



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota  
July 13, 2025

**HYMN 575 (Maroon): My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**  
**10:30am SONG: Be Thou My Vision**

**INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 41)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those who have regard for the weak;  
the LORD delivers them in times of trouble.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD protects and preserves them—  
they are counted among the blessed in the land—  
he does not give them over to the desire of their foes.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD sustains them on their sickbed  
and restores them from their bed of illness.

<sup>4</sup> **I said, "Have mercy on me, LORD;  
heal me, for I have sinned against you."**

<sup>5</sup> My enemies say of me in malice,  
"When will he die and his name perish?"

<sup>6</sup> **When one of them comes to see me,  
he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander;  
then he goes out and spreads it around.**

<sup>7</sup> All my enemies whisper together against me;  
they imagine the worst for me, saying,

<sup>8</sup> "A vile disease has afflicted him;  
he will never get up from the place where he lies."

<sup>9</sup> **Even my close friend, someone I trusted,  
one who shared my bread, has turned against me.**

<sup>10</sup> But may you have mercy on me, LORD;  
raise me up, that I may repay them.

<sup>11</sup> **I know that you are pleased with me,  
for my enemy does not triumph over me.**

<sup>12</sup> Because of my integrity you uphold me  
and set me in your presence forever.

<sup>13</sup> **Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION

The world cries out in its distress. How do we answer?

**We pass by as though nothing is wrong.**

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**We pass by, worrying only about our own interests and agendas.**

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**We pass by – failing to be a good neighbor.**

Lord, forgive us for ignoring those in need. We hear the bad news on TV, radio, in the newspapers, and magazines. We become too afraid and too busy to help.

**Lord, forgive us when we fail to show compassion and love. Help us to stop along the way, and take time to help someone in need. Open our hearts and our eyes to see the opportunities for service that you provide throughout our daily lives.**

In love, Jesus Christ came to earth and became the servant of all people – the sick, the lame, the blind, the deaf, the lost, and all races and nations of people.

**May we become the hands and feet of Christ by serving those in need.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**HYMN G704 (Green): Make Me a Servant** (*We will sing this twice.*)

Make me a servant, humble and meek,

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,

Make me a servant today.



*Readers: 6:30pm Corinne Higgins; 8:30am Arlene Benshoof; 10:30am Grace Puckett*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Leviticus 19:9-18**

<sup>9</sup> “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup> Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup> “Do not steal.

“Do not lie.

“Do not deceive one another.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> “Do not defraud or rob your neighbor.

“Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

<sup>14</sup> “Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

<sup>16</sup> “Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

<sup>18</sup> “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

<sup>19</sup> “Keep my decrees.

“Do not mate different kinds of animals.

“Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed.

“Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material. (NIV)

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#### **EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you 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> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— <sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.

<sup>7</sup> You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

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#### **GOSPEL ALLELUIA, Hymn 584**

**Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,**

**Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.**

**Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,  
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.**

**▲ May the Spirit's power unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,**

**Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.**

**So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.**

**Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, 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 traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SONG: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer  
There is no more for Heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus, now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
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**SERMON**      "Hope"      Pastor Jeff Miller

#### **THE 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 shall 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.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

# ENDURE

HEBREWS 12:1-3



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### PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: I Will Offer Up My Life

### **BENEDICTION (inspired by Galatians 2:15-21)**

When you go out into this world to serve God's mission,  
remember that it is no longer you who live,  
but Christ who lives in you.

The life you now live in the flesh  
you live by faith in the Son of God  
who loves you and gave himself for you.

**May the grace of God which daily renews us,  
and the love of Jesus that enables us to love all others,  
and the community of the Holy Spirit that unites us into one body  
enable and empower us to obey the will of God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN 922 (Maroon): Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

10:30am **SONG: Live Like That**