

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



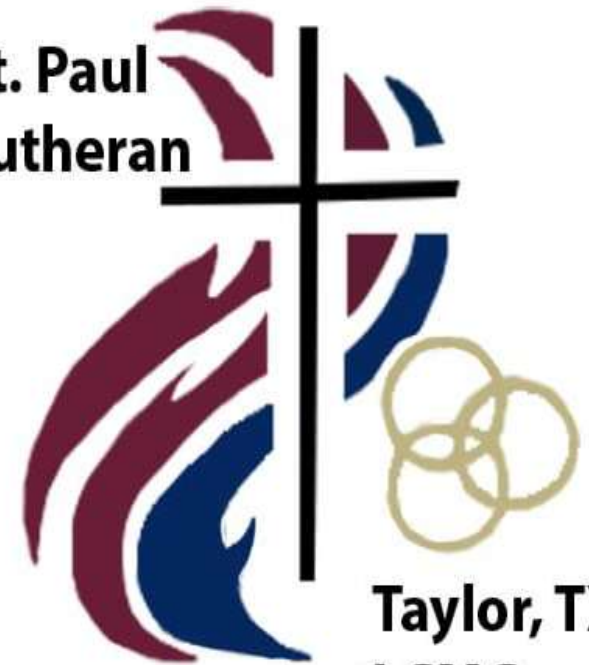
***Welcome to
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Child Development Center and Pre-School***
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Good Samaritan

LUKE 10:25-37

St. Paul
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Taylor, TX
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Show me Your ways,
O LORD;
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PSALM 25:4



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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

CONCLAVE



Pastor's Study on Hollywood and the Church begins with viewing the Conclave on July 20 and July 27 at 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room.

The movie is two hours long and viewed in two parts.

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TEXAS FLOODS

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief can deliver urgently needed support and care to neighbors affected by flooding.

lwr.org/HelpTexas



Thank you for sharing God's love with your neighbors when and where they need it most.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

ALTAR *flowers*

A stylized white flower with a black outline, set within a pink circular background with a scalloped edge. The flower has five petals and a central circle. The pink background has a scalloped edge and is partially overlapping the word "ALTAR".

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our family by the Luna family.

INTRODUCTION

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.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Gathering Song

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Hymn # 522

**¹ As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your
presence;
let our hearts and minds be
stirred.**

Hymn # 522

**nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy
banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry
known.**

Hymn # 522

**2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve
you,
bringing peace where there is
strife.**

Hymn # 522

**give us, Christ, your great
compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

Hymn # 522

**Final Gracious Spirit, help us
summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will
welcome those who had been
last and least.**

Hymn # 522

**There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and
angels
To repeat the sounding joy.**

Hymn # 522

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.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Glory To God

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.
[Refrain]*

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*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.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*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.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth, and peace to God's people
on earth.*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹The 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, ¹⁰when 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.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It 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?"

¹³Neither 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?" ¹⁴No, 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: Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

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

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

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ 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.

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

⁷ 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.

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

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **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

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹Paul, 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia.

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵Just 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

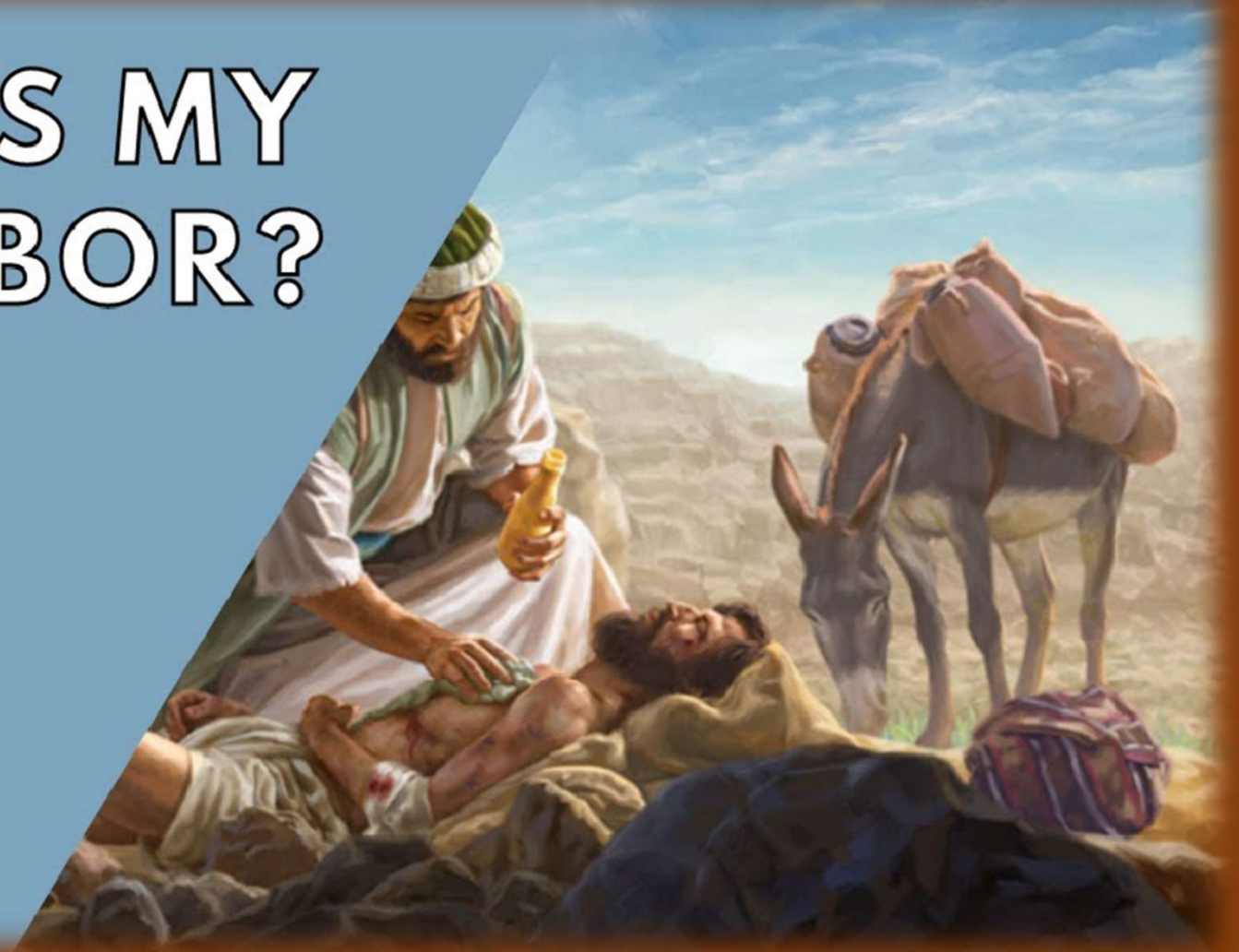


Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Luke 10:25-37



Hymn of the Day

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

**¹ Take my hands and let
them move
at the impulse of thy love;**

Hymn # 583

**take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

**2 Take my silver and my
gold,
not a mite would I withhold;**

Hymn # 583

**take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt
choose.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

**3 Take my voice and let me
sing
always, only, for my King;**

Hymn # 583

**take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from
thee.**

[Refrain]

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

**Final Take my will and make it
thine;
it shall be no longer mine;**

Hymn # 583

**take my heart, it is thine
own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 583

[Refrain]

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Hymn # 583

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

CREED

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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, healing and we remember our friends and family members before you. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm.
Put in their paths people who offer aid.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for Isa in East Asia, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Falls Community Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Gracious God, you call your people to pass on the faith to future generations. Help us and all congregations to raise up ministry leaders for the next generation of your church.

We pray for this work in LCMC Texas as we lift up the faculty and students of Harvest Workers, our online ministry training program. Today we also give you thanks for Trinity Lutheran Church in Blanco, Texas and their pastor, David Mayer. Bless their ministry both now and for generations to come. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb for ever and
ever.***

***¹ Great and wonderful are your
deeds, O God of the universe; just
and true are your ways, O Ruler of
all the nations.***

***Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and
sing the glory of your name?***

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.***

***² For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one whose
name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy
God!***

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.***

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

SENDING

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 Song

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Hymn # 650

**¹ In Christ there is no east or
west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide
earth.**

Hymn # 650

**2 In Christ shall true hearts
ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding human-kind.**

Hymn # 650

**³ Join hands, disciples of the
faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

Hymn # 650

**Final In Christ now meet both east
and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide
earth.**

Hymn # 650

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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