



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

LUKE 10:29

The Samaritans

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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WELCOME!

Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honored to have you here. We hope that our worship time together will be meaningful to you and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please fill out a pink attendance form and place it in the offering plate during the offering.

A friendly reminder ...please silence your cell phone.

If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on Zoom!
Sunday Service is live streamed every week at 9:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827
Password: 1966

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

“As We Gather at Your Table”

(#522 in the Hymnal)

INVOCATION:

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

C: and also, with you!

THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy

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

C: Lord, have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

Choir: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

ALL: Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

P: The Lord be with you

C: and also, with you!

P: Let us pray



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The readings can be found on the back of the bulletin

First Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!

All: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 10
beginning at the 25th verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON: Reverend Wayne Plumstead
"What Made the Good Samaritan Good?"

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Please stand if you are able.*

"Loving Spirit"

(#397 in the hymnal)

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

D: God of grace,
C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us
forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ

COLLECTION of TITHES & OFFERING

P: Please be seated as the gifts of the Lord are gathered

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: *Please stand if you are able.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: AND ALSO, WITH YOU!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE!

P: 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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one
God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus
taught us.

**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:

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

“Lamb of God”

(Page 154 in the front of the hymnal)

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, please come to the altar for a blessing. The wine and grape juice are administered by the individual glass. If you are unable to come to the table, speak with an usher and communion will be brought to you.

During Communion, please join us in singing
“Spirit Song”

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like
a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Blessing:

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

(#696 in the hymnal)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.





The Altar flowers this week are given to the glory and honor of God



July 16th Patrick Boero

July 19th Greg and Dody McNally

July 19th Lou and Judy Rea



We have some VERY exciting news.

As of July 1st, The Reverend Wayne Plumstead will become our new interim Pastor. Reverend Plumstead has been with us several times over the last few months, most recently for the month of May.

To celebrate and welcome Reverend Plumstead and his wife Rosemary to our church, we will host a welcome brunch **Sunday July 20th at a 10:00am service**, and we will combine that brunch with our annual Sundae on Sunday ice cream social.

So, mark your calendars and help us welcome the Plumsteads to LCHS on Sunday July 20th @ 10:00 am!!



All that's missing is **U**!

For our adult lunch fellowship program coordinator.

This position involves helping us plan and coordinate the guest speakers or presenters at our ALF luncheons. This program is an essential part of the church, providing outreach and fellowship to our entire community both within the church and beyond.

We're also interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas for programs, topics, and organizations you would like to see offered at one of our ALF dates. If you are interested in the position, or have suggestions please see Victoria.

PRAYER LIST 7/13/25



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| ~ Chris Byron | ~ Jerry Hanford |
| ~ Norie and Carmine
Cecchini | ~ Carol Hemberger |
| ~ Bill & Joanne Clark | ~ Ellen Knolmajer |
| ~ The Congdon Family | ~ Carol Martinek |
| ~ Juliet D'Adamo | ~ Jack Masterson |
| ~ Christine Davis | ~ Mimi Matey |
| ~ Maureen Doheny | ~ Eileen Moyer |
| ~ William Doheny | ~ Kippy Ross |
| ~ Stephen Donofrio | ~ Patricia Schmelz |
| ~ Doreen Gartelman | ~ Prudence Simonds |
| ~ Ingie Gilluly | ~ Vicki Thompson |
| ~ Dawn Thumhart | |
| ~ The victims and families of the Texas floods | |

Name to be added/removed _____

Your Name _____ Date _____

Phone number _____



If you have someone you would like on the list please fill out the above form, include your phone number and you will be contacted once a month to see if that person should remain on the list.

Need to add or remove a name? Please notify the church office.

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Worship with Communion Sunday's at 9:00am



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Manahawkin, NJ



Our worship service is live-streamed every week on
Zoom @ 9:00am.

If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on
zoom!

Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827 Password: 1966



Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels
and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday
following service!

CHURCHOFFICE HOURS

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Interim Pastor: The Reverend Wayne Plumstead



for worshipping with us!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are a Christian community.
Committed to knowing God • to serving ALL people • to sharing the
"Good News" of Jesus Christ!

First Reading: Psalm 25: 1-10

In you, Lord my God,

I put my trust.

2 I trust in you;

do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3 No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those

who are treacherous without cause.

4 Show me your ways, Lord,

teach me your paths.

5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior,

and my hope is in you all day long.

6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,

for they are from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you, Lord, are good.

8 Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

9 He guides the humble in what is right

and teaches them his way.

10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful

toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 [not printed]

Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that 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. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For 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, ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹May 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 ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance

of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He 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." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus 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. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He 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. ³⁵The 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.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

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