

**FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14**

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**Psalms 51:1-10**

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy

because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’” <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>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.’” <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

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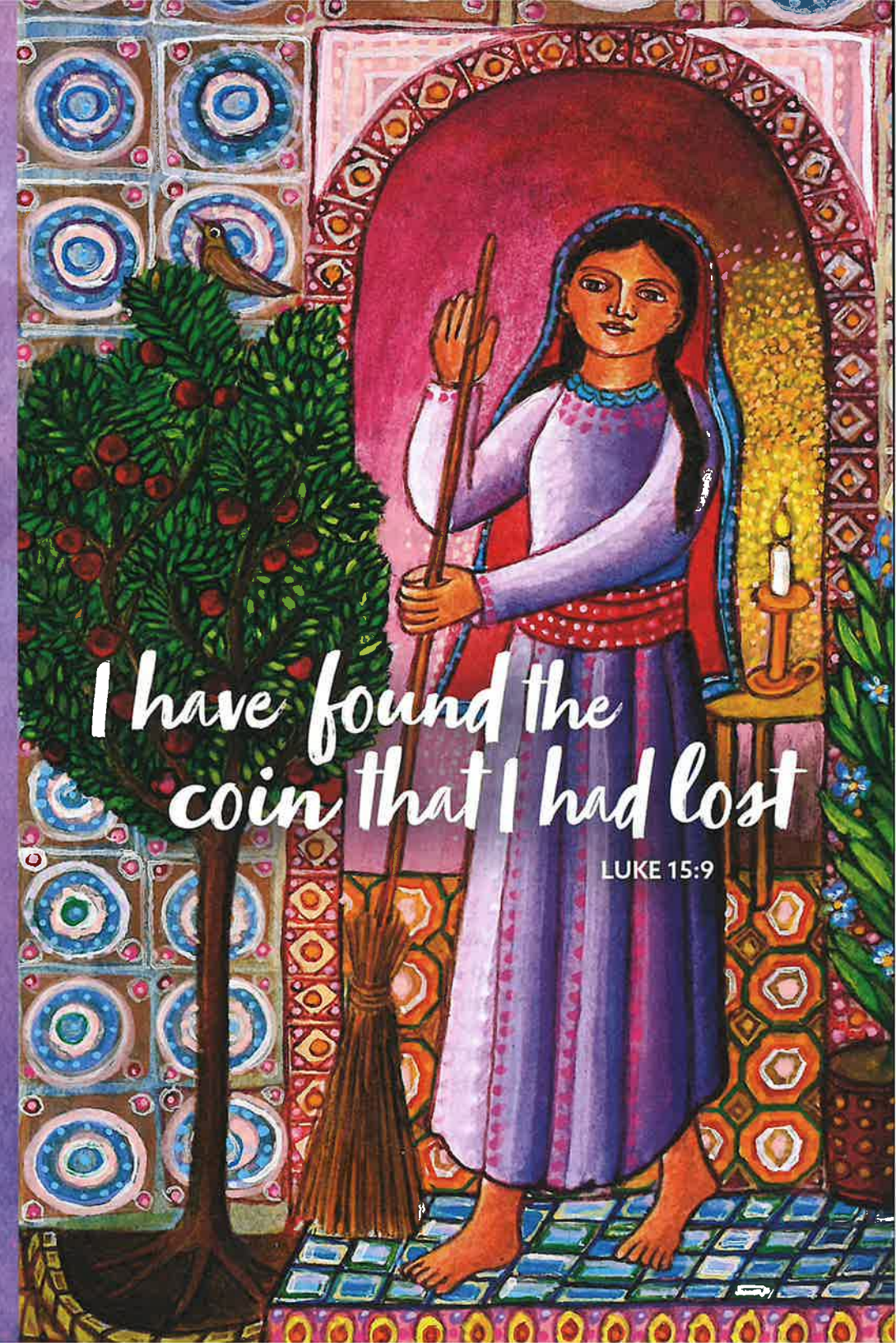
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***Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.***

**Welcome to Worship at Immanuel** - We are delighted to have everyone worshiping with us today. We invite you to sign a communion card, if you would please, so that we might have a registry of those sharing Holy Communion with us.

**Prayer before Worship:** Heavenly Father, you know what is on my heart and on my mind today. Please be with me, my family and my friends so that we may feel your presence and take comfort in knowing that you walk with us daily. Amen.

**Prayer Requests:** We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

**Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.**

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

**The Lord's Supper,** (offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

**We have Children's Bulletins** for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School

## **Sunday, September 14, 2025**

WORSHIP LEADER: JIM GERBER, SAM

Lay Reader: Lisa Winterland

Greeters: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Ushers/Acolytes: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

## **Sunday, September 21, 2025**

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Von Becker

Greeters: Elton & Spring Mau

Ushers/Acolytes: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

**Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett.

*[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]*

## *Announcements*

*Thank you to the Parish Education Committee, Sunday School Teachers, Luther League Mentors, and all volunteers who have offered their time to be shining lights in the faith journey of our young members and friends –*

**Sunday School Classes for Pre-school – 6<sup>th</sup> grade begin this Sunday at 10:00 am.**

**Luther League Classes will begin at 10:00 am Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.** (Luther league will be meeting once a month in place of Sunday School) Any new high school members and parents are encouraged to join the Luther League team reach with code: LLeague1 for updates!

**A few weeks ago, a representative from the Ridgeview Food Pantry was here to ask for volunteers to assist in packing and distributing meals to families one day a month. If this is something that you might be able to do, please contact Joyce at 217-745-2572.**

**LWR Quilts and Kits** - Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to our quilt project this year! There is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. These will help us prepare for quilting next year. Please use 1/2" seam, a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern. Questions, see Dee Winterland.

**We will be finishing our LWR projects for this year in the coming weeks.** Please watch the newsletter and bulletin announcements for ways that you can help with quilts and other Lutheran World Relief projects. (Please see the list of items for School Kits and Personal Care Kits in this bulletin.)

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Gathering*

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Merciful and loving God,

**C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

L: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

**ELW 789**

\*GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

\*THE KYRIE (spoken)

ELW page 138

L: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to  
yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that  
we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain  
our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

*Word*

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

READING

Exodus 32:7-14

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*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship.  
Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people.  
Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for  
them.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me  
from my sin.**

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know  
wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be  
purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain  
advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul,  
who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy  
may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

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*The Gospel is announced:*

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke ...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY

***Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling***

ELW 608

\*APOSTLES' CREED *please stand as you are able*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

\*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

ELW 186

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

***Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.***

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.***

\*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray... Lord of the harvest,

**C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each petition:* L: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*BLESSING

L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN

***Here I am, Lord***

ELW 574

\*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE