



***Sunday, July 13, 2025***  
***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

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Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW #697

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling on God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by your love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

**A:** O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C:** **Amen.**

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:9-14

<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you,

just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors,<sup>10</sup> when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.<sup>11</sup> “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.<sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’<sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’<sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.  
**L: Word of God, word of life. C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading Colossians 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to

us your love in the Spirit.<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,<sup>10</sup> so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.<sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to Luke 25-37 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"<sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"<sup>27</sup> 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."<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion.<sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.'<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"<sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon Two

Hymn of the Day Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW #708

### Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I**

**believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing *especially* Lyra, Jackie, Judy, Mary Lou, Brandan, Lisa, Landon, Terry, Ed, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Michelle, Karen, Monica, Gwendolyn, and the families of Shirley and Daryl. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

Noisy Offering-for Sunday School Mission Project for ELCA World Hunger

### Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

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 our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

### Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

## Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW #836

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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### *Luke 10:25-37 information*

“A lawyer” came “to test Jesus” (25), the word “test” suggesting sinister motivations behind this interaction. The Lawyer asks Jesus “who is my neighbor” (28)? Jesus responds telling the parable of the “Good Samaritan”

(First person to pass by the man left for dead) Priest; Important religious authorities who were well respected and had lots of power. Performed very scared acts at Israel’s temple.

(Second person to by the man) Levite; Religious authorities from the tribe of Levi, in charge of performing lower religious rituals.

(Person who saved the man) Samaritan; a group of people that came from two different ethnic groups. Samaritans were regarded as being heathens or traitors by the Hebrew people in the ancient world. Samaritans were also involved in several conflicts in the ancient world. As a result, many would have found the idea of there being a “good Samaritan” challenging, preposterous, and even offensive.

The origin of the Samaritans was as follows: The Assyrians, who were the enemies of the Hebrew people, sent colonists into the land of Samaria. There was a small group of Hebrew people living in Samaria who intermarried with these colonists which produced a mixed ethnicity. The rest of the Hebrew people were living away from their homes in exile under control of the Babylonians during this time. When these Hebrew people returned from this exile, they sought to rebuild the scared temple where they worshiped God because the first temple had been destroyed.

The Samaritans requested that the Hebrew people let them participate in this rebuilding of this temple. However, the Hebrew people refused to allow this because they didn’t recognize the Samaritan people as their brethren since they had Assyrian ancestry. Hence, it came to pass that the Samaritans and the Hebrews entertained inveterate and unappeasable enmity toward each other.

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## Calendar & Announcements

### Sunday, July 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

### Tuesday, July 15, 2025

6:00 p.m. Council meeting

### Wednesday, July 16, 2025

5:30 p.m. Worship

### Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. Pin & Sew

### Sunday, July 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship at Upper Church Sanctuary

**We are glad you joined us!** We hope that you will experience the good news in mind, body, and spirit s we pray, listen, sing and share the peace of Christ and the meal of Holy Communion. You are invited to worship in as many ways as you are comfortable and able. In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates congregation's responses. The presence, energy, and noise of children are most welcome here! The sound of children in worship is the sound of a new disciple being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and invite children to participate in worship.

We will be worshipping in the Upper Church Sanctuary on the 3rd Sunday during summer months; July (20) and August (17).

Noisy Offering has totaled \$2,286.76 for the year so far!



With summer here, school food programs for those experiencing food insecurity are not available. Listed below are items of greatest need during the summer. There is a collection box in the Narthex at church. Items in the box will be delivered to the Food Pantry regularly. Specifically needed for the summer: Individual meals for kids (microwave mac and cheese, etc.) meals that are easy for kiddos to make on their own. Also, there is a great need for KID FRIENDLY cereal (kinds of cereal that kids would like.) Thank you in advance!