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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Put in Our Place

July 13, 2025



AS WE GATHER

Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “The Law of God is Good and Wise” Hymnal page 579, verses 1 to 4

1. The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.

2. Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.

3. To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.

4. But those who scornfully disdain
God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 136:1, 23–26*

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

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

Pastor: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

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

Pastor: and rescued us from our foes,

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

Pastor: He who gives food to all flesh,

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

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

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



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us approach the throne of mercy, humbly, and in need of forgiveness.

People: We confess, Lord our God,
that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We do not reflect Your love, heavenly Father, in the way we treat others. Forgive us.

Pastor: We confess, gracious Lord Jesus,

People: **that we do not always give You the due honor and glory for all that You have done for us in Your life, death, and resurrection. Forgive us.**

Pastor: We confess, O Holy Spirit,

People: **that we forget that even our faulty attempts at loving as You have loved us are covered by Your overarching grace and mercy.**

Pastor: Our gracious God has done all that was needed for us to be His friends, followers, and family. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Hymnal page 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

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Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

SUFFRAGES

LSB, p. 283

Pastor: I cry to You, O Lord;

People: in the morning my prayer comes before You.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

People: and with Your glory all the day.

Pastor: Every day I will bless You

People: and praise Your name forever and ever.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Hymnal page 803

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△ 3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountain-head of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us.

People: Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

(God tells Moses to explain what it means to love one's neighbor as oneself.)

18 ¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴ You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep My statutes and My rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

19 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 11*

(The psalm includes a prophecy of Jesus being the poor man, betrayed by even one of His followers.)

- 41** ¹ Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
² the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
³ The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness You restore him to full health.
⁴ As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against You!"
⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
⁸ They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
¹¹ By this I know that You delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
¹² But You have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in Your presence forever.
¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:1–14*

(Paul rejoices with the Colossians and tells them of his prayers.)

1 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 being 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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.**

Colossians 1:10

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:25–37*

(The Good Samaritan shows us how to love our neighbor.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Hymnal page 940, verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

1. Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2. Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

4. Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

△ 5. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

SERMON

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in one 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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

Pastor: That God would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict
and warfare might cease, and peace and harmony break out for all people,
let us pray to the Lord,

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

Pastor: That our heavenly Father would so order the rain and snow 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 the skills of professional and neighboring caregivers so that healing and health may flourish, 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.

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.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” Hymnal page 851, verse 4

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**People: 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Beautiful Savior” Hymnal page 537

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Care:
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BLESSED TO BE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Pastor Frank Matthews
Greeter: Diane Oberlander
Reader: Christine Geltz
Musician: Christine Geltz
Ushers: Craig Boehne, Donald Lammerts, & Dave Lassanske

PRAYERS OF CARE & CONCERN FOR OUR FLC FAMILY

Texas flood: Pray for the victims who have lost their lives especially at Camp Mystic – the young girls and the camp counselors, and for those who are still missing. We pray for their families who must deal with the unexpected grief, and for those who are still waiting for any news of those who are missing. We, also, pray for all the first responders and volunteers as they help search for survivors and navigate destruction.

Pastor Scott Ganas: Pray for a full recovery from his massive leg injury.

Judy Gunther: Continuing prayer for the healing of her knee as she deals with the pain.

Joanne Rosteck (Former Missionary – Anna Rostek’s mom): Pray for healing from RSV and pneumonia

Patricia Grabowski: Pray for a successful physical therapy program to help with managing her pain.

Connie Kean: Pray for a successful physical therapy program for her hand.



Sunday Worship at Home

Although the Lutheran Hour no longer airs on KBRT 740 AM, you can find other airings at: lhm.org/guide.

Also, listeners can hear the weekly sermons whenever and wherever they are, and daily devotions are available which come in a daily email to read or listen to. Just go to: <https://familytalktoday.com/programguidedaily>.

Or you can listen to Lutheran Hour podcasts any time by going to: <https://www.youtube.com/@LutheranHourMin>.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana. For those people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.

You may also access or review the sermons online by going to: <https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>

SPECIAL NOTICE

The parking lot will be closed for resurfacing from July 14th, to July 19th – Monday through Saturday. Please your car park on Noel Street, and use the Noel Street entrance.



BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Vicki Trepanier

July 15

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

TODAY – JULY 13

Fellowship time

Bible Study and Sunday School

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m.

JULY 15

Mission Development Team meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.

JULY 19

Volunteers at Friends In Deed in Pasadena, CA

NEXT WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

JULY 20

Fellowship time

Bible Study and Sunday School

Board of Directors meeting

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

JULY 26

“Paint Your Pet Portrait” Art workshop and
Ice Cream Social in the Parish Hall

(Please refer to the flyer on the next page for more info.)



Learn to Paint Your Pet!

Have you always wanted to learn to paint your furry friend?
Register now for this fun Adult Paint Your Pet Class!

July 26, 2025

First Lutheran Church
9123 Broadway, Temple City

Pet portrait artist Sally Weiss will help you create a color painting
of your pet with acrylic paints on a 9" x 12" canvas.

No experience needed!

\$25 per person including materials – Pay at the door (cash or Zelle).

Class limit: 20 people

Bring a photo of your pet the size you wish for final painting.

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... and while you're here:
Celebrate National Ice Cream with our



Ice Cream Social

Bring the kids along! You can all enjoy
delicious ice cream, and the kids can have
fun with games and crafts while you paint.