

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

**IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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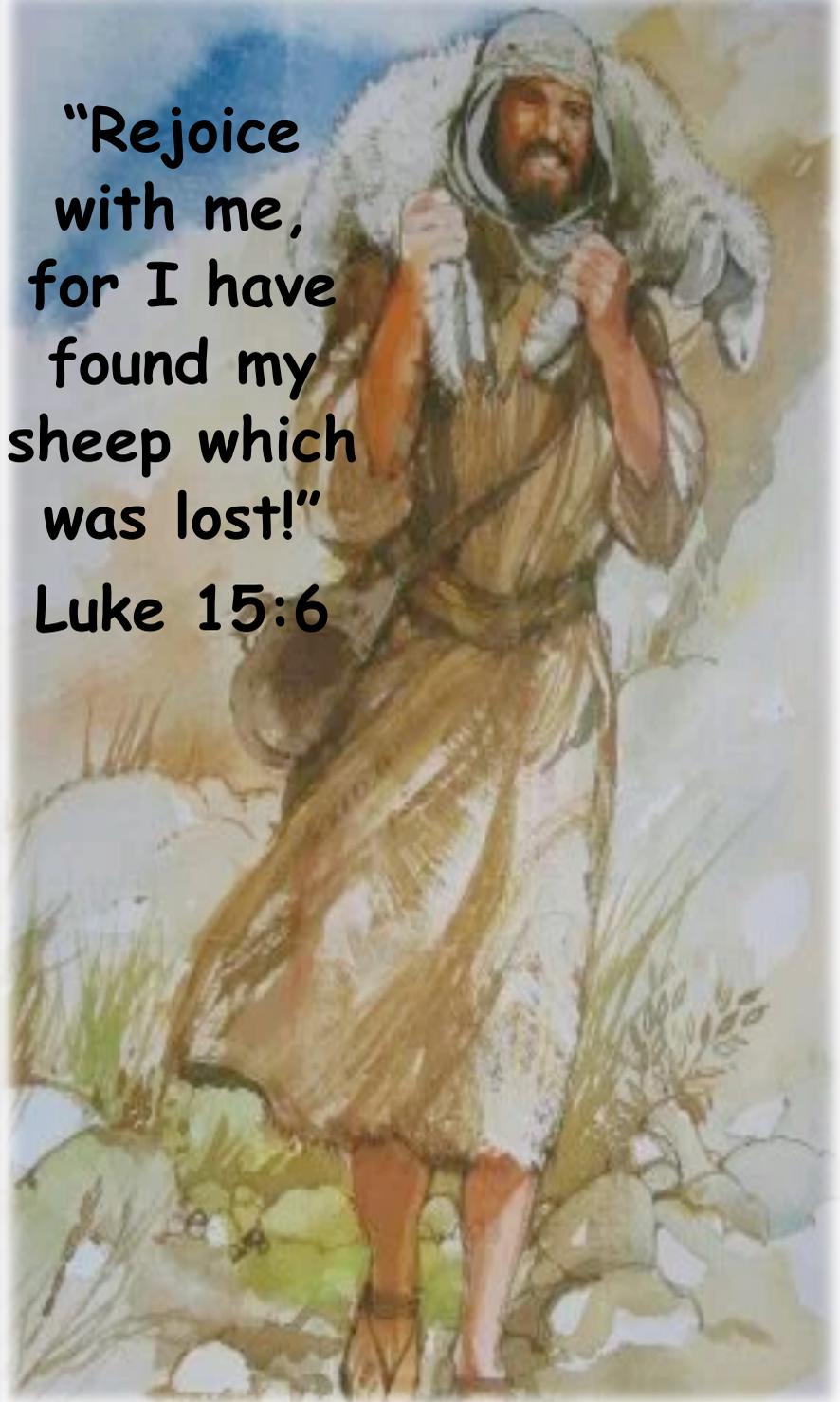
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Office Hrs, M-F

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**"Rejoice
with me,
for I have
found my
sheep which
was lost!"
Luke 15:6**



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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve me that I 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. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - If the Lord describes Himself in Scripture as our "Shepherd," it follows that we, as those who belong to Him, are His "sheep." True to our broken nature, we all wander away from our Shepherd's provision, wrongly assuming we can find our own way. Not only can we never find our own way to lasting life, but we can find our own way only to everlasting death. We all stand in need of rescue! We all are the lost sheep who have wandered away. Thank the Shepherd for coming to your rescue. His death and resurrection are proof that He never gives up on us! He pursues His wanderers. Finding us and claiming us, He carries us home. And that's exactly where He gathers us today: at home in His presence so that He, our Shepherd, can fill us, His sheep, with His love and mercy.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. Without You nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever. Help us to 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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24

(The Lord will search for and seek out His scattered sheep.)

11 'For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. 16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

17 'And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. 18 Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? 19 And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet."

20 'Therefore thus says the Lord God to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. 21 Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, 22 therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM

Psalm 119:169-176

P Let my cry come before You, O LORD;

C **give me understanding according to Your word!**

P Let my plea come before You;

C **deliver me according to Your word.**

P My lips will pour forth praise,

C **for You teach me Your statutes.**

P My tongue will sing of Your word,

C **for all Your commandments are right.**

P Let Your hand be ready to help me,

C for I have chosen Your precepts.
P I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
C and Your law is my delight.
P Let my soul live and praise You,
C and let Your just decrees help me.
P I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
C seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.
All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 1:(5-11) 12-17*

(Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

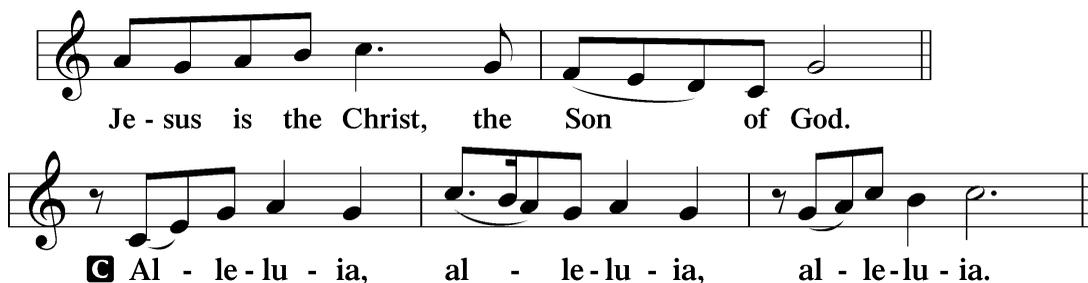
ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

(Heaven's joy will be great when sinners repent.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' 10 Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and

ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	LSB 611
SERMON	<i>"Rejoicing Chiefs of Sinners!"</i>	(Luke 15:5-6)
OFFERTORY	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>	LSB 710

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Ezekiel 34:16*

- P** The Lord says through the His prophet: "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."
Confident in the care of our faithful Shepherd, let us bring our thanksgivings, requests, and intercessions before our Father's throne of grace.
Faithful Shepherd, You are so good to us. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You bring us back into Your presence through the good news that we have received in this time of worship.
- C** **Grant that we treasure all we possess in the Gospel of Christ.**
- P** Guiding Shepherd, You lead us with Your mercy that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Salvation is found solely in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to bring the good news of His life, death, and resurrection to all souls for whom He offered His life.
- C** **Enable us to open our lips and declare Your wonders to the world.**
- P** Loving Shepherd, You care for all You have made, for all the world is Yours. Grant that those who are broken in heart, mind, and spirit find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You.
- C** **Give us hearts to serve others with the mercy You give to us all.**
- P** Protecting Shepherd, You guard and bless those who take refuge in You. Watch over the land in which we live, guiding all servants among us to act justly with the wisdom from above. Enable us to dwell in security and peace. Lead all Christians to be people of worship, prayer, and service so that our communities are blessed by You through the works of our hands.
- C** **Send us out to represent our Savior in all we say and do.**

P Healing Shepherd, You bind up the wounds of those who suffer in both soul and body. [Today we lift up before You . . .] Whatever the need and whatever the circumstance, draw Your sheep into the fold of Your care that they receive the healing You desire for them.

C Open our eyes to see Your healing hand at work.

P As sheep who trust in their faithful Shepherd, we bring these prayers, along with all the unspoken prayers of our hearts, before You.

C In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

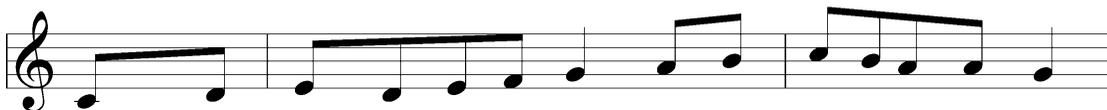
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, for by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection He has rescued Your wandering sheep and led us back into Your merciful presence forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

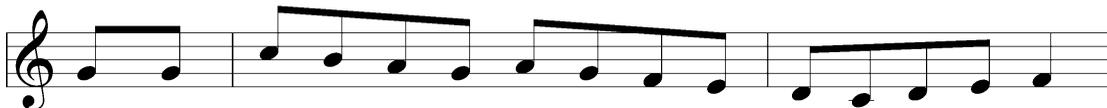
SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

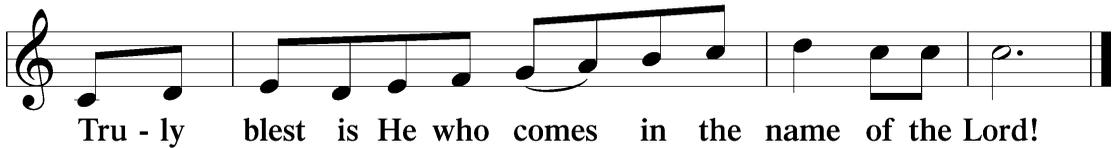


Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Praise be to You, gracious Father, for You have shown mercy to Your wandering people by giving them Your one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. We give You thanks for the rescuing work of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who has found us and claimed us as Your own. Enable us to live under His merciful care and receive Him as He now feeds us with His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**



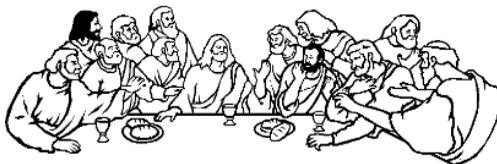
AGNUS DEI


1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,


You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;


O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,


Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God, our faithful Shepherd, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the world to rescue all who wander, we thank You that for His sake You have given us the peace of Your forgiveness at Your Table of mercy. Because You never fail Your sheep, enable us to go forth and extend to others the blessings we here have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION

P As our Shepherd, our Savior will lead us as we walk with Him in faith.

C Following our Shepherd every day, let us share His mercy with all we meet.

P 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. Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

SAVE THE DATE

For St. John Lutheran Church
San Benito, TX
100th Anniversary
October 20, 2019
Details will be coming soon.



From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for October to December are available in the Narthrex.



Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in
the Fellowship Hall.

You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your
spiritual life with the Word.

Rev. Weber is leading the Bible Study.

Youth Confirmation Classes

@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office

Adult Instruction Classes

Wednesdays in the Pastor's Office @ 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Pastors' Circuit Meeting

Tuesday, September 17th @ 9:00 a.m.

Rio Mac

Thursday, September 26, 2019

@ 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Harlingen, TX

Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to “display his perfect patience” (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep “from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He “will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak” (Ezek. 34:16), and “they shall no longer be a prey” (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who “shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, “having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,” would “leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it” (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, “the angels of God” and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

9/8/2019		
Sunday Worship	34	
Plate:		\$ 11.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,015.00
Donation:		
	Total:	\$ 1,026.00
Bible Class:	12	\$ 11.00

Fifteenth Sunday *after Pentecost*

Readings:

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Luke 16:1-15

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	<i>September Sunday Servants:</i>
Elder:	Joe Winston
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Don Vogel
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Dan Wehling
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am