



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Parable of the Lost Sheep



"... what strikes me is the pursuit of the shepherd, so singularly focused on the one who is lost, vulnerable, and at-risk. The Good Shepherd steadies the sheep on his shoulders and steps out of the frame toward us. His gaze finds mine, and I almost hear him whisper, 'I will never stop searching for the lost. I will never stop rejoicing when one is found.'" (Lisle Gwynn Garrity)

Lost & Found

Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
*Newspaper & gold leaf collage with
digital drawing*

First Mennonite Church
March 30, 2025

GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us.

So if you feel lost,

then know that God is seeking you.

If you feel found,

then know that God will never leave.

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

Let us worship our with-us God.

HYMN *O Worship Our God* VT 129

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

HYMN *Listen, God Is Calling* VT 765

Children's Time

My Coins Count Offering

CONFESSING & SEEKING RECONCILIATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

If God is a painter,

let us be the brush.

If God is a musician,

let us be the song.

If God is an architect,

let us be the tools.

Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

But if God is a shepherd,

who never stops seeking,

let us be willing to be found,

no matter how lost we feel.

Our God is never far away.

Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

... hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

No matter how far we wander,
we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace. We are
loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!
Amen.

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Poem – *The Good Shepherd* (by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Luke 15:1-7*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES & PRAYING

HYMN *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* VT 453

Baptism of Santalena Caudillo

Congregational Response: VT 932

Light of the Clear Blue Morning (by Dolly Parton/Wailin' Jennys)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

LIVING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Christ, Be All Around Me* VT 848

Benediction

Postlude

Liturgy/Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream: Jonathan Wenger

Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs

Nursery: Pauline Buller

Pianist: Shelley Kauffman

Song Leader & Guitar: Shane Miller

Mandolin: Adam Pounds

Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige

Poem Reader: Maggie Pounds

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture: Eldon Wagler

Children's Time: DeAnna Goering

Sermon & Prayers of the People: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Special Music: Maggie Pounds, Lauren Storm

TODAY:

Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

Fellowship with drinks in Common Grounds Room

AED (automated external defibrillator) demonstration after worship – an intergenerational activity, including blood pressures

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **April 2 – Third Lenten Lunch at FMC** (noon)
- **April 2 – WNAF** – 5:30-6:30pm choir; 6-7pm dinner; 7-8pm children's choir and program with our pastors leading, "Reading Scripture Together in the Anabaptist Tradition," focused on scriptures in Luke.
- **April 5 – 'Listening for a Word' Sermon Writing Retreat/Workshop** 10am-2:30pm. Led by Pastor Tonya & Anita Kehr. Please RSVP.
- **April 6** – Worship with communion
- **April 6** – Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus – 4:00pm, Tabor College
- **April 11-12** – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
- **April 13** – Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus – 4:00pm, Bethel College



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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