

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Worship leader, please introduce yourself and welcome people joining in worship online and in person.

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

As the ELCIC National Convention closes today, we remember our newly elected national bishop.

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear one of Jesus' beloved parables. Through the story of the Samaritan, Jesus lifts up a surprising rescuer as an image of the God who relentlessly cares for those in need.

Could it be that we are meant to identify not with the Samaritan or even the lawyer to whom Jesus speaks the parable, but rather with the man who is hopeless and left for dead? Could it be that Christ is the good Samaritan who embraces us with the tender compassion of God?

God's grace comes to us even—and especially—when we are at our worst, when we struggle in the depths and cry out for help. Even when we cannot or will not cry out, mercy and grace come into our lives through Jesus. So whether you are on the road or in the ditch, Jesus even now is coming for you.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING SONG & CALL TO WORSHIP "Praise to the Lord" ELW 844



1 Lou - ez l'E - ter - nel, ser - vi - teurs de
 2 Qui est comme no - tre Dieu, dans les cieux, sur la
 1 Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's
 2 There is none like our God in the heav'ns or on



Dieu. Bé - ni soit son nom, main - te - nant,
 ter - re, qui ex - al - te les pauvres au rang des grands
 ser - vants. Bless - ed be the name of our God
 earth, who lifts the poor from the dust, seat - ing them



à ja - mais. Du le - ver du so - leil,
 de son peu - ple, qui ma - ni - feste mi - sé - ri - corde?
 now and ev - er. From the ris - ing of the sun,
 with the might-y, who stoops to raise the weak and low:

Refrain



bé - ni soit son nom! Lou - é soit Dieu, l'E - ter - nel!
 may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

Our hope is in you, Lord,
 our hearts belong to God.

Our hope comes from the gospel,
 the word of truth that you brought to us.
May it bear abundant fruit in our lives.
Let the whole world be filled with your hope!

As we grow in faith,
 help us truly comprehend your grace, O God;
 as we seek to lead lives worthy of you, O Lord.

~ adapted from *Worship Elements* page on **Ministry Matters**: <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

"Glory to God" - JTH

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Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God___ on

8 high! Glo-ry to God_ and hope for all peo - ple on earth_ Glo-ry to God_,

14 Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God___ on high! Glo-ry to God_ and peace to all peo - ple on

19 earth. Your grace sanc - ti - fies us, Your love calls_ us

24 in, Your word and Your Spi - rit___ trans - form... Glo-ry to God_,

30 Glo-ry to God_, Glo-ry to God___ on high! Glo-ry to God_ and hope for all peo - ple on

35 earth.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. 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.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

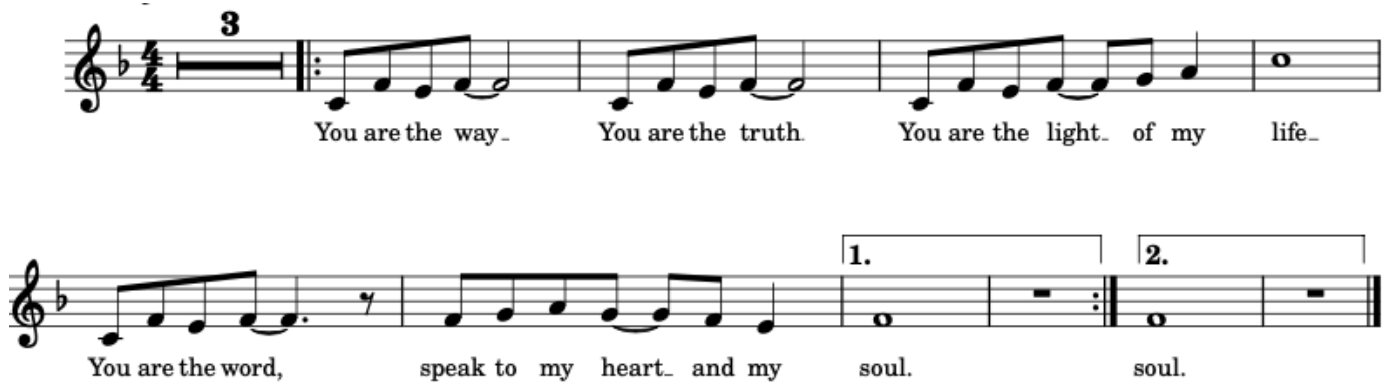
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have 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. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that 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. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For 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, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - JTH (sing twice) – piano, bass, cajon



Today's gospel reading and sermon have been prepared and shared by Rev. Christie Morrow-Wolfe Assistant to the Bishop, Public Policy & Service, Stewardship, Youth & Young Adult, Eastern Synod.

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

The holy gospel according to Luke the 10th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 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 given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus 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. 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 while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He 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. The next day he 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.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "When We are Living" Binder

Piano

all words When we are *alto* liv - ing, we are in the Lord,
 lows us to de - cide for good,
 sor - row, oth - er times em - brace,
 ov - er may we al - ways know

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Pno

and when we're dy - ing, we are in the Lord;
 lov - ing and ser - ving as we know we should;
 some - times we ques - tion ev - ery - thing we face;
 love nev - er fails us: God has made it so.

9

Pno

for in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing
 in thank - ful giv - ing in hope - ful liv - ing,
 yet in our yearn - ing is deep - er learn - ing,
 Hard times will prove us, nev - er re - move us;

13

Pno

we be - long to God, we be - long to God. 2. Each day al -
 3. Sometimes we
 4. Till earth is

APOSTLES' CREED

FERN

We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and all of creation, we join our voices to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

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 and live in your ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As we spend time enjoying your creation, O God, be with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid when it is needed. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. We ask too that you uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing *especially* Myrtle, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Margaret, Karen, Dave, Tiffany, Blair, Corrie, Kyra, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Shirley, Nikola, Reinhold and Isabel, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim, Carter, Doreen, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Alan, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Jody, Barry and Christine, Nicola and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries. We give thanks for the work of Creative Fingers. As you prepare Pastor Joel and his family to join us, prepare our hearts to receive them. Hold them in your care as they wait. We pray too for Adam, Melissa, Clair & Kaydon Tolley and William Tyson. Give us grace to recognize you in our neighbour and to reach out in your name where you call us to serve. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we give thanks for the willingness of those who let their name stand for the various national committees of our church. Shower them with wisdom as they seek to serve you in this way. We pray especially for our newly-elected bishop, *???*. Give this person courage and your insight to faithfully serve. Grant traveling mercies to all attending the convention as they prepare to head home. Good of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

We pray together as Jesus taught us

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG – JTF (sing twice)

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With thank - ful hearts we praise Your Name,
7 Filled, re - freshed, re - stored a - gain, Love ig - nites us in its flame with hope a - new.
12 You turn to us with gift of grace, Trans - form us as we leave this place, Cre -
17 ate in us a ho - ly space for You. Strength - en us each day,
23 For what comes our way. Help us al - ways turn to You.
28 With thank - ful hearts we praise Your Name, Filled, re - freshed, re - stored a - gain,
33 May we live with hope a - gain, hope in You, Hope and Life
38 in You!

SENDING

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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