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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost † July 13, 2025

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

PRELUDE *In Christ Alone* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC Playing a duet -Brad Shearer and Tom Jenny

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God,

C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 526 *God Is Here!*

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, delighting in prospering you as in your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the Lord your God by observing the commandments and decrees of the Lord that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for

you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

¹ To ¹ you, O LORD,
I lift ¹ up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹ who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹ me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me, for you are the God
of my salvation; in you have I trusted all ¹ the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from ¹ everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for
the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹ in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹ testimonies.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful believers, members of our family in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God, our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have 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. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not

ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to the Lord, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

¹³God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the dominion of the beloved Son of God, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷The man 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 Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to

vindicate himself, the man asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, 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 while traveling came upon him, and when the Samaritan

saw him he was moved with compassion.
³⁴The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
³⁵The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you

spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷The man said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Before the Waters Nourished Earth*

- 1 Before the waters nourished earth or night imagined morning,
a Love conceived the universe and reveled in its forming.
- 2 This Love remained as time revealed the loss of Eden's glory
and, grieving, holds in memory each tragic human story.
- 3 Despair, so deep it bears no name, or sorrows paralyzing
cannot revoke Love's faithful claim to dwell within our dying.
- 4 The Love that called creation good all goodness still is bringing.
This Love turns death again to life and silence into singing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED *(please rise in body or spirit)*

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS *(you may be seated)*

A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially those on our hearts and minds. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Playing a duet -Brad Shearer and Tom Jenny

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING  *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LORD'S PRAYER *(please rise in body or spirit)*

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

C 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

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

- 2 Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. *Refrain*
- 3 Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. *Refrain*
- 4 Thou, the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heav'n but thee? *Refrain*

POSTLUDE *Symphony 1, mvmt. 4* by Johannes Brahms

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their wedding anniversary.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt Von Seggern, Phil Bowen, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Leo Clausen, Jamie Bostelman, Joanne Neu, Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

A Celebration of the Upcoming Marriage of Vanessa and Jeff on Sunday, July 20th at 10am. You're invited to bring a brunch item to share and flowers from your garden to decorate the space.

Summer Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, the Brass Ensemble. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Next week's hosts: Vanessa's Bridal Celebration.

A Space to Grieve

Carol Castello and Pastor Janine invite those of you who are grieving to a time to check in, hear scripture, and share stories on July 15th at 10am in the Bible Study room. Some participants of the morning session will go out for lunch afterwards. Folks in the evening session are invited to eat before arriving. As the Honduran proverb goes, "Grief shared is half grief. Joy shared is double joy." Let us hold some of your grief for you.

Caring Corner for July and August

Please pick up instruction sheet(s) for any of the 3 Mission Kits for Lutheran World Relief. LWR collects these kits and sends them to communities/countries that need them. **Fabric Kits** supply fabric and supplies needed for individuals to sew clothing for themselves or others.

Personal Care Kits provide items needed for personal hygiene. **School Kits** provide needed school supplies. There are Mission Kit lists placed at the 3 entrances of the church for each of the kits. Items can be placed in the Caring Corner & we will put the kits together. We will also gladly take monetary donations for this cause; simply make your check out to Emanuel Lutheran Church and write LWR KITS in the Memo line. This is our project for the months of July and August. As always, thank you for your generous support of the projects!

This Week

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| Tuesday, July 15 | 10am | A Space to Grieve |
| Wednesday, July 16 | 1-2:30pm | Open Office Hours |
| | 5pm | Soul Food Café |
| Thursday, July 17 | 9:30am | Bible Study |
| | 4pm | Staff Meeting |
| | 5:15pm | Zoom Bible Study |
| | 7pm | Worship |
| Sunday, July 20 | 9am | Worship |
| | 10am | Vanessa's Bridal Celebration |

Offering

We have another option for giving now through Emanuel's Paypal and Venmo account. You are welcome to give that way if you would like. If you don't typically use Paypal or Venmo, the way you're giving now is perfectly fine! Donations through Paypal or Venmo will go to where it is most needed now-- the general fund (unless otherwise specified).



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