Leviticus 19:9-18 (ESV)

⁹ "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.¹¹ "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. 13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. 15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. 17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

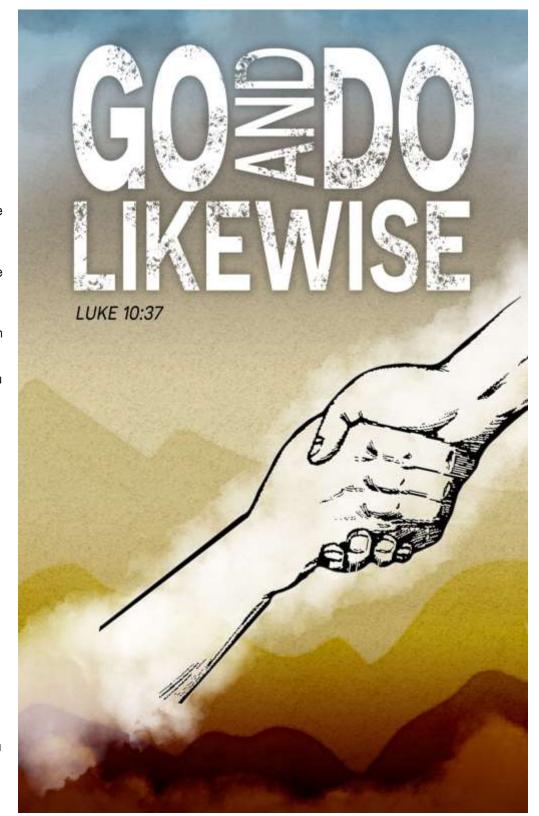
Colossians 1:1-14 (ESV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9 And so, from the day we heard, we

have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And 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." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."



July 13, 2025 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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As We Gather ~ God's people have been rescued! The heavenly Father has "delivered us"—rescued us—from the darkness of sin, death, and the power of the devil. He has "transferred us" into the kingdom of grace in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:13). Against the backdrop of God's great rescue or deliverance, our Scripture Readings point to the redeeming, restoring work of God. We have been set free to serve God in the power and example of Jesus: He seeks, He loves, He saves.

ORDER OF SERVICE Service of Prayer and Preaching	260
OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	803
HYMN "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"	707
SERMON HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail"	845
SERMON "Practical Love"	Luke 10:25-37
HYMN "Take My Life and Let it Be"	783
CLOSING HYMN "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"	919

Pastor Larry Warsinski
Organist Carolyn Laurenz
Elder/Reader Dick Bluemer
A/V Paul Bohn

Ushers Dick Bluemer and Bruce Tessin

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 58 Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,316 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$3,656; Capital Projects - \$92.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: July 13-Matthew Grossman; July 14- Keith Kreger, Mark Staley, Lloyd Zastrow, Jr.; July 15- Dave Little; July 16- JoAnn Frost; July 17- Shantelle Knapik, Ashley Rich; July 19- Michelle Mullen.

This Week's Memory Verse ~ "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11



Thank you ~ *I* want to thank everyone for all the birthday wishes, cards, gifts and surprises. May God bless you all. Shirley Tessin

Coffee Hour ~ Please note that a volunteer is need for the third Sunday of each month to set up for coffee hour. Please see Lynn Tessin or Lois Tessin to volunteer.



Merrill Farm Fest/Hemlock Sawdust Days ~ We are looking to freshen up Zion's float for the upcoming community parades (August and September). We are asking for volunteers to help refresh/repair the churches on the float. Participating in these parades is a great way to remind the community that we are here! If you have some time and are willing to help out please contact Lynn Tessin.

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Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, power; knowledge