

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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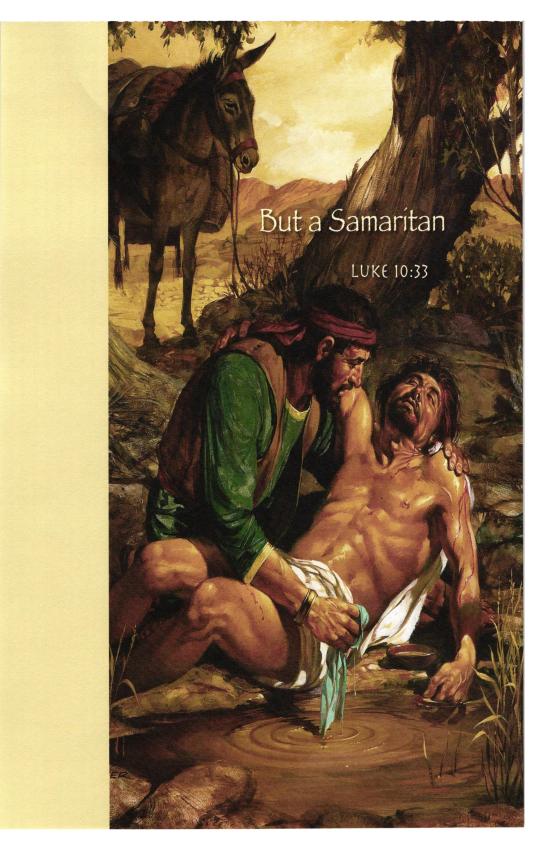
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AS WE GATHER~ Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already 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.

#### WELCOME FAMILIES WITH LITTLE ONES!!!

THE NURSERY: is available to parents for infants and young toddlers under 5 years old during worship in the nursery room in the fellowship hall. See an usher for assistance. Quiet time activity bags are located at the back of the sanctuary hanging on the wooden cross for older children to use during the service.

**FAMILY ROOM**: You will also find through the southeast door marked FAMILY ROOM, there are some quiet toys on the shelf if you want a quiet space for your little one.

# WE are Live streaming!!!

Find us on - Facebook: "Christ Lutheran Church"

Boxcast/Sunday streams: "Christ Lutheran Church Meridian, Idaho"

YouTube: "Christ Lutheran Church Meridian, Idaho"

ALSO on our web-site "CLCMeridian.org where there is a bulletin to follow IF YOU DO NOT want your child filmed, we ask that they sit behind the pulpit. If you have any other concerns, please ask and Elder or Usher for help.

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMUNING...SEE BACK OF BULLETIN

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AVAILABLE--**Personal hearing devices are available to assist those attending worship services at Christ Lutheran. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher for assistance.

FOR THOSE WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, FEEL FREE TO STAY SEATED AS NEEDED DURING THE SERVICE AND STAND WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION.

PLEASE! OUT OF RESPECT FOR THOSE AROUND YOU, PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE OFF (OR ON SILENT/VIBRATE) DURING WORSHIP.

## **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

Christ Lutheran Church exists to glorify God, by making disciples that reach up, reach in, and reach out.

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 10

# Put in Our Place July 13, 2025

#### **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** "The Law of God Is Good and Wise" (LSB) 579

#### **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 GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us approach the throne of mercy, humbly, and in

need of forgiveness.

We confess, Lord our God,

People: 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.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (We greet one another in peace.)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us extend the peace of God to one another.

#### + WORD +

INTROITPsalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1 People in Bold

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**KYRIE** (pg. 944 in Hymnal)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# HYMN/SONG OF PRAISE "How Great Thou Art" (LSB) 801 vs. 1&2

#### 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.

#### + SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Leviticus (18:1–5) 19:9–18 (God tells Moses to explain what it means to love one's neighbor as oneself.)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup>You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord. . . .

<sup>9</sup>"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. <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>"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. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>"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. <sup>16</sup>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.

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

Lector: 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.)

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

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

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

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**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 tenth chapter. **People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **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.

MESSAGE HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB) 849

#### **SERMON**

# **OFFERING**

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." — *Martin Luther (1483-1546)*,

**OFFERTORY** "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (LSB) 782 vs. 3&4

 In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends; May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends.

Refrain: Lord, we pray , that we Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

4. Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace; With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in every place! Refrain

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (Pastor invites prayer requests)

After each petition Pastor will say," Lord in Your mercy" Our response:

People: hear our prayer.

# LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

#### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all

times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious

name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS (p. 161 in hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

# **LAMB OF GOD** [LSB 550 refrain only]

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. © 1985 Straightway Music Words & Music by Twila Paris Used by permission. CCLI # 1098747

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS/SONGS**

"How Great Thou Art" (LSB) 801 vs. 3 & 4

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (LSB) 636

# **NUNC DIMITTIS** (LSB 199)

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 Isr-ael.
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.

#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that by the all-availing sacrifice of Your Son we leave this Sacrament renewed and refreshed. Grant each of us strength to love our neighbor as ourselves, sharing Your gracious love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People: Amen.

# **BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26

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.

CLOSING HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" (LSB) 543

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMUNING...In keeping with Scripture, visitors who are active members of LCMS congregations (or from church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS) are asked to speak with the pastor or elder prior to the Sacrament. Because those who eat and drink the Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith that is confessed at this altar, all other visitors are asked to make an appointment with the pastor to discuss the Lord's Supper prior to receiving the Sacrament.

Members and visitors alike, who have been instructed in the Christian faith, are encouraged to use the following questions:

- Do I believe that in the Lord's Supper I receive Jesus' true **Body and Blood** with the bread and wine?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior, who paid for all of my sins on the cross and thereby saves me from eternal punishment?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy in Christ?
- Do I repent of all sin, and set aside any grudges or refusal to forgive and love as God forgives and loves us?
- Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to turn away from my sins and strive to live a Godly life?

This is not a judgment of an individual's faith but a matter of proper preparation and pastoral care of souls. (1 Corinthians 11:26-30) Thank you for your deference to the Biblical doctrine of this congregation.

Note: The red wine in the Communion tray is Non-alcohol and is available for those with medical limitations. GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT YOUR SEAT PLEASE TELL THE USHER AND YOU WILL BE SERVED TOWARD THE END OF COMMUNION.

**About the Cover**: Neither the priest nor the Levite was willing to jeopardize his ritual purity by aiding the man who fell among the robbers. But the Samaritan, whom they already viewed as unclean, compassionately placed the man upon his own animal and cleaned his wounds. Jesus willingly became unclean and went to the cross for us, even though He was without sin. He did so in order to bind up our wounds and make us clean before God.