

Psalter 281:1-2, Luke 15: 1-7, Psalter 365: 1-4, Psalter 53: 1-3, Psalter 216: 3-4

The Parable of the Lost Sheep.

Text: Luke 15: 3-7

1. The Lost Sheep

- Then drew near to him publicans and sinners.
- The Pharisees and Scribes offended
- The necessity of true conversion
- The sheep straying, pictured in the lost sheep
- We are all lost
- A lost sheep or sinner will not return on their own.

2. The Found Sheep

- The shepherd knows when one of his sheep is missing
- The Shepherd knows all His sheep by name.
- The "Great Shepherd" seeks His wondering sheep
- The Shepherd goes through a deep difficult way to save His sheep
- The Shepherd calls His sheep
- The sheep hear His call and reply

3. The sheep was carried.

- The sheep found exhausted and wounded and lost
- The sheep placed on the shepherd shoulders.
- The sheep will never fall off from God's side
- From man's perspective they fall off continually and need to be once again picked up.
- Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep
- People of God will be carried home.