

Sunday Praise and Worship Service

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Luke 15:1-22 (...continued)

²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'^[b] ²² But the father said to his servants,^[c] 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

Footnotes: a. [Luke 15:15](#) Greek *joined himself to* b. [Luke 15:21](#) Some manuscripts add *treat me as one of your hired servants* c. [Luke 15:22](#) Greek *bondservants*

Psalm 23 (ESV) The LORD Is My Shepherd - A Psalm of David

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.^[a]

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness^[b]
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,^[c]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[d] goodness and mercy^[e] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell^[f] in the house of the LORD
forever.^[g]

Footnotes: a. [Psalm 23:2](#) Hebrew *beside waters of rest* b. [Psalm 23:3](#) Or *in right paths* b. [Psalm 23:4](#) Or *the valley of deep darkness* c. [Psalm 23:6](#) Or *Only d. Psalm 23:6* Or *steadfast love* e. [Psalm 23:6](#) Or *shall return to dwell* f. [Psalm 23:6](#) Hebrew *for length of days*

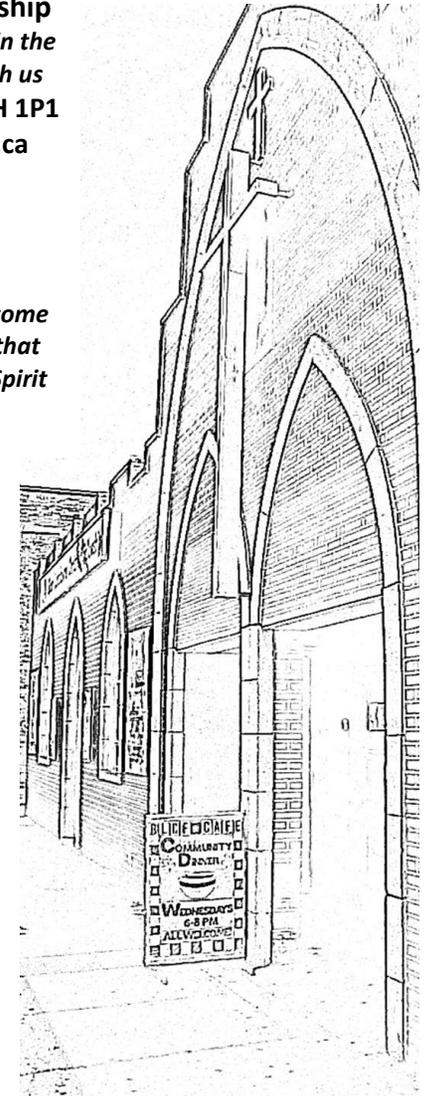
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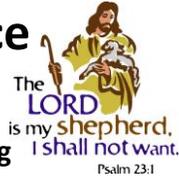
That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. – Galatians 3:14



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00AM: Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 11:30AM Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6-8PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Friday ~ Friday Activities TBA
- ❖ Online Sermons: bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com

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Announcements and Call to Worship: Responsive Reading
#598 (The Shepherd Psalm – Psalm 23); Prayer

Opening Hymn #288: *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound; Choruses*

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings;*

Today's Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16, Jeremiah 23:1-8, Luke 15:1-22

Message by Steve Mickelson: "Finding What Is Lost: A Sheep (*Luke 15:1-7*); A Coin (*Luke 15:8-10*); A Son (*Luke 15:11-22*)"

Closing Hymn #49: *A Pilgrim Was I and A-wandering*

Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV):

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ezekiel 34:11-16 (ESV): The Lord God Will Seek Them Out

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. ^[a] I will feed them in justice.

Footnotes: a. [Ezekiel 34:16](#) Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate *I will watch over*

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Luke 15:1-22 (ESV): The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹⁵ 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.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, ^[a] 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."

Footnotes: a. [Luke 15:8](#) Greek ten drachmas; a drachma was a Greek coin approximately equal in value to a Roman denarius, worth about a day's wage for a laborer

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to ^[a] one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

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