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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

5[™] SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2025

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION—ON A NEIGHBOR IN NEED



SERIES THEME:

We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being "free from distraction." But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be *freed* from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.

We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

THEME OF THE DAY:

We tend to think of distraction and focus as opposites. If someone is focused, they are not easily distracted by random events and encounters. If someone is focused, every decision about how to spend time and resources is calculated. Apart from Christ that type of focus spells disaster for our neighbor. We may dismiss the needs of our neighbor thinking, "If I spend time helping him, that will distract me from other things that need my attention." This week, Jesus teachers us that he has set us free to live a life of such distraction. No matter the neighbor and no matter his need, we are free to give him our undivided attention, even if that seems senseless. Christ has set us free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve a neighbor as Christ himself would serve them.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

856 BUILT ON THE ROCK



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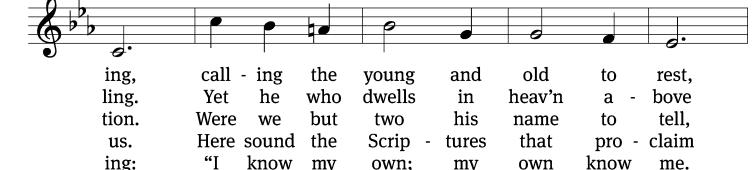
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MEDITATION ON THE MINISTRY OF THE KEYS 1

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: we lie and do not live by the truth.

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

I John 1:5-8

P: Let us therefore confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

¹ "The Ministry of the Keys is the special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth (John 20), to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent." Martin Luther wrote these words to expound on the clear teaching of Scripture. In this service we meditate on the forgiveness God has won for us, and the new life we have as a result.

CONFESSION²

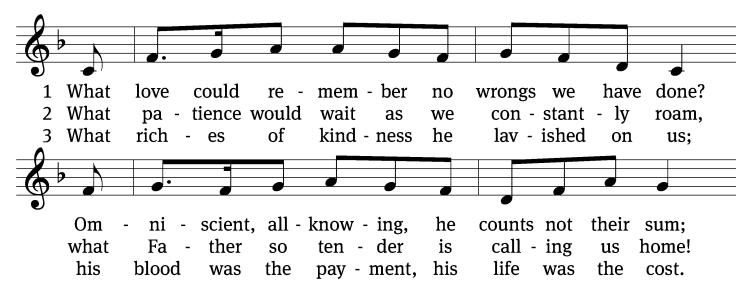
C: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

Silence for personal examination and confession.

ABSOLUTION 3

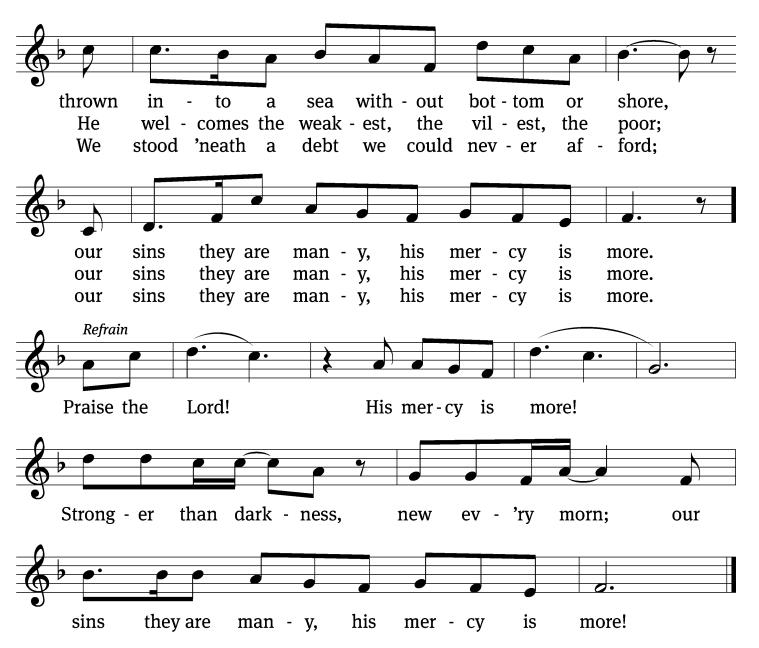
- P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

579 HIS MERCY IS MORE



² "When you feel in your conscience that you are guilty, be careful not to contend with either God or men in an effort to defend or excuse your sin. Rather, do this: When God points his spear at you, do not flee *from* him; on the contrary, flee *to* him with a humble confession of guilt and a plea for pardon."- Martin Luther

³ God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.



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BAPTISMS OF RHYLYNN GRACE WALLENBURG &

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PRAYER OF THE DAY 4

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: RUTH 1:1-19A 5

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.

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

⁶When 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. ⁷With 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.

⁴ Every good thing, including our justification, comes from God. His goodness to us is the source of our love for him and the substance of the true faith. This prayer comes from the Gelasian Sacramentary (c.750 A.D.)

⁵The LORD moves a Moabite woman named Ruth to care for her widowed mother-in-law, even though it meant leaving her people, her country, and her way of life behind.

⁸Then 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. ⁹May 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."

¹¹But 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? ¹²Return 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— ¹³would 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!"

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

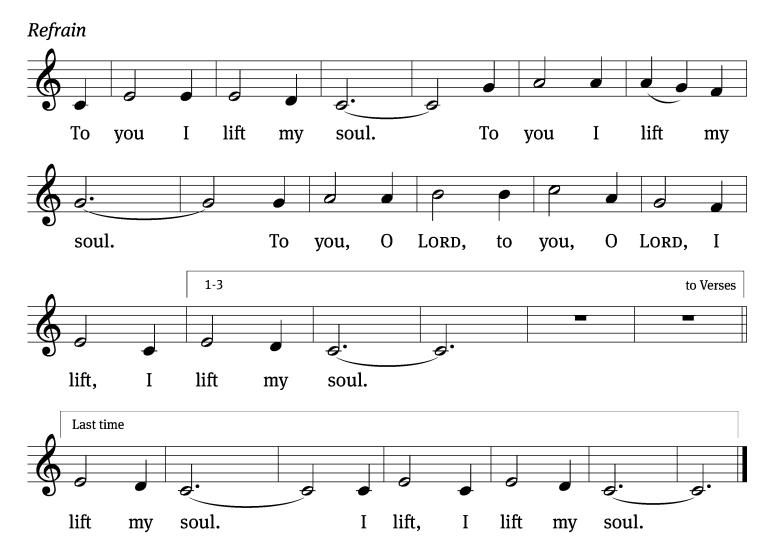
¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷Where 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." ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.



PSALM 25 TO YOU I LIFT MY SOUL ⁶ (A small group will sing the opening refrain and the verses. The congregation joins in the following refrains.)



- 1 LORD, let me know your ways. Teach me the things of the kingdom. Guide me, O LORD, in your truth, for you are my Savior, my God. *Refrain*
- God is good and faithful, guiding those who stray, leading the humble to justice and teaching the humble the way. *Refrain*

⁶ The Church sings Psalm 25 in services that encourage a Christian life of repentance and faith. In Hebrew, this psalm is an alphabet acrostic, offering petitions and praise from A to Z, with the last verse extending beyond the end of the alphabet.

Precious, precious, to God
is the friendship of the faithful.
God is steadfast in love
to those who follow the way. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON: GALATIANS 5:1,13-25 7

¹It 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...

¹³You, 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. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and 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.

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

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⁷Those who have been set free from the law by Christ naturally bear fruit that benefits their neighbor.

Verse of the Day ⁸ 1 John 4:11

P: Alleluia. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. Alleluia.

606 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS



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⁸The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 10:25-37

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷He 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."

²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

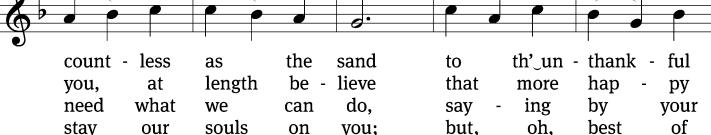
³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He 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. ³⁵The 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.'

³⁶"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."



767 LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US glo bought Lord of you have with 1 vour ry, us Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, 3 Won - drous hon giv you have to our or en Lord glo bought with of ry, you have us vour life - blood the price, grudg - ing as for the nev er free - ly, of With the sun - shine of your own. your hum - blest char - i - tv in your own mvs - te rious life - blood the price, grudg - ing for the as nev er lost that tre - men - dous fice; ones sac ri melt thank - less of good ness our hearts stone "You me." have done it all for sen tence, that lost tre - men - dous sac ri fice. ones with and that have free lv giv bless ings en till cold self ish our and warmed na tures, by Can it 0 cious Mas that be, gra ter, you faith Give bold us to trust ly, hope, to you





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SERMON 9 **LUKE 10:25-37**

Love Your Neighbor

- I. Look honestly
- II. Follow carefully



⁹The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

APOSTLES' CREED 10

I believe in God, the Father almighty,	2 Cor. 6:18
maker of heaven and earth.	ls. 51:13
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,	Lk. 1:35
born of the virgin Mary,	Lk. 1:34; 2:7
suffered under Pontius Pilate,	Lk. 23:16
was crucified, died, and was buried.	Mt. 27:32-61 et al.
He descended into hell.	1 Pet. 3:19
The third day he rose again from the dead.	1 Cor. 15:4b
He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.	Heb. 1:13
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
I believe in the Holy Spirit,	Mt. 3:16-17
the holy Christian Church,	Eph. 5:23
the communion of saints,	Eph. 4:3-6
the forgiveness of sins,	Rom. 4:6-8
the resurrection of the body,	Ecc. 12:7
and the life everlasting. Amen.	1 Th. 4:17

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:

This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

¹⁰ Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 11

LORD'S PRAYER 12

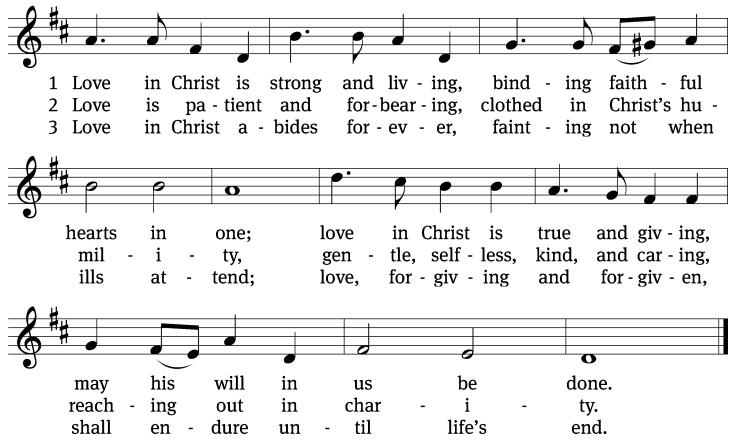
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C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹¹ Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

¹² The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

726 LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING



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THE LORD'S BLESSING 13

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.

C: Amen.

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¹³ As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

929 MAY THE PEACE OF GOD



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by the Peterson family in memory of David.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Genesis 18:1-14 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:38-42

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20:

Flowers: Massey

Nursery: 8:30am—Aleia and Noelle Peterson

11:00am—Lisa Seltz and Sophie Pfund

Ushers: 8:30am—Matthew Turner

11:00am—Sam Janda/Dean Vogus

Landscaping: Ben Tonak (7/12-25)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study 9:45-10:45 AM

Lord's Supper 1st and 3rd Sundays

Canvassing Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

VBS July 14-17



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Adult Bible Study: Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the sanctuary as we dive into the study of Christian apologetics. Apologetics is narrowly defined as "defending the Christian faith by reason with gentleness and respect." The objective of apologetics is to use every bit of knowledge available as we engage skeptics with the goal of proclaiming Christ crucified. Think of apologetics as a ministry of caring; we care about skeptics and their thoughts! This week's lesson is "How would a scientist look at the evidence."

<u>Church Retreat:</u> Save the date. Everyone is invited to take part in the upcoming church retreat this September at Horton Haven in Lewisburg, TN from Friday, 9/12 to Sunday, 9/14. This will be a time for everyone to enjoy some time to relax in God's Word along with recreation and fellowship. Registration will open soon. Please see your elder for details or if you have questions.

<u>Canvassing on Tuesday, 7/15</u>: There's a slight schedule change this week as we'll plan to meet at the church on Tuesday night, 7/15 @ 6 PM, for canvassing. We would love to have many involved in our attempts to reach those who don't know Christ with the life-saving message of the gospel. If you are unsure, please note you will partner with an experienced canvasser and receive "on the job" training. Please consider giving canvassing a try!

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