

Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas



**...YOU SHALL
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF...**

LEVITICUS 19:18

5th Sunday after Pentecost

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

July 13, 2025

TODAY'S MESSAGE: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

The parable of the "Good Samaritan" is perhaps one of the best-known stories in the Bible. The question that leads to Jesus' telling the parable is this: "Who is my neighbor?" Through the words of the parable and the words of Jesus after the parable, we learn that our neighbor is anyone we know or have the opportunity to meet who is in need of help. Jesus even turns the characters around in the parable, and the one who helps the person in need becomes the neighbor. Jesus became the best neighbor we ever had when He sacrificed His life on the cross to save us from sin and death. We are called through Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to show mercy and love (to be a "good neighbor") to all those who are in need.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✠

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion. Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation. Enter ev’ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, into ev’ry troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning. Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning. Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing. Serve Thee as Thy hosts above.
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing. Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place.
Till we cast our crowns before Thee. Lost in wonder, love and praise!**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Psalms 124:8

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. 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, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

John 20:19-23

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 41

P: Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land.

C: **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies. The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.**

P: As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?"

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

P: All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."

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

P: But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them! By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C: **You have upheld me because of my integrity and set me in your presence forever.**

P: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

C: **Amen and Amen.**

Gloria Patri *(sung)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie *(sung)*

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis *(sung)*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good will 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, heavenly 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

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

Opening Prayer

P: Heavenly Father, you show your love to us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He has revealed to us in word and deed what it means to be a good neighbor. When we were lost in our sinfulness, he came to rescue us and deliver us to the safety of your eternal kingdom. Enable us to know and to grow in your love and to reveal your love to others in word and deed; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

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

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 worker 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.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading [ESV]

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 increasing – 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; being 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 10:25-37

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

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

A lawyer stood up to put Jesus 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." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

LSB 844

**Lord of all nations, grant me grace, to love all people, ev'ry race.
And in each person may I see, my kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.**

**Break down the wall that would divide, Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue. Let Christian love bind warm and true.**

**Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred, by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do, will grieve my wounded Lord anew.**

**Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak, whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be, help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.**

**With Thine own love may I be filled, and by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be, may be divinely touched by Thee.**

Sermon

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Confession of Faith

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.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 51:10-12

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.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

Prayers

✝ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✝

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places . . .

Sanctus *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - - men.**

Agnus Dei *(sung)* *John 1:29*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - men.

**Jesus comes today with healing, knocking at my door, appealing,
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation, and I hear His invitation:
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”**

**Christ Himself, the priest presiding, yet in bread and wine abiding,
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken, and the cup, the precious token,
Of His sacred covenant.**

**Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven, who to bitter death was given.
Hung upon the cursed tree.**

**God descends with heav’nly power, gives Himself to me this hour,
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing,
That I taste His love divine.**

**Let me praise God’s boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me, with a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.**

**Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev’ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error.
Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

LSB 848

**Lord, whose love through humble service, bore the weight of human need.
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed.
We, Your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose, ev’ry gift that You impart.**

**Still Your children wander homeless. Still the hungry cry for bread.
Still the captives long for freedom. Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion, healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles, still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight.
Making known the needs and burdens, Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom, may Your mercy know and live.**

"Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us"

LSB 851

**Lord of glory, You have bought us, with Your lifeblood as the price.
Never grudging for the lost ones, that tremendous sacrifice.
And with that have freely given, blessings countless as the sand,
To the unthankful and the evil, with Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You, gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness, melt our thankless hearts of stone.
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe,
That more happy and more blessed, 'tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor You have given, to our humblest charity,
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, that You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

**Lord of glory, You have bought us, with Your lifeblood as the price.
Never grudging for the lost ones, that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You.
But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.**

Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this
salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us
through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be
gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.**

C: (*sung*) A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Closing Hymn

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

[LW 397; AGPS 182]

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**And may your Holy Spirit move, all those who live to live in love.
Till you receive in heav'n above, those who have lived to you.**