

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost + July 13, 2025
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
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HYMN: "With the Lord Begin Thy Task" *TLH 540 / LSB 869*

1. **With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.**
2. **Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast every care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.**
3. **With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.**
4. **If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.**
5. **Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184-185

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM: *Read Psalm 41*

¹ Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

² 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.

³ The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;

in his illness you restore him to full health.

⁴ As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me;

heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,

“When will he die, and his name perish?”

⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,

while his heart gathers iniquity;

when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

⁸ They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;

he will not rise again from where he lies.”

⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,

who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

¹⁰ But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,

and raise me up, that I may repay them!

¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me:

my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity,

and set me in your presence forever.

¹³ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

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.**

KYRIE *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19*

C: Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 18:5, 19:9-18

P: ^{18:5} You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. ...

^{19:9} “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. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³ “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. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵ “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. ¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ 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.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:1-14

P: ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at
Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your
faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all
the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.
Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the
gospel, ⁶ 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, ⁷ just as you learned it from
Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful
minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to
us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ May you
be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious
might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹² giving
thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us
from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the
kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: “What Wondrous Love Is This” LSB 543

1. **What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**
2. **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**
3. **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM.
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**
4. **And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free,
I’ll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ 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. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED *LSB 191*

C: 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: “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” *LSB 708*

- 1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav’n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.**

2. **Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.**
3. **Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.**

SERMON: “Showing Mercy” *Luke 10:25-37*

OFFERTORY:

- C: (Sing:) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew
a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy
presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold
me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

LSB 627

- 1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God’s wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from evil foe.**
- 2. As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed.**
- 4. Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.**
- 5. Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.**
- 7. Christ says: “Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician’s help or skill.”**
- 9. If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior’s guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.**

HYMN: “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” *LSB 698*

- 1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill
And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above;
Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all Thy children and obey
The law of Christian love.**
- 2. So may we join Thy name to bless,
Thy grace adore, Thy pow’r confess,
From sin and strife to flee.
One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same,
A crown of life with Thee.**
- 3. Spirit of life, of love and peace,
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live,
In joyful hope to die.**

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