



“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.”

*Luke 10:27*

## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

*It is our joy* to have guests visit our congregation. We pray that God would bless you during your visit with us. We encourage you to sign your name and address in the red fellowship book that will be passed out during the offering so that we have a record of your visit with us.

*May God's Word fill you with peace and joy in worship today.*

**YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS ARE NEEDED AT ETERNAL HOPE!**

As Eternal Hope continues to grow and reach more families with the life-saving Gospel message we need all the help we can get! It is part of our core values and beliefs as Christians that each and every person is gifted by God. We invite you to share your gifts with us as we, together, share Christ's love with our world!

**AS WE GATHER**

In today's Gospel, the man who fell among thieves in the parable of the Good Samaritan did nothing, but he was helped, nonetheless. That's how our Lord, our own Good Samaritan, wants to treat us. The commands in the Old Testament Reading are how to pass on His love to all whom we meet. And the prayer in the Epistle asks no more than that God continue to do what He accomplished through our Lord Jesus. Without our doing anything, He has "transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13). Our worship today is time to remember to do nothing except live the life God has so graciously bestowed on us.

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS**

## PREPARATION

**OPENING HYMN**     "With The Lord Begin Your Task"    LSB 869

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES**     *Psalm 136:1, 23–26*

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: and rescued us from our foes,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Pastor: He who gives food to all flesh,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: We confess, Lord our God,

**People: 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.**

Pastor: We confess, gracious Lord Jesus,

**People: 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.**

Pastor: We confess, O Holy Spirit,

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

Pastor: 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,

**People: Amen.**

## WORD

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## SUFFRAGES *LSB, p. 283*

Pastor: I cry to You, O Lord;

**People: in the morning my prayer comes before You.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Pastor: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**People: and with Your glory all the day.**

Pastor: Every day I will bless You

**People: and praise Your name forever and ever.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" *LSB 806*

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_ Je - sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_". The lyrics are split across the four staves: the first staff contains "Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the", the second staff contains "Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_ Je - sus", the third staff contains "Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give", and the fourth staff contains "thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_".

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Leviticus (18:1–5) 19:9–18* (God's people follow His ways.)

Pastor: The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them,

**People: I am the LORD your God.**

Pastor: "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.

**People: I am the LORD your God.**

Pastor: "You shall therefore keep My statutes and My rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them:

**People: I am the LORD.**

Pastor: "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:

**People: I am the LORD your God.**

Pastor: "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:

**People: I am the LORD.**

Pastor: "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:

**People: I am the LORD.**

Pastor: "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:

**People: I am the LORD.**

Pastor: "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

**People: you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** *Psalm 41; antiphon: v. 1* (Blessed is the one who considers the poor!)

Pastor: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

**People: In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

Pastor: the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

**People: You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

Pastor: The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

**People: As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**

Pastor: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

**People: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

Pastor: All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

**People: They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."**

Pastor: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

**People: But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

Pastor: By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

**People: But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**People: from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

***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.***

Pastor: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

**People: In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.**

**EPISTLE** *Colossians 1:1–14* (Paul rejoices with the Colossians and tells them of his prayers.)

<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 in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>since we 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. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

<sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**

*Luke 10:27*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: Alleluia. 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,

**People: and your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Luke 10:25–37*    (The Good Samaritan shows us how to love our neighbor.)

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>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. <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, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH    CATECHISM**                      *The Second Article*

**I believe 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.**

*Pastor: What does this mean?*

**People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

**who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**

**that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,**

**just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



## **SERMON**

### **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

*Please sign the red attendance book and pass it to your neighbor.*

**Luke 10:25b – “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”** There is nothing right about this question. What shall I *do* to *inherit*? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can’t do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father’s children with our good works.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: That God would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict and warfare might cease, and peace and harmony break out for all people, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: That our heavenly Father would so order the rain and snow that crops would grow for the benefit of all who need nourishment and strength, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: That our gracious Lord would keep the church around the world in His protective care and provide opportunity for the spread of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: That the Holy Spirit would strengthen the skills of professional and neighboring caregivers so that healing and health may flourish, *especially for . . .*, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: That God would enable the caring organizations here and abroad to focus on the needs of the downtrodden, oppressed, and forgotten so that many may give Him praise and glory as they find new opportunity to face each day in confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord,

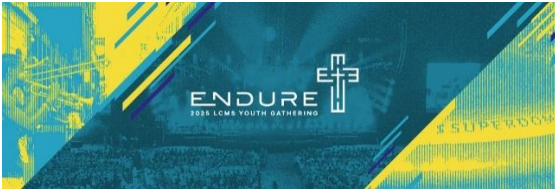
**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**    *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**



**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING COMMISSIONING**

This year's Youth Gathering will occur in New Orleans from July 19-23.

The theme is "ENDURE," taken from Hebrews 12:1-3

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."*

*Please keep our youth; Olivia, Hannah, and our leaders; Lori and Molly in your prayers.*

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.**

**CLOSING HYMN**    "Drawn To The Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"    *LSB 560*

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