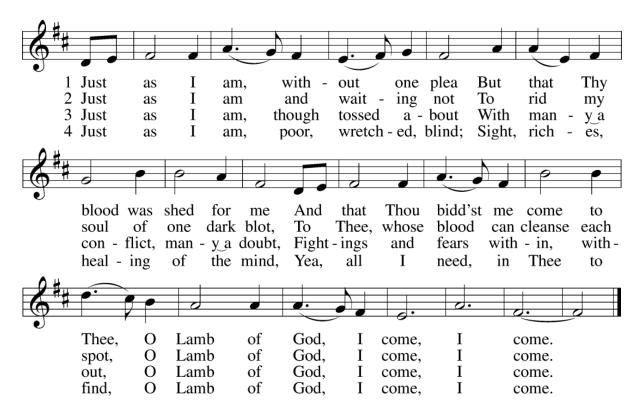
Pastor's Bible Study July 13, 2025

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 10

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"



Read Leviticus 19:9-18

- 1. Summarize the actions commanded in this reading?
 - Leviticus 19:9-10
 - Leviticus 19:11
 - Leviticus 19:12
 - Leviticus 19:13-14
 - Leviticus 19:15-16
 - Leviticus 19:17-18
- 2. How do you feel after reading the list of demands that God puts forth in today's reading?

Read Luke 10:25-37

- 3. This text introduces us to an "expert in the law." What does this mean?
- 4. The Greek verb that is translated in the NIV "test" is the word "ekpeirazō." The only other time this word is used in Luke is in 4:12. Looking at Luke 4:9-13, what does this word "test" tell us about the intention of the "expert in the law?"
- 5. What truth does the initial question betray about the man?
- 6. To what does Jesus direct the man?
- 7. What is the man's summary of the Law?
- 8. About verse 28, "The Lutheran Study Bible" says, "Jesus affirms that if a person perfectly fulfills the Law of God, that individual will receive eternal life on Judgment Day. However, this is impossible for sinners" (TLSB, 1735). How does this help explain the answer that Jesus gives in verse 28?
- 9. How does the lawyer understand Jesus' answer? See verse 29.
- 10. Reread the parable of the Good Samaritan. How does the meaning of this famous parable change if you see it as a description of what Christ does for us, rather than a prescription of what we must do for God?

<u>Devotional Thought from The Lutheran Study Bible</u>

Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan to clarify that He expects His followers to do good to all people. However, His concluding exhortation, "Go, and do likewise," reminds us just how far we are from the loving, self-sacrificing behaviors the Lord expects. So, it was that Jesus became the good Samaritan for us. He laid down His life, befriended us while we were yet His enemies. He promises us full restoration and eternal life (TLSB, 1735).

Prayer

Lord, make me more like You, that I grow in faith and love for my neighbor. May people see you in my actions as I reach out to them with Your love. Amen.