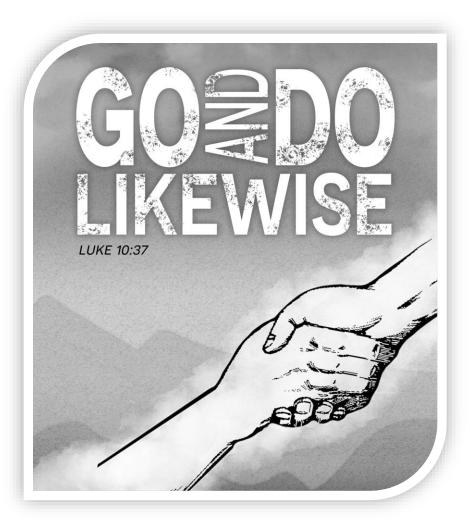


<sup>5th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 17, 2022



#### Welcome to Worship!

We welcome you to the house of the true and living God for worship this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Today's gospel lesson, from Luke chapter 10, is the familiar story of the Good Samaritan. By it our Savior Jesus teaches us how focused love, rather than avoiding a neighbor in need, finds one to love with kind actions and compassionate deeds. May the love of our Savior, who first loved us, inspire and empower love for our neighbor. And may God bless your worship today in this his house of prayer and praise!

#### **Prayer Before Worship**

Dear Jesus, thank you for being my Good Samaritan. When I was in danger of eternal death because of my sins, you came to me in the gospel with healing, forgiveness, and new life. Fill my heart with your love so that I might faithfully serve you and love my neighbor to your glory and praise. Amen.

#### **Serving You in Worship**

- Minister Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist Marie Kurth
- Ushers Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring (Next Sunday Tim & Ellen Heil)

#### Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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# **Our Worship**

#### **Opening Hymn**

CW 599

- Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! he is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
- Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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Stand

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

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

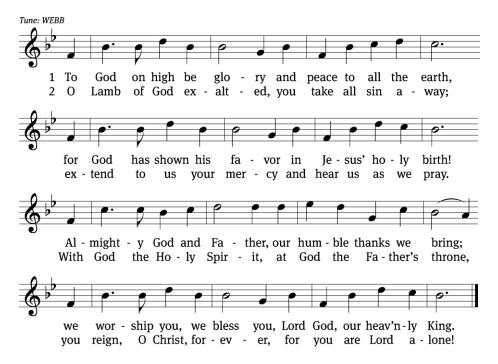
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

#### Glory to God in the Highest



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## The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

# Prayer of the Day

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Reading Galatians 5:1,13–25

<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

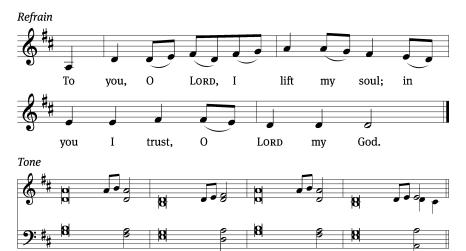
<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 25A

#### To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love, for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good. *Refrain* 

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted. Look on my affliction and / my distress and take away / all my sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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#### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 John 4:11



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Gospel Luke 10:25–37

<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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

#### Children's Message

#### Hymn of the Day

CW 768

- Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, ev'ry race; and in each person help me view my kindred, loved, redeemed by you.
- Break down the wall that would divide your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
   My neighbors' good let me pursue; bind them to me and all to you.
- Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred by loveless act and thoughtless word. Make me to see the wrong I do will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.
- 4 Give me your courage, Lord, to speak whenever strong oppress the weak; and should I be a victim, too, help me forgive, rememb'ring you.

With your own love may I be filled and by your Holy Spirit willed, that all I touch, whate'er I do, may be divinely touched by you.

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Sermon Ruth 1:1-19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

<sup>3</sup>Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud  $^{10}$ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

"But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— <sup>13</sup>would you wait

until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

<sup>14</sup>At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

<sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

<sup>19</sup>So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

#### Follow Naomi's Example and "Walk the Talk"!

Stand

#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

## Offering

Moved by God's love, we offer him our first and best gifts out of thanks to him. As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Father in heaven, we confess that apart from Christ we have no righteousness. Yet we rejoice that, because your Son has died and risen for us, you have clothed us in a robe of his righteousness in baptism. Let others see in us a confident faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a caring love for all those in need. Fill us with the Samaritan's joy in helping those in need no matter what the cost to ourselves. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, you have granted us to live in a nation where your people may still gather without fear. Bless our leaders with your wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land. May your Gospel be preached boldly both by pastors and the priesthood of believers so that it continues to bear fruit and grow.

Father in heaven, you have commanded that special attention and care be paid to the fatherless and widows. Abide with all who are lonely. Use us to visit the homebound and those in care facilities, those who require ongoing care and those in hospice. Remember our brothers and sisters in this congregation who need our mercy and visitation. Empower us to serve them and our neighbor through love as we ever walk by the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, by your mercy we are heirs of a great inheritance and stand among all the saints who have loved you and known the delight of your favor. Accept our thanksgiving for the faithful who went before us, and bring us at last with them into your eternal presence in the marriage supper of the Lamb that knows no end. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### 506 For the Fruits of His Creation

CW 506

- For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
  In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
  In our worldwide task of caring
  for the hungry and despairing,
  in the harvests we are sharing,
  God's will is done.
- For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

# Thank you for worshiping with us! May God richly bless your week.

#### **Serving the Pastoral Vacancy**

Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is <a href="mailto:pastorm@mysaintpeter.org">pastorm@mysaintpeter.org</a>.

#### **Divine Call News**

Our congregation has issued a divine call to Rev. Benjamin Wessel, who is currently serving at Woodlawn Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI. Please keep him, his wife, and both of our congregations in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord.

#### **Annual Voters Meeting**

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting today following our worship service. The 2022-23 budget will be presented for approval. *Please note that we will meet in the church basement fellowship room.* 

#### **Baptized into Christ**

We pray for God's richest blessings for Ellis George Horne, son of Cody and Susan Horne, as he receives the blessings of life and salvation through Holy Baptism in a private ceremony following today's worship service. May God grant Ellis and his family continued grace each day of their lives.

#### Volunteers Needed on July 23

Next Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Wausau 150<sup>th</sup> year Celebration will be held. **Our Savior's members will run the ring toss game from 1:00 to approximately 8:00 pm.** What a great way to highlight Our Savior's Church & School! To volunteer contact Tim Heil @ 715-842-4573.

#### **School Custodian Position**

We are searching for a new school custodian to begin working by mid-August. The position is part time. Please speak with Dan Hoenecke for more information. We thank Dave Schultz for his service to our school.

#### **Kronenwetter Mission Update**

The Multi Congregation Task Force and the Core Group for the Kronenwetter mission effort will meet at Northland at 6 pm today. Our special guest will be Pastor Mark Birkholz. He serves the Lord and our synod as a mission counselor. Everyone is welcome to come!

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ				
Today	9:00 AM 10:10 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Voters Meeting Pastor Installation at Redeemer Kronenwetter Mission Meeting		
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council		
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Board of Education		
Saturday	1:00-8:00 PM	OS Day at Dime & Dollar Wausau 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary: OS members at the ring toss game		
Sunday 7/24	9:00 AM	Worship		

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: July 17, 2022						
Weekly \$2,551.00	<u>Vision</u> \$300.00	<u>Debt</u> \$155.00	<u>Plate</u> \$40.00	OSS Tuition Assistance \$1,100.00		
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