our classrooms and our military families! We hope that you will stop in to check out the many titles that we have!

FALL OUTDOOR WORKDAY will take place on Saturday, October 5 at 9:00AM. We will need volunteers who can help trim bushes, rake leaves, and pull weeds. Please bring your gardening tools and help us beautify our church's landscape. In case of rain, we will have the outdoor workday on October 19 at 9:00AM.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT Vaughn Rognsvoog, a longtime member of our congregation, is working toward his Eagle Scout Rank, and has chosen our courtyard area as his project! He will be landscaping, laying paver stones and sprucing up the entire area that we'll be able to use for Coffee Fellowship, to walk to the playground, and to enjoy some peace in God's creation. Vaughn is fundraising to purchase the flowers, mulch, pavers and other supplies. If you would like to support his project, please make a check out to "Blessed Savior Lutheran Church" and place it in the Rognsvoog mailbox. For more information on his project, please see the project board in the Narthex.

CHILDCARE TEACHERS AND AIDES NEEDED Our childcare room is booming and we are in need of additional teachers! We are looking for several fun, energetic, kid-loving individuals to join our early childhood team. Not only do we need a lead morning teacher, but we are looking for childcare aides as well. Early childhood courses and experience is preferred, but not necessary. Hours are flexible and pay ranges from \$9.00-\$13.00 per hour. We have morning and afternoon shifts available, so if you or someone you know might be interested please contact Jennifer Leinss at preschool@bslc-wi.org.

RADIO CHURCH SERVICES

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