

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



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## Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 14, 2025



### AS WE GATHER

#### The Joy of the Angeles

The charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN**      “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”      #686

*Please stand as you are able.*

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:**      In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:**      O Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.

**People:**      **Heal and restore me, O Lord.**

**Pastor:**      Most holy and merciful Father,

**People:**      **like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith and fear, that we may be kept to the day when Your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**Pastor:**      Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**Pastor:** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. His peace be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**✂ WORD ✂**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** *hymnal page 219*

**Pastor:** O Lord, open Thou my lips,

**People:** ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

**Pastor:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People:** ♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✂ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

**ANTIPHON**

**Pastor:** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

**People:** ♪ For He is our maker.

**VENITE** *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ O come, let us sing unto the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

**For the LORD is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,  
and His hands form-ed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.  
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom  
nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may  
not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that  
leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ezekiel 34:11-24

*(The Lord promises to rescue His sheep and to set up a shepherd who will lead them to eternal life.)*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 1 Timothy 1:5-17  
*(Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**VERSE** Luke 15:10

**Pastor:** Alleluia. I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God

**People:** over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.

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

*(Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED** *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" #609

**SERMON** Pr. Mark Croucher

**OFFERING and OFFERTORY**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,  
What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,  
May we Thy bounties thus,  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves and for all people as they have need.

O merciful Shepherd, You came into the world to save sinners.  
Grant to us forgiveness of our sins, renewal of our lost lives,  
and the grace to serve You in willing obedience all our days.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, grant us grace that we know Your Word as the sound of Your voice. Grant to us faithful pastors who will rightly divide Your Word of truth and bless all church workers and those in training to serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, guard against all false doctrine and against those who teach in conflict with Your Word that the sheep of Your flock be preserved in faith to know and believe rightly by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, give us good and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your will and lead us and all nations in the ways of peace, justice, and virtue, that we live good, holy, and upright lives without fear or threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, You do not abandon Your sheep even when they are wounded and infirm. Deliver the weak, the suffering, the troubled in mind, and those with hearts weighed low with grief, especially Liz, Myron Betty, Karla, Dan and Ian. We pray that they be healed and comforted according to Your will and delivered from all that afflicts them on the day when You raise Your people to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, You daily and richly supply all things good and beneficial to us and guard us against the evil one. Give us a discerning mind and a generous heart that as You have done for us, we do for others in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O merciful Shepherd, hear us and grant us all things beneficial to us and profitable for our salvation, but keep from us all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**    **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:    Into Your hands, O merciful Shepherd, we commend ourselves  
and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident  
that You will hear and answers us, O Lord.

**People:**    **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor:    The Lord be with you.

**People:**    ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

## **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor:    Let us bless the Lord.

**People:**    ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor:    The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:**    ♪ **Amen.**

**HYMN**      “By Grace I’m Saved”              #566

## **POSTLUDE**

**THE MESSENGER**  
September 14, 2025

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**SERVING US TODAY:** Pr. Mark Croucher  
Linda Rayburn, Organist

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler

**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 28 total: 6 guests**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> is **"Someone Worth Having"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know Him: Jesus--"God saves." (Numbers 6:27) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.