

Pentecost 5

July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 (Year C)



As God’s children we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. This takes some thought as well as effort. Today’s scriptures broaden our understanding of what is being asked of us. Luther said it perfectly in his explanation to the Fifth Commandment, “We should fear and love God so that we do our neighbors no bodily harm nor cause them any suffering, but help and befriend them in every need.”

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18

Care for Neighbors

The Word of the Lord was given to Moses concerning the ways in which Israel was instructed to care for those among them who were poor or in need: leave some of the harvest in the field, do not gather the fallen grapes in the vineyard, do not take what is not yours or lie to another person, pay your workers immediately, love your neighbor as yourself.

Psalm 41

A Prayer for God’s Grace

The psalmist cries out to the Lord in the midst of being betrayed by friend and foe alike. But the Lord will not forsake him. He will uphold his servant.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Walk in the Ways of the Lord

The Apostle Paul thanked God for the saints in Colossae. He urged the people to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit for the Gospel. He told them that they were qualified to do God’s will and proclaimed to them the good news of redemption and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

Do This and Live

A lawyer approached Jesus, asking him about what it takes to inherit eternal life. Jesus responded with the great commandment. Unsatisfied with that answer, the lawyer continued to challenge Jesus, asking, “Who is my neighbor?” The answer came in parable form as Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles’ Creed.
- * Consider printing a message in the bulletin encouraging disciples to serve their neighbors. Luther wrote in his 1535 Commentary on Galatians, “You do not need any book of instructions to teach you how to love your neighbor. All you have to do is to look into your own heart, and it will tell you how you ought to love your neighbor as yourself. My neighbor is every person, especially those who need my help, as Christ explained in the tenth chapter of Luke.”

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
All People That On Earth Do Dwell	245	---	791	883	17	17
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	497	---	699	332	241	241
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	551	---	803	836	36	36
Where Charity and Love Prevail	126	---	845	359	---	---
O God of Mercy, God of Might	425	---	852	714	---	---
Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	325	---	708	750	---	---
For the Fruit of All Creation	563	---	894	679	---	---
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty	250	---	901	533	46	46
Be Thou My Vision	---	776	---	793	230	230
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love	---	765	---	708	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
Jesu, Jesu (CCLI# 186208)
Thy Word (CCLI# 4218429)
The Servant Song (CCLI# 72673)
You Are My All In All (CCLI# 825356)
The Heart of Worship (CCLI# 2296522)

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