

AS WE GATHER

"I once was lost, but now am found." These famous words from the hymn **Amazing Grace** were first made famous in Luke 15--our focus in this week's Luke study.

Jesus cares tremendously about lost people being found and He implores His followers to care as well.

+ WORSHIP OUR RISEN KING +

LSB 709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS sts. 1–3, 5–6

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O LORD, kept count of all the times we strayed, O Lord,
who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be
revered and praised.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** The Spirit of God calls for us to value lost people as much as God does. Let us ask God to forgive our hardened hearts towards those outside God's church and our jealousy when newcomers get more attention than we have, and all our sins
- C** **Almighty God, we confess to You that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our entire being, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Apart from you we are as hopeless as the ungodly we judge and dismiss. For Jesus' sake, do not dismiss us. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and welcome us home like the prodigals who have returned. Amen.**
- P** Though we were blinded and lost in our sins, Jesus sought and saved us by His own sacrifice. He who was God's only begotten son, gave up His life to make us adopted daughters and sons of God our Heavenly Father. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins

in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HWC 210 Jesus Paid It All

sts. 1, , 2, 4

1 I hear the Saviour say Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all.

REFRAIN

REFRAIN: Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow

2 Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.

REFRAIN

4 And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save My lips shall still repeat. **REFRAIN**

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +

EPISTLE

Romans 8:5–11 NIV

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15 NIV

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

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

^{15:1} Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his

friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ 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.

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 744 AMAZING GRACE

sts. 1, 3, 5

- 1 Amazing grace--how sweet the sound-- That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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MESSAGE: Lost Matters

Luke study, part 12

APOSTLES' CREED

(spoken together)

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

- ☐** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

OUR PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION+

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

AGNUS DEI

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

LSB 550 LAMB OF GOD

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

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HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

1 How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

- 2 Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.
- 3 I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

HWC 345 BLESSED ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

CHORUS

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This is my story this is my song; Praising my Savior all the day long

This is my story this is my song; Praising my Savior all the day long

2 Perfect submission perfect delight; Visions of rapture now burst at my sight
Angels descending bring from above, Echoes of mercy whispers of love

CHORUS

3 Perfect submission all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above, Filled with His goodness lost in His love

CHORUS

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