

Church of the Divine Love
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTERPENTECOST

PROPER 10

JULY 10, 2022

9:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Please observe silence

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn #657 – **Love divine, all loves excelling**

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Collect of the Day - lectionary sheet insert

First Lesson: **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

Psalm 25:1-9

Second Lesson: **Colossians 1:1-14**

Gradual Hymn – #660 – **O Master let me walk with thee**

Gospel: **Luke 10:25-37**

Sermon – The Rev. Jean Lenord Quatorze

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn **#304 – I came with joy to meet my Lord**

Doxology (sung)

The Great Thanksgiving:

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The Communion of the People

Communion Hymn – **#529 – In Christ there is no East or West**

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Dismissal Hymn – **#344 – Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing**

Dismissal

Sermon Sunday July 10, 2022

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Psalm 25:1-9; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

My beloveds in Christ,

The parable of the Good Samaritan arises out of a discussion between Jesus and a Pharisee. Here is a religious lawyer and he is asking a question on the nature of the law. The stage is set by Luke with these words: Behold a lawyer stood up to put him to the test. Well, it's not the first time and probably won't be the last time that a lawyer phrased a trick question. It was the kind of question in which any kind of an answer would pose still further problems. It was a test question: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life." Now right away we know that this man was a Pharisee, because the Pharisees believed in eternal life and the Sadducees did not. Jesus could tell that this man was an astute student of the law, so he asked him: "What is written?" In other words, use your own mind to discern the essence of the law. Jesus, like a good discussion leader, throws the question right back in his lap.

The lawyer had a good answer. He said: you shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart and soul and mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." This was a direct quote from Deuteronomy 6. It was part of the Shema, a confession regularly made in Jewish worship. Jesus says: Excellent. You are correct. If he were a teacher, I suppose he would have said: You get an A+. I have no

complaint with this says Jesus. Do this and you shall live. You have not only penetrated to the essence of the law, but you have worded it succinctly.

The question had been asked and the answer given. You would think that the man would be pleased and go home. But lawyers are never happy. A lawyer's responsibility is to define the limits of liability. But he, desiring to justify himself, asked 'Who is my neighbor. In other words, where does my responsibility stop? Who exactly am I responsible for?

This man wasn't like the lawyers we have today. His role was the interpretation of the Mosaic Law. Many believe he was also a priest because the priests, when they were not scheduled in the Temple would serve as Lawyers interpreting the OT Law to the people. This will come back around later as we listen to Jesus' story. After he asks Jesus the question about eternal life, Jesus answers, basically, what does the Bible say? I love His answer. It's so important when people ask questions that we don't give our opinions but simply take them to God's Word. We are also many times have questions; we too should go straight to the Scriptures to find the answer... What is written in the Law? How do you read it? This Lawyer knew the Bible very well. His answer is the summary of the Law of God as given to us in Deuteronomy. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. He adds also to love your neighbor, which is the spirit and practical aspect of loving God.

After hearing his answer, Jesus affirms his reply... You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live. When Jesus said do this, what He means is that eternal life is given by God to His people. A way one knows he has eternal life is that the Spirit of God equips us to love God and love others. So, when Jesus tells this Lawyer to do this, what He is saying is that eternal life comes to us by God, and we manifest this life as we love God and love others. In loving others, we prove the condition of our soul. Jesus is not saying that if you start loving others then God will give you eternal life. Many have asked this same question: This is a question all humans should be asking. Many think everything is ok with their soul. Many think that they will be ushered into heaven based on their own merits. However, Scripture clearly teaches that all are sinners in need of God's grace. In other words, before God can accept anyone something has to change. Under normal conditions God accepts no one. God has to do something. Here's one example of what God does. The question of eternal life is the ultimate question for all people to ask.

He asks another question. Jesus knows this man's heart and purpose for asking. He wasn't seeking information so he could better please God; he was trying to find a loophole. He was seeking to get out of his responsibility to love others by trying to catch Jesus on a technicality. Luke catches the thrust of the encounter as he adds, desiring to justify himself. In other words, his goal was to show Jesus that he was loving God, which is something not necessarily seen, and that was good enough. Jesus, you point out the one person you consider to be my neighbor and I'll show them love. While he was trying to minimize the command, Jesus would show him that everyone is, in fact your neighbor, even your enemy is your neighbor.

Jesus tells us that the road on which this story takes place is the road that goes from Jerusalem to Jericho. What is the purpose in which most travelers were on this road? They were coming and going to and from worship in the temple. So, we see a man going home from worship. On his way home, he was attacked and beaten and robbed. He was lying beside the road almost dead. Jesus introduces us to two people who were also going home after worship, a priest, and a Levite. How do you think this Lawyer who is hearing the story first reacts to the news that a priest came by? He probably thought of one of

his friends, or perhaps himself. Remember many interpreters of the Law were priests. Jesus tells His friend that both these religious men who claim to be worshippers of God according to the answer the man gave, love God and love others, passed by on the other side.

Many people who totally miss the point say that they could help the man because they cannot touch a dead body, or they will be defiled and unclean to worship in the Temple. The problem with this response is that the man lying on the road was not dead. They didn't even walk over and nudge him with a stick. Here were two more people who knew all the answers by were not loving God and loving others. What do you think the reaction was when the Lawyer heard that the next person in Jesus' story was a Samaritan? Remember Jews hated Samaritans. This person sees the man almost dead. He's stripped of his clothes so there is no indication as to who he is at all. He could be a priest, a Scribe, a Pharisee, villager, or a Samaritan. To this man, it doesn't matter. He is a human being made in the image of God desperately in need. Notice the Samaritan doesn't pray and ask God who my neighbor is. He doesn't turn his head and walk around. Rather he exhibits love for God as he cares for this man.

Many believe this man was a businessman passing through, mainly because he expected to have money on his return trip. The Samaritan rescues this man. He goes the extra mile. He cares for him, cleans him, pours oil on his wounds, places him on his donkey, takes him to the closest inn, pays for a room, finishes bandaging and caring for the man, his pays the innkeeper, also, promises to pay any additional expense the innkeeper might have in caring for this injured man. It's not possible to loved God and not love others. Our love for others is a manifestation of our love for God. A Christian is one who believes truth (has right answers) and lives out the truth they claim to believe. You may be here today, and you might be able to come up with the right answer to many Bible questions. You might be able to share the Gospel with someone. A Christian is someone who not only knows the Word but also is a doer of the Word. You go and do likewise. **Amen.**

Masks optional with social distance seating

5 PENTECOST	9:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II	(also on zoom)
MONDAY	8:00 AM	AA MEETING	
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	AL-ANON MEETING	
THURSDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP	
	8:00 PM	AA MEETING	
SATURDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP	

6 PENTECOST

9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

(also on zoom)

SUPPORT THE FOOD DRIVE – DROP OFF IN THE KITCHEN

	Today	Next Week
Eucharistic Minister	Deb Giordano	Anthony Giordano
Altar Guild	Deb Giordano	Roe Prosser
	Jess Berbeck	Marie Quatorze

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Give to all who suffer the refreshing waters of your compassion and healing. Make them dwell in the safety of your care even in the midst of all that troubles them. Especially we remember before you:

Art	Harriet Capers	Bob Curley
John Mulligan	Arlene Goodenough	Celeste
Chris Dickson	Kate Jones	Grace Schinella
Michael Echevarria	John Rocco	Robert Sweat
Martinisi Family	Michael & Family	Warren
Charlotte H.	Bernie Walther	Anthony
Mo (Rachael)	Bill Conklin Sr.	Laura
Anthony Paribello	Barbara Curran	Taylor
Ciara	Gabriel	Aidan

Elodie	Sophia	Del
People of Haiti	Chrissy Neville	Vincent
Maggie & Family	People of Ukraine	Julia
Nathan Treadwell	Jen & Family	Tim
Bob Lazevnick	Christopher & Family	

Help us to speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them. Bring us with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom.

Amen

Prayer before Worship

Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn to be sung during the consecration:

Father I adore you,
Lay my life before you,
How I love you.

Repeat twice with second verse starting with Jesus
and third verse starting with Spirit.

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn
but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So
mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that
all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince
of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominions
and glory, now and for ever. Amen

