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**JULY 13, 2025**

**9:30 AM**



**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

## ***Psalm 41***

Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; You do not give him up to the will of his enemies. The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health. As for me, I said, **“O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!”** My enemies say of me in malice, **“When will he die and his name perish?”** And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, **“A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”** Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them! By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! **Amen and Amen.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

IN MEMORY OF MY BROTHER KEPHA, CUTHBERT, DAUDI BY JOYCE MBEYELLA

*At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card. Acknowledgments*

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### THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025
9:30 am Worship	Vinny Caracci Tim Lambert	Steve Buchtrup Russ Couch	Bill Smith Ward Irvin	Tim Lambert Ron Shultheiss
Readers	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025
9:30 am	Danette Smith	Russ Couch	Brennan Lambert	David Barnett

### WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

### Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025
9:30 am	142/137			
Sunday School	34			
Monthly Budget	\$52,300	\$52,300	\$52,300	\$52,300
Weekly Giving	\$21,145	\$	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	\$3,839	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$24,984	\$	\$	\$

## AS WE GATHER

Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family.

### Opening Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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♫ 1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing, That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
It is He who remembered us in our low estate, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
and rescued us from our foes, **for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
He who gives food to all flesh, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to the God of heaven, **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us approach the throne of mercy, humbly, and in need of forgiveness.

We confess, Lord our God,

**that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We do not reflect Your love, heavenly Father, in the way we treat others. Forgive us.**

We confess, gracious Lord Jesus,

**that we do not always give You the due honor and glory for all that You have done for us in Your life, death, and resurrection. Forgive us.**

We confess, O Holy Spirit,

**that we forget that even our faulty attempts at loving as You have loved us are covered by Your overarching grace and mercy.**

Our gracious God has done all that was needed for us to be His friends, followers, and family. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us.

**Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves;**

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord. . . . “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf<sup>8</sup> and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

♪ 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## SERMON

PASTOR MIKE ZWEMKE

*Thank you, Pastor Mike, for being with us and sharing the Lord's Word!*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(A time of silence for personal prayer.)* **hear our prayer.**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you! Amen.**

*Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636 sts 1,2,3,4,8

♪ **1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

**2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.**

**3. He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.**

**4. Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!**

**8. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

- ♪ 1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922 sts. 1–4

- ♪ 1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.
2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
3. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace: I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

## SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.