

**September 14, 2025      A Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm 51:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup> my offenses.  
<sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup> from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup> from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup> For I know <sup>1</sup> my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup> er before me.  
<sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is  
evil <sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right <sup>1</sup> in your  
judgment. R  
<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup> mother's womb.  
<sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup> deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup> deep within.  
<sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup> er than snow.  
<sup>8</sup> Let me hear <sup>1</sup> joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup> may rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup> Hide your face <sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.  
<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me. R

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has  
strengthened me, because he considered 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 as 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.

**Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> 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> And 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 lost  
sheep.' <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> 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.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence  
of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."