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AS WE GATHER

The Wisdom, on the Way

Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “The Law of God Is Good and Wise” #579

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 136:1, 23-26*

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.

People: We confess, Lord our God,
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 ☩

PSALM OF THE DAY *hymnal page 219*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,
People: **♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
People: **♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.**
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. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.
People: **♪ For He is our maker.**

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue
us from whatever may hurt us.

People: Teach us to love You above all things and to love our
neighbors as ourselves;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:9-18
(God tells Moses to explain what it means to love one's neighbor as yourself)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Luke 10:27

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 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" #845

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What e’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

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 Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian,
 Debbie and Rosalyn. 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.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ♪ Thanks be to God.

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.

HYMN “Beautiful Savior” #537

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

July 13, 2025

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and “Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Pr. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan Henggeler, Ian Henggeler, Deborah Carter and Rosalyn Hepting

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, "**Fearless and Endless Growing**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season. (Colossians 1:1-14)
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