

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost ~ July 10, 2022

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*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ~** *Here I Am to Worship* hymn attached pg. 11

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## HYMN of PRAISE ~ *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* v. 1, 4

### Verses



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,
3. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,



1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.
2. one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.
3. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God.
4. praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days.

### Refrain



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

## PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 25:1-10**

### **Response Spoken**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

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

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 10. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'  
<sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN of the DAY** ~ *We Will Serve the Lord* hymn attached pg. 12

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness, especially, Ed, Lew & Jane, Roger & Irene, Darcée, Norma, the Gresh Family, Peggy, Nicole, Shirley, Cheryl, Mark, Sam & Dorothy, Karri, Bonnie, Judi, Karen, Milo, Ruth, Don, Judy, Carrie, Evelyn, Joyce, Jack & Marjorie. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.** *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the saints who revealed your love and mercy in this life. Inspired by their witness, strengthen us to live in hope. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you**

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING & PRESENTATIONS

OFFERING HYMN ~ ELW 692 *We Are an Offering*

OFFERING PRAYER ~ Please pray together.

Let us pray. **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S108

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of  
a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the  
Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*At Abiding Hope all believers are welcome to share Holy Communion at the table of the Lord.*

*After receiving the bread, you may receive wine from the chalice poured into individual glasses or  
you may choose pre-poured grape juice as an alternative. Gluten free wafers are also available upon  
request.*

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

## LAMB of GOD

S112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ ELW 679 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

### PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ~ *Please pray together.*

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen**

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 836 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE ~ A Matter of Proximity**

Most people consider clarifying questions to be helpful things. That is, of course, unless the questions are attempts to find loopholes or ways around doing what is moral and just. Today we find that Jesus is not a fan of loopholes when it comes to serving our neighbors. In fact, the tale he weaves for the listeners today is shocking on its face. To suggest that the outsider, a Samaritan, saves the day in the story probably went a bit too far for those first hearers. Perhaps that's true for hearers today too, when we truly listen. The Samaritan is an unlikely hero.

This parable, often called "The Good Samaritan," highlights proximity as a tool in extending God's grace in the world. Those who do not want to help the injured person pass on the other side of the street. Perhaps the physical distance helps them feel disconnected from moral responsibility.

But notice the extreme proximity that the merciful Samaritan employs: he gets near to treat the beaten man's wounds, puts his own wine on the injuries as a sanitary agent, puts the man on his own beast, and pays for the man's needs with his own money. For Jesus, being a neighbor doesn't just mean tending to those who happen to be next to us. For Jesus, being a neighbor means leaning in, especially when others want to avoid the situation altogether.

To truly attend to the needs of the world we must come in close proximity to need. After all, Jesus himself, fully God, became fully human to get in proximity to us. And like the Samaritan, this wandering preacher from a nowhere town with a ragtag group of followers will save the day for us all. God in Jesus is the unlikely hero who draws close to our need.

## **PARISH NOTES ~ July 10, 2022**

**Please pray for:** Ed Tropper, Lew & Jane Penna, Roger & Irene Owens, Darcée Anthony -Lon Jenkins' sister, Norma Squire, the Gresh Family, Peggy Kaeberlein, Nicole Woomer, Shirley Wolbach-Sheryl Williams' mother, Cheryl Tufts, Mark Pacileo, Sam & Dorothy Elder, Karri Pacileo, Bonnie Gebhardt, Judy Nordin, Karen Shick, Milo Mariotti, Ruth Hinkson, Don Fuller, Judi Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, and Joyce Hersperger.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE for In-Person Worship: Only one service @ 9:30a until Sunday, September 4.** Both 8:30a & 10:30a worship will return on Sunday, September 11.

The service will live-stream on Facebook and then post to the **AHLC** web page. Please check parish notes or our web site for any time changes that may occur during this time period.

**Outdoor Sunday Worship & Family Picnic:** August 14, worship at 9:30a will take place outdoors, in the Zuck Park east pavilion (Grandview entrance), followed by a family picnic. Donations of school supplies will be collected. Hotdogs/rolls, condiments, drinks provided. A tureen dish or dessert to share is welcomed. Bring your own table service and if you'd like, a lawn chair(s).

**Family Town Hall Meeting:** Sunday July 17 following 9:30a worship. Plan to attend! Enjoy coffee & goodies and bring your questions, concerns and your ideas for **AHLC**.

**Ladies Dining Out:** Thursday, July 21 @ 5:00p, **Sunset Grill** on beautiful **Edinboro Lake**. Music beginning @ 6:30p. Join the group for a casual evening of good food, conversation and a few laughs. Dutch treat, no agenda. Please **RSVP** to Jacque Holmberg by **July 19 @ 814-490-4470**. If you need a ride or are willing to drive, please let Jacque know. Riders/drivers will meet @ 4:30p **AH** upper parking area.

**KAFP Project Dignity:** July item ~ laundry products. Basket in "cry room" for your donation.

**Office Hours:** Mon & -Tue 9:30a-3:30p, Wed 9:30a-12:30p. If office is not staffed, leave a message, your call will be returned. For immediate pastoral assistance, call Pastor Karen at 814-881-3266. Pastor is in the office on Tuesdays, 10:00a and by appointment.

**Bethany Outreach:** Doing some wardrobe cleaning out and updating? Remember your gently used clothing, shoes, household items, toys, children's items can be donated. All items are given out without charge. Thank you for your continued support. Analee Cree -814-397-6168.

**Altar Flowers:** Anyone who wishes to **donate flowers** for Sunday worship, the weekly sign-up form and request form are on the table in the narthex. Single arrangement may be purchased or two people may share the same week. Arrangements are **\$20.00 each**. Please place the **completed request form and payment** in the offering plate or to the office at least two weeks, but no less than one week prior to your chosen Sunday.

**Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God,  
In Memory of Gordon and Mark Wunch, from Carol Wunch**

### **CURRENT FUND REPORT**

June information forthcoming

### **WORSHIP LEADERS ~ July 10, 2022 ~ 9:30am**

Videographer	Penny Gresh
Greeter/Coffee	Mary Randall
Lector/Prayers	Lon Jenkins
Comm Assist/cups	Analee Cree
Comm. Assist/wine	Penny Gresh
Communion tray	Carol Whitbred
Presenter	Ed Whitbred
Presenter	Judi Pacileo
Usher	Mike Paris
Usher	Rick Penn
Counters	Analee Cree - Penny Gresh

# GATHERING HYMN ~ Here I Am to Worship

## VERSE



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me  
 2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



— see. — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You,  
 - bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,



hope of a life spent with — You. — So, here I am to  
 all for love's sake be - came — poor. —

## CHORUS



wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. .



— And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

Last time to Coda 1.

2.



won - der - ful to me. —

And I'll nev -

## BRIDGE



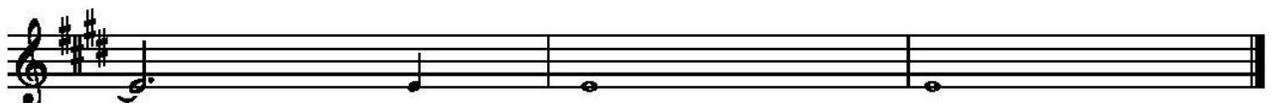
- er know — how much — it cost — to see — my sin — up - on —



D.S. al Coda

— that cross. — And I'll nev - — that cross. — So, here I am to

Coda



HYMN of the DAY ~ We Will Serve the Lord



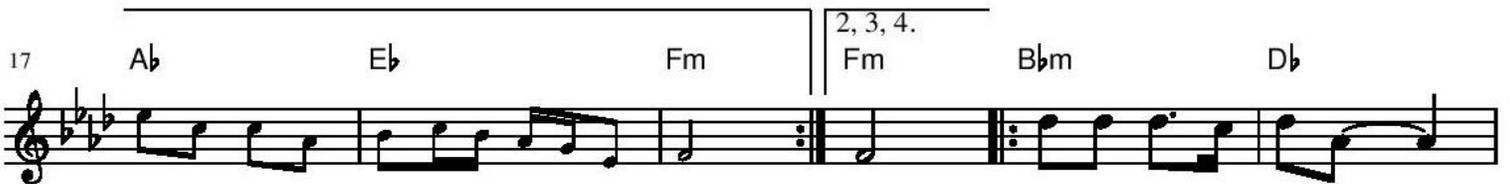
1. Wealth can be an i - dol, \_ built of gleam - ing gold, \_ bring - ing dreams of  
 2. Plea - sure is a si - ren, \_ prom - is - ing the flesh, \_ brief re - lief from  
 3. Pow - er is a hun - ger, \_ burn - ing in the breast, to walk a - mong the  
 4. Fa - ther of all mer - cy, \_ giv - er of all life, \_ here we speak our



par - a - dise, \_ fu - tures bought and sold. Some will choose to gath - er it, \_  
 emp - ti - ness, a hid - ing place from death. Some will choose to chase it \_ un -  
 might - y \_ and tram - ple on the rest. Some will choose to gain it \_ by  
 cov - e - nant a - bove the noi - sy strife. Hear us shout in glo - ry \_ a -



all that they can hoard, but as for me and my house, \_ we will serve the Lord!  
 -til it leaves them bored, but  
 lie or guile or sword, but  
 -bove the pa - gan horde:



Lord! As for me and my house, \_



we will serve the Lord. we will serve the Lord. we will serve the



Lord! Lord!



Lord!