



July 13, 2025 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Prayer and Preaching

As We Gather: In today's Gospel, the man who fell among thieves in the parable of the Good Samaritan did nothing, but he was helped, nonetheless. That's how our Lord, our own Good Samaritan, wants to treat us. The commands in the Old Testament Reading are how to pass on His love to all whom we meet. And the prayer in the Epistle asks no more than that God continue to do what He accomplished through our Lord Jesus. Without our doing anything, He has "transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13). Our worship today is time to remember to live the life God has so graciously bestowed on us.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

INVOCATION *Based on Ephesians 1:3, 7, 14*

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

People: **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing,**

Pastor: in the name of God the Son,

People: **in whom we have redemption through His blood,**

Pastor: and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,

People: **who is the guarantee of our inheritance in heaven. Amen.**

Opening Versicles

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Better is one day in the courts of the Lord than a thousand elsewhere.

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wicked.**

Pastor: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord

People: **And believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Pastor: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

People: **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

All: **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.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

(Moment of silence for personal confession.)

All: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to do good. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Canticle (*Words and Music in hymnal: LSB pages 261 & 262*)

Refrain: *The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." *Refrain:*

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain:

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. *Refrain:*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, we give thanks that Your Son has done all that is needed for us to live in Your presence. Strengthen our faith that we may receive Your gifts each day and seek ways to thank You with all that we are and have; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Leviticus 19:9–18*

⁹ "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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ "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. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵ "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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *Colossians 1:1–14*

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ 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, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading *Luke 10:25–37*

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ 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. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: **Lord I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Hymn: LSB 646 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

Sermon: Colossians 1:9-14 "Our Transfer from God"

The Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

Hymn: LSB 851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: In faith we humbly ask that God would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict and warfare might cease, and that there would be peace and harmony for all people, let us pray to the Lord,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: That our heavenly Father would send favorable weather so 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 and guide the skills of all caregivers so that healing and health may flourish, [*especially for . . .*], 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.**

(Any special petitions will be included here.)

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, and in whose name, we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

New Testament Canticle (In hymnal: LSB pages 266 & 267)

Refrain: *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him. Refrain:

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God. Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Refrain:

Closing Prayer

All: Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that each of us who have worshipped here today may run with perseverance the race marked out for us; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

- 1: In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live
- 3: There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ
- 4: No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Church
News

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of July 13, 2025

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Family for the Week:

Brandon & Nolan Black Families

St. John's, Purdy - Pastor Schnackenberg

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Family of Shari Barnard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – on her passing)

Family of Mary Haggerty – (friend of Kathy Holle on her passing)

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

**Zana Haley & Unborn baby Veda – (Kathy Munden's Granddaughter and great-granddaughter-
medical complications of pregnancy)**

The victims and families impacted by the floods in Texas

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Carol Bresnick – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)
Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)
Treaa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)
Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)

Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing)
Alissa Loveland – (Rachel Sanford's daughter)
Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
Koooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)
Barbara Jean Wilson – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	July 13th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service Special Voters' Meeting
Monday	July 14th	Braille - 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study – 1:30 pm at Freistatt
Wednesday	July 16th	Pastor in Office
Thursday	July 17th	Pastor in Office Elders - 10:00 am Council - 11:00 am
Friday	July 18th	Stones Prairie Picnic
Sunday	July 20th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with communion

Monday

July 21st

Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

Ladies Bible Study – 1:30 pm at Freistatt

Birthdays: Cathy Munden-July 15; Barbara Martin-July 18

Anniversaries: James & Angela Sharp-July 15; Larry & Jodi Wright-July 19

July

Greeters

13: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer

20: Charlie & Edith Chambers

27: Bill and Joanne Michel

Ushers

13: Rob Springer

20: Bill Michel

27: David Lampe



Pastor Daniel Heitshusen's ordination and installation at Grace will be July 26 at 3:00 pm. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend! There will be a pot luck after the service. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.



The Presbyterian Church has asked for our help at "Come And Dine" on July 31st.
A sign-up sheet is available for those willing to help.

Special Voters' Meeting will be held today after church services. We will discuss Pastor Heitshusen's housing allowance required for tax purposes.

Stones Prairie Picnic – July 18, 2025, Friday (In case of inclement weather July 19, 6:00 pm)
Hamburgers, chips, hot dogs, bratwurst sandwiches, ice cream and homemade desserts.
Games, baked goods, handcrafted items, bingo and Quilt raffle.
Questions: call church office 417-442-3836

Dear Members of Grace,
Our sincere thanks for all of the love and appreciation shown to us last Sunday. The cards, personal notes and gifts from individuals, and the generous gift from the congregation are all greatly appreciated. You are a caring, loving congregation. We have been blessed to be at Grace for the past eleven years and we look forward to continuing to be members with you in the years ahead. May God bless each of you.

Pastor Ken and Darlene