



"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and



The 14th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, September 13, 2025 5:30pm
Sunday, September 14, 2025 9:00am

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Prelude/Welcome
Greetings/Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Kyrie (p.147)

Canticle (p.149) *This is the Feast*

Prayer of the Day

We pray together
Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that
in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify
your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting
life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God's Word

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

7 The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " 9 The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " 14 And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
- ² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**
Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor

and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Children's Surprise Bucket Sermon

Gospel Acclamation (p.151)

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

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.

8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And 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.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *Amazing Grace* ELW 779

Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church (God of grace, **receive our prayer.**)

Offering Music

Offertory Prayer

We pray together, **Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (p.152)

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music *Lamb of God (p. 154)*
 Break Now the Bread of Life ELW 515
 What Wondrous Love Is This ELW 666
 United at the Table ELW 498

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* ELW 545

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

LIBRARY NEWS

The Calvary Library is looking for volunteers to work in the library after the 9am Sunday Worship during the Sunday School hour. This is a no stress volunteer opportunity and training will be provided. If this is something that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Beth Bloomquist (320-905-8678), Kristi Glup (320-979-0295), or Cathy Halbritter (320-979-0129).

Calvary's next Family Promise Host Week is October 20-24. The evening meal dates are Monday, October 20, Tuesday, October 21, and Thursday, October 23. If you can help, please call Joni Hanson at 320-220-1324.

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

In last week's bulletin, we further explained Pastor Kurt Jacobson and his experience and involvement with Holy Cow consulting. It was also noted that we'll be meeting weekly this month to discuss a plan for sharing results with our congregation.

At this week's meeting, we finalized details for a retreat with Church Council at Green Lake Bible Camp. Our leadership groups will join on Sunday, September 28th to prayerfully build on the insights from our C.A.T. survey results. We'll aim to highlight key understandings to share with the congregation and determine practical, immediate next steps. What comes from this retreat will help us move from reflection to action, seeking God's guidance as together we shape the exciting future of Calvary Lutheran Church!

Please continue to keep these leaders and Calvary in your prayers as we seek God's guidance in continuing to grow in faith, service, and community.

- The Transition Team: Caleb Hanson, Kim Hanson, Bridget Pederson, and Sue Roepke

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Naomi Baker
Lector: Lee Paulson

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Amy, Pastor Rick preside
Communion: Kevin & Sandy Hanson
Greeters: Janelle & Paul Higdem, Leon & Deb Lentz
Musicians: Naomi Baker
Lector: Larry Knutson
Office: Marcia Knutson
Sound/Video: Shawn Swenson/Jody Skindelien

CREATION CARE TIP: Compost in the Garden or a Container - Fall leaves can be composted along with daily table and cooking scraps (no meat, bones or fat). Mulch/compost provides nutrients for the yard and garden.

Weekly Attendance - 260; You Tube - 74; General Offering - 10,658.60

Svea Church is celebrating their 155th Anniversary on Sunday, September 14th. See Svea's website for full details.

If you would like to contribute to the mission of Calvary, please click on the QR code. Thank You!



Readings and Psalm for next week

Amos 8:4-7

Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor

Psalm 113

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people

Luke 16:1-13

A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth

Happening This Week...

Sunday, Sept 14	5pm Youth Leadership Team @ Pizza Ranch
Monday, Sept 15	12pm Transition Team - Zoom 5pm Bell Choir 5pm - Scouts Kick Off - Calvary Shelter
Tuesday, Sept 16	6:30pm Creation Care
Wednesday, Sept 17	8:30am Hope - McMillans 9:45am Willmar Youth Workers GLLM - Koinonia 10am Gather - Friendship Room 6:15pm 6-9 Confirmation - Friendship Room
Thursday, Sept 18	9:30am Text Bible Study - Friendship Room 1pm Quilting
Saturday, Sept 20	5:30pm Chapel Service
Sunday, Sept 21	9am Worship; 10am Coffee Time 10:15am Sunday School

Calvary's Worship Services are available:

Sundays - 10:45am KWLM 1340AM or 96.5FM

- 1 & 8pm WRAC 181

Tuesdays - 6:30pm WRAC 181

Anytime on YouTube -

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