September 14th, 2025 14th Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant **that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts**; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 51:1-11

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to **your loving-kindness**; *
in **your great compassion** blot out my offenses.
2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and **cleanse me** from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
7 For behold, **you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly**.
8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
11 **Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me**.

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "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? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 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**.' 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. "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? 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.' Just so, I tell you, **there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents**."

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; 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!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 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." **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? 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. 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.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.**

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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, 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, and **the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.** 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**. 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. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.