

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2025

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Lisa Davidson

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 803 526 924

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH

July 13 8:00 a.m. Worship at English

July 13 9:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School

July 13 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

July 15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

July 15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

July 16 Noon Bible Study

July 19 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

July 19 10:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 18:1-14 Colossians 1:21-29
Luke 10:38-42

HYMN OF THE DAY: All of us need to know God if we are to be saved. But how can we come to know God if he is in heaven and we are on earth? Our hymn of the day, *You Are the Way; through You Alone*, points to Christ. He is the one through whom God “revealed his heart and will and mind.” He is the one who is the Truth that informs the mind. The one who gives us life because he gives us God. Christ is the revelation of God given for our salvation.

A WORD: The Old Testament contains many laws. The ones in Leviticus 19 command us to do good for our neighbor by providing for the poor, telling the truth, and giving fair judgements in court. But the heart of the law is not found in what we do, but in who we are. Jesus makes this point in the parable of the Good Samaritan. When the lawyer asked what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus tells him about a man who received mercy. The one who gives mercy is Christ. The one who receives it is sinful man, and having been filled with the mercy of Christ, we are then to go and do likewise. Love is the fulfilling of the Law.

Paul's prayer for the Colossians is that they would know God, and having come to know God, that they would do good works in his name. That is the structure of the Christian life. God first loves us in Christ, and we then love others in Christ's name.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Neither the priest nor the Levite was willing to jeopardize his ritual purity by aiding the man who fell among the robbers. But the Samaritan, whom they already viewed as unclean compassionately placed the man upon his own animal and cleaned his wounds. Jesus willingly became unclean and went to the cross for us, even though He was without sin. He did so in order to bind up our wounds and make us clean before God.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: If you wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund to assist Peace Lutheran members with college tuition, mark your offering envelope with the words “Scholarship Fund” and your donation will be put into that fund.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP applications are due before July 1, 2025. Please contact Yvette Waagmeester or Robyn Huygens for an application. You must reapply each year.

THANK YOU: To the English Congregation for the retirement gift and kind words. I enjoyed working with all of you - Wilma Miller

CHURCH SECRETARY: Tracie Reuvers has been hired as our new church secretary. She can be reached at 785-820-7335.

ALTAR COMMITTEE: The Altar Committee Colleen Small & Avis Fick – English Elaine Cherry & Barb Magnuson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT for July is Terry Dieren

USHERS: Today – Bob Iwen and Marv Flier, **July 20** - Terry Dieren and Lowell Fick
July 27 - Steve and Jessie Jansen, **August 3** - Wayne Ranschau and Lowell Drenth