



WHO IS YOUR NEIGHB?R



July 13, 2025 8:30/10am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow
Liturgist: Pastor Barry
Pianist: Kristin Johnson

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Associate Pastor

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Deaconess

Kendra Gilmore
Principal

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Time to Grow Director

OPENING HYMN

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

OPENING SENTENCES

You shall love the Lord your God.

with all your heart.

You shall love the Lord your God.

with all your soul.

You shall love the Lord your God.

with all your strength.

You shall love the Lord your God.

with all your mind.

You shall love the Lord your God.

and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27, adapted

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

As baptized children of God, let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue and restore us as Your holy people. 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 LESSON

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

And 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 READING

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 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 10th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him 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."

"You go, and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY**"Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"****LSB 847**

Christ, our human likeness sharing,
Heaven's love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring,
In His death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Be Your life in us displayed.

Christ, in ev'ry congregation
Build Your temple, stone by stone,
With Your word as firm foundation
For a faith matured and grown:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Make in us Your Gospel known.

Hear the word that Christ has spoken,
Help the weak, the hungry feed;
See the pow'rs of darkness broken,
Sinners pardoned, captives freed:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Help us meet our neighbor's need.

Come, O living Christ, renew us,
As of old in wind and flame;
With the Spirit's pow'r endue us,
Servants of Your saving name:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,
Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.

SERMON**"Love In Action"****Pastor Snow****SERMON HYMN****"O God of Mercy, God of Light"****LW 397, vv. 1, 3-5**

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.

All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will and grace provide
To love them all in You.

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.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
Each other's burdens help us share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as though to You.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Church of God, Elect and Glorious" LSB 646 vv. 1-2

Church of God, elect and glorious,	God has called you out of darkness
Holy nation, chosen race;	Into His most marv'lous light;
Called as God's own special people,	Brought His truth to life within you,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:	Turned your blindness into sight.
Know the purpose of your calling,	Let your light so shine around you
Show to all His mighty deeds;	That God's name is glorified
Tell of love that knows no limits,	And all find fresh hope and purpose
Grace that meets all human needs.	In Christ Jesus crucified.

INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ELDERS (8:30)

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING of National Youth Gathering Participants (10:00)

Chaperones: Andy Tesch, Tracy Koepsell, Kendra Gilmore, Sherri Krueger
Attendees: Madalyn Tesch, Evan Tesch, Lilah Johnshoy, Leif Johnshoy, Mya Frauendiest, Mallory Kulzer, Addie Gilmore, Kaylee Koepsell, Addie Sutherland, Josh Eickhoff, Wyatt Fischer, Mason Krueger, Caleb Reisner, Keegan Kelly, Markus Rennerfeldt

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Rooted in God's unfathomable love for us, and hearing His call to love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray for the needs of all.

Merciful Lord, Your Son came to our aid when we were in need of Your mercy. Teach us to be ambassadors of Your goodness to our neighbors and those who need our mercy, that we might love them as You have loved us in Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, continue to care for us each day you give us life. Remember especially the sick, the suffering, the poor and those afflicted in any way and all who have requested our prayers... Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless our elected church leadership with godly wisdom and discernment to carry out the responsibilities of their positions. Give each leader strength so they do not grow weary in their leadership roles, and so they rely not on themselves, but on you. Give them humility to see that to lead, they must be servants, following the model of servant leadership in Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, we give you thanks and praise for the opportunities to grow in faith that have been provided to our youth through the LCMS Youth Gathering. Continue to bless all the youth, leaders, and gathering volunteers and bring them safely home to their congregations. Lord in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.

Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

SENDING

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN’S TODAY!

If this is your first time at St. John’s, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Tim Peterson/10 Josh Peterson

Usher Team: 8:30 Jeff Rasmussen/10 Craig Pauling

Welcome Team: 8:30 Mike and Elizabeth Bennes/10 Jana Beckendorf

Tech Team 8:30/10 Bennett McGlothlin

UPCOMING WEEK	
Sunday – 13	Worship 8:30*/10am**
	Installation of Officers 8:30am
	Commissioning and Sending of NYG 10:00am
	Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am
	Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am
Monday – 14	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	Renovation Committee Mtg 6:00pm
	AA 7:00pm
Tuesday - 15	Executive Council 6:30pm
Thursday - 17	Funeral for Ingrid Dixon 11am (visitation @10)
Friday – 18	AA 6:30pm
Sunday – 20	Worship 8:30/10am
	New Member Reception 9:30am
	Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am

Celebrating Birthdays

7/13

Nicole Stockey

Kannon Larson

7/14

Troy Herrmann

Connie Snow

Kris Vipond

Valerie Henderson

7/15

Kystal Wille

7/16

Randy Kemnitz

Carissa O'Borsky

Vivi Hildebrandt

7/17

Mike Bennes

Kurt Beussman

Rosalyn Kloos

John Watry

7/18

Janice Narkie

7/19

Josh Kirchoff

Celebrating Anniversaries

7/13 Jonathan and Rebecca Anderson

7/15 Pete and Cathy Siedelman

7/17 Jason and Erin Kusske

7/20 Travis and Kristen Siegle

Expectant Moms

Courtney Messenger

Jessica Lewis

Anna Jeurissen

Hailey Busker

Rachel Hubley

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Bob DeMaris

Gene Henke

Carol Affeldt

Loretta Folkerts

Julie Carver

Judy Wolff

Jack Boman

Joel Landskroener

Angel Benes

Kim Bergo

Joann Mueller

Prayer of Thanksgiving

To Vinny and Hannah Herelle on the birth of their daughter, Mallory Lou.

