

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE THIRD WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Third Week after Trinity is green.



Trinity
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sheep
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forgive

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the promises of God we hear during the service. What promises does God give us? What does God do for us?

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, 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, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 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 coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently 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 before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did the man in the parable lose? What did the woman in the parable lose?
- 2) What did they do when they realized they had lost something?
- 3) When you have lost something important to you, what do you do to find it?
- 4) What did Jesus "lose" that He is looking for? What is most important to Him?
- 5) What do the angels do when even one sinner repents and is no longer "lost"?
- 6) What happened to you so that you are no longer "lost" but now belong to Jesus?

People of the Bible: Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was a rich tax collector during the time of Jesus' ministry. Most of the people didn't like tax collectors and thought they cheated people out of money and were terrible

sinners. Zacchaeus found out that Jesus was walking by one day, but because Zacchaeus was a short man he couldn't see over the people to see Jesus. Zacchaeus climbed a tree so he could see Jesus because He wanted to know who Jesus was. When Jesus passed by He stopped and told Zacchaeus to come down from the tree so Jesus could stay with him at his house, which Zacchaeus was excited to do. All the people were shocked because Jesus was willing to go to the house of a tax collector. However, Zacchaeus didn't let this bother him and instead repented of his sins to Jesus. Zacchaeus said he would give half of his money to the poor and pay back four times any amount he stole from anyone. Jesus forgave Zacchaeus and told him he would be saved.

Hymn – "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.