



Parable of the Lost Sheep by Sieger Köder (1925-2015)

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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 14, 2025

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ”

Arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT

With the Lord There Is Mercy Douglas Kostner
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

All: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us

One: and waste the gifts we have been given.

All: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

One: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever.

All: Let us worship God together.

***OPENING HYMN #187** “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Verse 1: All Verse 2: Upper Voices Verse 3: Lower Voices Verse 4: All

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself.

But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you?

How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice?

How often have we tried to dominate others even as you stand with them?

How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters?

Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness. (moment of silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA (#581)** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Lord who welcomes sinners, send your Spirit to sit with us as we hear your Word proclaimed. Find us where we are lost, create in us clean hearts, and help us to see the joy of your mercy. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 14:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

“Parables of the Lost”

Rev. Claunch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #183 (verses 1- 3)

Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.

Do not fear, my yoke is easy, do not fear, my burden's light; do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“The Ninety and Nine”

Laura Duckworth

*A shepherd in the wilderness
who has a hundred sheep*

*When one is lost, does he not seek the one
and leave the ninety-nine themselves to keep?*

*The shepherd goes into the night
on mountaintop or desert bare
to seek the one, the truly lost and lone,
the one who needs the shepherd's love and care.*

*And when the shepherd finds his lamb,
so frightened and alone,
He lifts it to his shoulders and gives thanks to God
that now his flock is whole.*

*When he is once again returned,
Rejoicing for the one he holds,
All heaven sings and celebrates far more for this lost one,
Than for the ninety-nine within the fold.*

*Make us your shepherds, loving Christ,
That we might each become
one who will seek the lost,
When one is found,
Your kingdom comes, Lord Christ, your kingdom comes*

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #722** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (verses 1- 4)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

Theodore DuBois

NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time. Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School today following the Children's Message. Volunteers are appreciated and needed. Please contact: agclaunch@lacny.org for more information.
- We look forward to having everyone join us in the fall for Men's Bible study, Women's Bible study, Sunday School and Youth Group.
- We love having little ones in worship with us! However, if you prefer, we have a nursery for infants & toddlers in Room 114 in the education wing. Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed, all are welcome (HS to adults). Contact: dkostner@lacny.org for more information.

SERVICE

- Midnight Run . Join us at 4pm in Russell Hall
September 20th
October 18th
November 8th
December 6th

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THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
11:15 am Confirmation Parents' Meeting (Youth Room)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00 pm Larch. -Mamaron. Youth Orch (Chapel, Carhart, Rm 202)

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:00 am Staff Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

4:00 pm Westch. Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Rm 202)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:00 am Woman's Club of Larchmont

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

4:00 pm Midnight Run (Russell Hall)

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