

Grace Devotion

Week of July 27, 2025

3 So he told them this parable: 4 “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness 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 and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ 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. ·Luke 15:3-7 (NRSVUE)

There is a song on the radio today called “The 99” from 7eventh Time Down. The lyrics are powerful—a reminder of times in our lives when we may have pulled away from God. Times when we were angry with God, times that we couldn’t understand why something terrible was allowed to happen, times that we ran from God. The parable from the scripture today and the verses and chorus from this song create a powerful reminder that no matter how hard we pull away from God, no matter how far we run, God is there waiting to hold us in those loving arms.

Verse 1

I can feel the earth slipping from my feet
Got lost chasing dreams
That I can’t seem to reach
But You never stopped chasing me
I’ve been hiding from the past
Wasting time ticking fast
Thought I was out of reach
But You never stopped chasing me

Chorus

There’s no place You wouldn’t go
You’re searching high and low
You’d leave the 99 to lead me home
I can’t outrun Your love
There’s no road that’s long enough
You’d leave the 99 to lead me home

There's no place You wouldn't go
There's no place You wouldn't go

Verse 2

I can hear the sound of struggle fade away
When I hear You call my name
And I can finally see
What You see when You look at me
You're convinced I'm worth it all
Nailed the proof upon the cross
So I can finally see

Prayer: God of mercy and love, Thank You for loving each of us, today and every day. Let these words of scripture and song be a reminder of the power and reach of Your love for each of us. Whether we are the 99 safe and secure in Your pasture or the one who strayed away, we know that Your love for us is boundless. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude: Derek Reed

**+Song: “The 99”

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** Call to Worship

Lector: Many times in our lives, we are safe and secure,

Congregation: knowing and feeling God’s presence in our lives.

Lector: But there are occasions, times we question God, times we are angry with God,

Congregation: and we stray away, pulling back.

Lector: Whether we are the 99 sheep who do not need rescue, or the one that does,

Congregation: May we find comfort knowing that there is joy in God’s relentless love that seeks and rescues us all.

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud) **God of rescue, help us recognize the moments when we are safe and secure—held close in Your arms. And help us even more when we stray from Your pastures. Remind us, again and again, that even when we are lost, You never leave our side. Amen**

Prayer of Confession

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Grace

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

** Hymn: “Shepherd of Love”

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Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others/Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: Doxology #625

** Prayer of Dedication

Special Music – Always - by Derek Reed
**New Creed

Hymn: “Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us ” #462

Scripture Readings:

Luke 11:1-13

Luke 15:3-7

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “The Ninety-Nine”

**+Song: “The 99”

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** Final Blessing

** “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Smith)

*On the screen

** Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

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Announcements

- Any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the By-Laws need to be in Susan Dienes's mailbox by the end of July
- We are collecting supplies for New Hopes Back to School Collection. Please see the bulletin board for items most needed and have them ready by the end of July
- We will be collecting donations for four Sundays that will go to World Central Kitchen and will help the victims of the Central Texas Flooding. The collection will start July 27th and end on August 10th
- The flowers are sponsored in memory of Glenn Ruhlman's mother, Catharine Shaffer who passed away August 4th, 14 years ago
- Join us on August 31st for our "Fifth Sundays are Special". Bring your lawn chair and join us for worship in the parking lot. Feel free to bring a continental breakfast potluck item to share. We will also offer blessings of the backpacks (and briefcases).

Upcoming Events

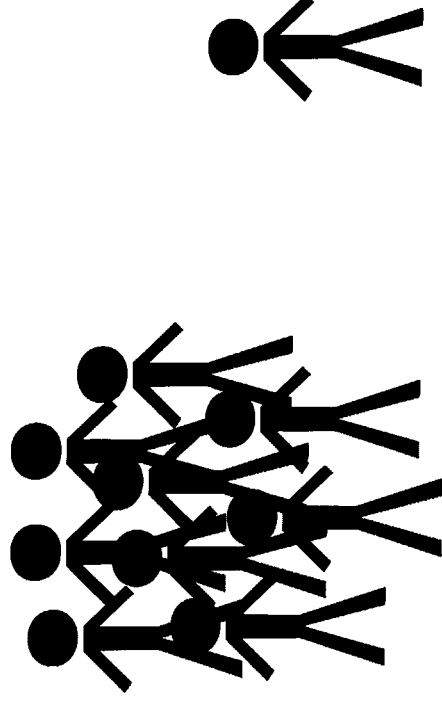
- Our third Summer Skills Swap will be held on Tuesday August 19 at 1pm. We will create an art project and then learn how to digitally capture our creation and share with others

Financial Information

- General pledge to date for July 2025: **\$4,242.00**
- *General pledge total to date for July 2024* **\$4,071.00**
- General Pledge Total January – July 2025: **\$39,950.00**
- *General Pledge Total January – July 2024:* **\$43,810.25**
- YTD income: **\$86,418.08**
- YTD expenses: **\$144,365.06**
- YTD deficit: **\$57,946.98**

Upcoming Meetings

July 28th – Worship & Music @ 4:00 pm
July 28th – Faith Formation @ 5:30 pm
August 4th – Personnel Committee @ 3:45 pm
August 11th – Consistory Meeting @ 6:00 pm
August 25th – Worship & Music @ 6:00 pm



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks
Lector -

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller
Head Usher – Vickie Arnold & Jenn Weaver



Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

I want to make sure that you, and those who care for you, always know how to reach me and the church when it matters most.

Sometimes, life changes quickly! Whether it is a hospital stay, a health concern, or just a need of some extra prayers or support, I want to be there for you. I also want your family or caregivers to know that they are welcome to reach out to me if you are unable to do so yourself.

Below, you will find both my contact information and the church's contact information. There is a small section at the bottom of this page that you can cut out and keep handy (on the fridge, by the phone, in your wallet, or given to a loved one.) This is an easy way to stay connected, no matter what life brings.

With love and grace,

Pastor Amy

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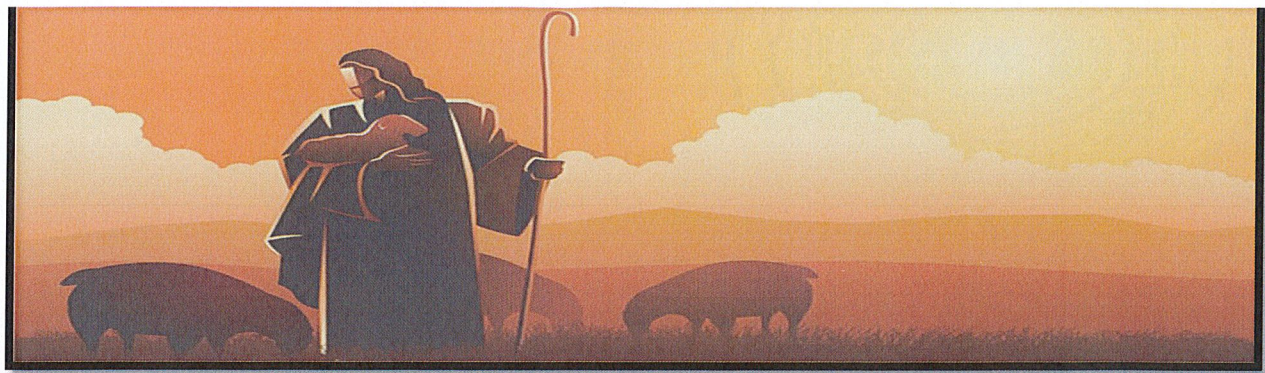
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Luke 11

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Luke 15

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