

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 17, 2018

God is love; O come, let us worship!

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 26 | 1 Kings 10:1-13 | Acts 16:6-34

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 25:16-22:	page 359
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 221
The Old Testament Reading:	2 Chronicles 33.9-13
Psalm 26:1-3:	page 359
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The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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9:45 a.m. – Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	422 (St. Finbar)
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♪♪ PSALM:	please see the bulletin insert
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♪♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
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♪♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	353 (Praise my Soul)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	251 (Flemming)
Anthem:	J. Liles, arr., <i>Peace I Leave with You</i>
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	604 (Crusaders' Hymn)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*

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From the Rector _____

The two parables that we hear in this morning's Gospel are all about being lost, but in both cases they're also stories about how the lost might be found. They're stories with happy endings: the lost sheep is returned; the lost coin is recovered. And those who have found the lost get to celebrate: to throw a party for their friends and neighbours.

But for some families, there is no party, no happy ending. For some families, there's no ending in this world at all. Sometimes, the lost just stay lost and those who search for them spend the rest of their lives trying to fill the holes in the family album.

But what if that's the reason why Jesus told these stories in the first place.

What if that's the reason that's why Jesus spent so much of his life eating with the forgotten and walking among the lost; living and walking and teaching and talking on the margins of his world. Maybe that's why he tells us the Story of the Lost Sheep; and the Story of the Lost Coin; and, later on, the Story of the Lost Son, (or, as we should call it, The Story of the Lost Sons) one right after the other.

Maybe Jesus tells these particular stories for those other families where the lost stay lost; for the mother who curses a silent phone and prays beside a mailbox; for the father who stands beside rubble and holds out a photo; for the brothers who spend years looking for a name on the obituary pages; or for one particular face among the homeless.

Maybe Jesus told these stories for all of the people who still watch and wait and hope and pray that someone will finally come home.

There are a lot of other lessons we can learn from these stories — lessons about forgiveness and repentance and generosity and sin. These stories invite each of us to search our hearts, to examine our lives, to open our arms wide in welcome to celebrate, to do all that we can to welcome the lost when they're found. And in the end, these stories invite us to all to come home.

But I can't help thinking that these stories remind us that even as we wait, God is already at work, searching and healing and gathering together; in ways that we may never see.

They remind us that God doesn't just love us when we're washed and clean and tidy and waiting to be found. God loves us right here and now, right in the middle of our brokenness and despite all our fears. God loves us and searches for us, even when we don't know that we're lost — even when we don't want to be found— even when the search seems hopeless.

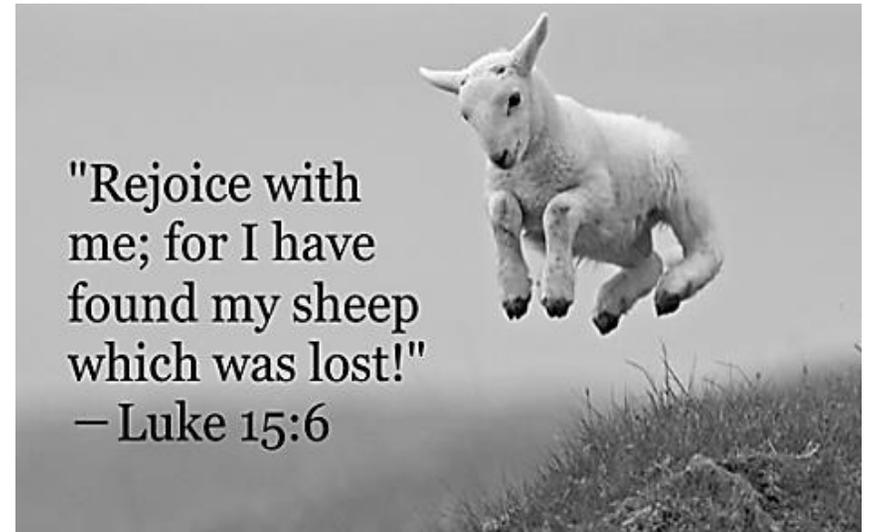
These are stories that promise that God will risk everything — that he will search every wilderness, sweep every corner, walk down every dark path, just to lead one person; just to lead one of us back home; even when common sense and reason and personal dignity would tell us to give up.

These stories remind us that, no matter how far, no matter how lost, no one, not anyone, is ever forgotten by God.

No one. Ever.



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You know what happens when a portrait that has been painted on a panel becomes obliterated through external stains. The artist does not throw away the panel, but the subject of the portrait has to come and sit for it again, and then the likeness is re-drawn on the same material. Even so was it with the All-holy son of God. He, the Image of the Father, came and dwelt in our midst, in order that he might renew mankind made after Himself, and seek out His lost sheep, even as He says in the Gospel: "I came to seek and to save that which was lost." This also explains His saying to the Jews: "Except a man be born anew..." He was not referring to a man's natural birth from his mother, as they thought, but to the re-birth and re-creation of the soul in the Image of God.

St. Athanasius (293?-373), *The Incarnation of the Word of God*

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