

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7 & 10, 2022

## *Focused Love Finds A Neighbor Rather Than Avoiding One*

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**Opening Hymn** .....697, “May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

**Order of Service (From Supplement)** ..... Gathering Rite on the Word of God, Page 11

**Prayer of the Day:** 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.

### FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (On Insert)**..... Psalm 27C

### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** Alleluia. *Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* Alleluia.

### GOSPEL

**Hymn of the Day** ..... 729, “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

**SERMON**..... “What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?” Luke 10:25-37

**Apostles’ Creed** ..... Page 20

### Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn** .....754, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

### Closing Prayer/Benediction

**Closing Hymn** ..... 925 vv. 1 & 3, “On What Has Now Been Sown”

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## FIRST READING: Ruth 1:1-19

**The 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.**

*During the days of the judges, a famine occurred in the land. So a man left Bethlehem in Judah to stay awhile in the territory of Moab—he, his wife, and his two sons. The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were from the clan of Ephrath from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and remained there. But Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, so she was left with her two sons. They then married Moabite wives. The name of the first was Orpah, and the name of the second was Ruth. They lived there for about ten years. But Naomi’s sons, Mahlon and Kilion, also died. So the woman was left without her two children and without her husband.*

*Then Naomi set out with her daughters-in-law to return from the territory of Moab, because while she was in the territory of Moab, she had heard that the LORD had graciously visited his people by providing them with food. So she left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law left with her. They set out on the road to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back. Both of you return to your mother’s house. May the LORD show you kindness as you have shown kindness to the dead and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you finds security in the house of a husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept loudly. But they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.”*

*Then Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Am I going to give birth to any more sons who could become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters. Go! For I am too old to be married to another husband. Suppose I say, ‘I have hope, and I will be married to another husband tonight, and I will even give birth to sons.’ Would you wait for them until they grow up? On the basis of that hope would you give up the chance to marry another husband? No, my daughters. It is much more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has reached out against me.” They once again wept loudly. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth would not let her go.*

*Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods. Go back! Follow your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to abandon you or to turn back from following you. Because wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you make your home, I will make my home. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely and double it if anything but death separates me from you.” When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. Then the two of them traveled until they arrived at Bethlehem.*

## SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1,13-25

**Christ has freed us for a life of humble service and love.**

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law.*

*Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.*

**GOSPEL (on back page →)**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

**In a well-known parable, Jesus teaches us how one loves their neighbor.**

*Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the law?" he asked him. "What do you read there?"*

*He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself." He said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.' Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?" "The one who showed mercy to him," he replied. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HEAD USHERS:** Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next week: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

**ORGANISTS!!** The July schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:** The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20**, at **8:00 PM**. All voters are encouraged to attend!

**SCHOOL SUMMER LETTER:** The school summer letter will be mailed out to all school parents later this upcoming week. If you do not receive your letter by the following week, please speak with Debbi Foulkes or Mr. Lorge.

**SCRIP ORDERS:** A reminder that scrip orders for July will be due on **Thursday, July 14!** This will be the only order date for the month of July. Monthly scrip orders are taken in summer; however, we will return to the regular schedule once school begins again in fall.

**BRAT FRY:** St. Matthew's PTL will be holding a brat fry on **Saturday, July 23**, from **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** at **Leroy Meats** in **Horicon**. We are looking for volunteers to help at this brat fry, especially from our school families! We are also looking for donations of baked goods to be sold at this event. If this is something you would be willing to do, please contact **Sam Manning (920-296-9466)** or **Brian Youngbeck (920-296-1128)** as soon as possible. We encourage everyone to come on over and help support the school while enjoying a delicious lunch!

**DODGE COUNTY FAIR – WELS BOOTH:** There will once again be a WELS booth at this year's Dodge County Fair. The fair is scheduled for **August 17-21, 2022**. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please sign up for a three-hour time slot on the sheet located on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, August 14!** There will be a meeting of the volunteers on **Sunday, August 14**, at **6:00 PM** at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam**. If you have any questions about this event, please direct them to **Joy Pamperin (920-344-8062)**.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Wayne & Bonnie Schultz in loving memory of Bonnie's father, Delbert Ehlers; and Wayne's sister, Elaine "Shorty" Miller.

**OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

**Attendance:** Thursday: 16; Sunday: 71

**Offerings:** \$3,260.00 (6/23 & 6/26); \$4,933.10 (6/30 & 7/3)

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)*

**Special Funds (6/23 & 6/26; 6/30 & 7/3):** Debt Retirement: \$420.00;

Undesignated Memorials (Debt Retirement): \$130.00; Altar Offering: \$10.00;

Blacktop Fund: \$100.00; Christian Aid & Relief: \$5.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Marion Lackas: \$30.00 (*Undesignated*); In Memory of Rollie Justman: \$100.00 (*Undesignated*)

**OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

Sunday: Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM

Wednesday: Elders' Meeting ..... 6:30 PM  
Church Council..... 7:00 PM

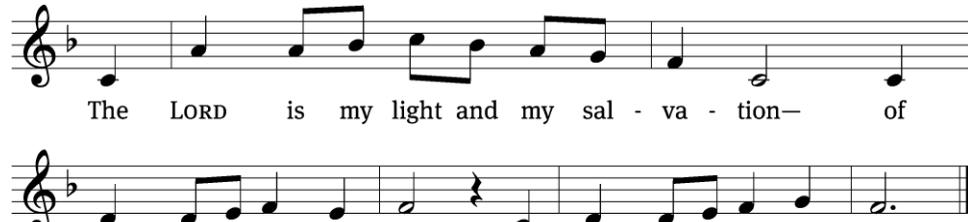
Thursday: Communion Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM  
**SCRIP ORDERS DUE – Only order date in July!**

Sunday: Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM

## 27C The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 27C

### Refrain



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of  
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

### Tone



Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;  
be merciful to me and / answer me.  
Do not hide your / face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.  
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,  
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,  
the LORD will re- / ceive me.  
I remain confi- / dent of this:  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.  
Wait / for the LORD;  
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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