

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Becoming Caring Servants Who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse People

July 13, 2025

Welcome and Notices

Prelude

"Ubi Caritas Et Amor" Gerald Near

(Stand)

Confession & Forgiveness

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Sit)

- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Gathering Hymn

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- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray:
- C: 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. Amen.

(Sit)

First Reading:

Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18

 18^1 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them,

I am the Lord your God. ³You 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. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God.

⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

19 ⁹When 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. ¹⁰And 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.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You 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. ¹⁴You 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁸You 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."

R: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 41

Read Responsively

¹Blessèd is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; ²the 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. ³The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. ⁴As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" ⁵My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?" ⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. ⁷All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. ⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies." ⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. ¹⁰But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them! ¹¹By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. ¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

¹³Blessèd 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

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1–14

R: A reading from Colossians, chapter 1

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

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

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

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

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand) Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Tenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

^(Sit) Sermon

(Stand) Hymn of the Day

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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- 1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
- 5 Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

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A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers:)

- A: Lord in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude:)

- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, the Word made flesh and the Light of the world.
- C: Amen.

(Stand)

The Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

All may greet one another with a word of peace: "Peace be with you" ... "God bless you" ... "God loves you"...

The Gathering of Gifts

Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshiping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

(Stand) The Offering Hymn

"Give Thanks"



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

The Offering Prayer

- P: Let us pray.
- P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
- C: we give you thanks and praise.
- P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
- C: we give you thanks and praise.
- P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
- C: we give you thanks and praise.
- P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
- C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

- 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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Eucharistic Prayer

- P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
- 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. Again, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy

Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

- P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
- C: Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Sit)

Communion Distribution

Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized and Communicant members of all Christian denominations who share this belief with us are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"



Communion Hymns

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Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

"O God of Mercy, God of Light"

ELW 714

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt. Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

- 1. O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.
- 2. You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
- 3. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.
- 4. For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.
- 5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.

6. And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.

(Stand)

Post Communion Blessing

- P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keeping you steadfast in your faith for life everlasting.
- C: Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

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- 1. Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
- 2. From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever! Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!

Bridge: Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

3. Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

Post Communion Prayer

- A: We give your thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Benediction

- P: Let us bless the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!
- P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

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- 1 Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.
- 2 Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

Sending

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

This Joy setting, Aaron David Miller

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Rev. Chris Agne
Assistant	Adam Kampia
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Stephany Sims
Greeters	Gloria Malachi
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	Mary Tipton, Bose Osho
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Counters	Andy House, Dwight Mitchell, Adam Kampia

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Sunday @6

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The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601

Enter this code:773-431-475 #

For further information, call Dolores Prather (301) 459-7163 or Mary Tipton 301-257-7585!

Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study is in full swing! We are continuing to work our way through the book of Esther. We are working our way through the book, *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman* by Beth Moore. We will continue to meet throughout the summer. Please join us! 10:30 a.m. following the worship service.

Prayer Requests



In order to keep the prayer list current Pastor Chris will edit the list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Pastor Agne, <u>pastor@alutheranchurch.com</u> or 301-577-0500

Please put your prayer requests in the Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.

Rob Garrett, Prayers for healing

Baby Ruby, friend of Pastor Chris' best friend, Prayers for healing.

Paulette Powell and Family, Prayers for comfort upon the recent passing of Lewis Powell.

Ludie Sims, prayers for comfort

Sandy Brault (Grandmother of Ross Brault), Prayers for healing.

Dolores Prather, Prayers for healing and comfort

Alice McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing

Helen Riley, Prayers for strength and healing.

Ernestine Hayes, Prayers for healing.

Jannie Goldston, Prayers for healing.

Jenny DeMaio, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.

Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Ascension Homebound:

John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming; Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith; Helen Riley

Ascension Weekly

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Information & Notices

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Services

Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Communion is celebrated in most services.

Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can be made with the Church Office.

Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension members are arranged with the Church Office

Please Note

Adult Bible Study: Bible study meets on Sundays after worship, at 10:30 am.

Staff:

Rev. Chris Agne.....Pastor Gwen Neal.....Office Mgr. Ben Harris.....Parish Musician

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Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Vivian Licorish, Fred Hedt, Agnes Jones, Johathan Kampia, Martha Spinosa, Zachary Plue

Rob & Kathy Garrett

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 13 9:00 am 6:00 pm

Worship Sunday @ 6

Pentecost 6

Pentecost 5

Sunday, July 20 9:00 am 6:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 19-21

Worship Sunday @ 6

LWML Christian Life Retreat

Altar Flowers Presented By



Please Note that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.

Altar Flowers \$50.00

Serving Us in Worship, Sunday July 20

Rev. Chris Agne

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