

Church of the Divine Love

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 10**

JULY 13, 2025 9:00 AM

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Sermon Sunday July, 13th 2025

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 25: 1-9; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the Lord said to Amos, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people." (**Amos 7:7-17**)

God speaks these words to Amos while standing next to a wall built with a plumb line. A plumb line, as you know, is a tool used by builders to ensure that a structure, a wall for example, is properly aligned, true, and straight. That alignment is what helps give the wall strength and stability. Some plumb lines are used to build a structure while others are used to build a life. We all have multiple plumb lines in our lives. They are the values, qualities, beliefs, and priorities that guide our lives. They help us focus on what really matters. They offer us strength and stability. A plumb line provides a standard by which we can tell when our lives are plumb and true and when our lives are out of whack and off kilter. The laws and constitutions of our state and country are plumb lines. The Torah of the Old Testament is a plumb line. So are the life and teachings of Jesus. There are communal plumb lines and there are plumb lines that are unique and personal to each of us.

The plumb lines you and I choose for our lives matter not only for us individually but also for our community and our relationships with one another. Some plumb lines promote life and human dignity, others diminish life and human dignity. One of the ways we begin making changes in our lives and community is by resetting the plumb lines. Sometimes we choose to reset the plumb lines in our lives. Other times we don't. Other times events, circumstances, or experiences start the plumb line swinging and we are forced to rethink everything. It's as if there is a reset on everything, including our plumb lines. That's what it feels like to me today as an individual, as your priest, and as a human being. Maybe it feels that way to you too. Who among us today doesn't feel like he or she is having to reset the plumb lines of life? That's what grief, suffering, and loss can do. They force us to rethink and reset the plumb lines of our lives. Resetting plumb lines is a part of every life in every place and in every time. The need to reset plumb lines is showing up throughout our country and the world. And it's showing up in each of our lives.

I think that's what Jesus is doing in today's gospel (**Luke 10:25-37**), the parable of the Good Samaritan. He's resetting the plumb lines in the lawyer's life. And I wonder how today's gospel might help you and me restore and reset the plumb lines in our lives and this world. I don't know what the new plumb lines will be for you, me, or the world. It takes time to reset a plumb line. You can't do much with a swinging plumb line. Right now, our work is to wait but we must also stay awake, pay attention, and listen deeply. The new plumb lines are revealing themselves every day and today's gospel gives us some hints of what to watch and listen for. Just like the lawyer in today's gospel we know that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves. And just like the lawyer most of us live with a plumb line that distinguishes between who is and who is not our neighbor.

We'll cross the road for someone we know, but for the stranger we often "pass by on the other side." We'll cross the road when it's convenient and, on our way, but when it asks us to change, takes us out of our way, or costs too much we "pass by on the other side." We'll cross the road for a citizen but what about a migrant? We'll cross the road for those who look, think, believe, and act like we do, but for those who don't we "pass by on the other side." We'll cross the road when it's in our own best interest, but when it's not we "pass by on the other side." For some people we are willing to cross the road but for others we "pass by on the other side." That plumb line is revealed in the lawyer's question, "And who is my neighbor?" It's a polite way of asking, "Who is not my neighbor?" "Who is not deserving of my love?" "Whose life is not worthy of my time and effort?" "Who can I ignore, denigrate, hate, or pass by?" The plumb line Jesus resets in today's gospel declares, no one. No one.

The issue for Jesus is not who the neighbor is, his or her identity, where he or she comes from, what he or she has done or left undone, what he or she believes, or what he or she thinks about us. There is no way for the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan to know that information about the man who has been robbed, stripped, beaten, and left half dead. The issue for Jesus is what action you and I take or refuse to

take for another's benefit and well-being. Will we cross the road or do we "pass by on the other side"? We usually cross the road only when it's safe to do so. It's a lesson we learned early in life. Setting new plumb lines means taking a risk. The new plumb lines will ask us to face our fears of others, change, and crossing the road. **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, imagines that's why the priest and the Levite in today's parable passed by on the other side. They were afraid. And so, he says, "the first question that the priest and the Levite asked was, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' ... But then the Good Samaritan came by, and he reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'" Maybe that's the question that resets the plumb lines for ourselves and this world. If I do not stop to help, what will happen to the other, this world, our nation? If you do not stop to help, what will happen?

We are the church. We do have a mission of restoration and redemption in our societies. Don't do it for acclamation, in fact, society doesn't like it when its corrected. Ours is the walk of servitude side by side with the oppressed in our society on the difficult side of the road. Ours is the call to love all of our neighbors without restraint or categories. Ours is the call to find our identities at the gates of injustice. May we remember those we have a tendency to ignore, may we remember our call, may we remember our mission to be a Samaritan in a world full of priests and Levites. **AMEN.**

All baptized Christians, regardless of age, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.

5 PENTECOST - PROPER 10	9:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
		COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS
MONDAY	8:00 PM	AA MEETING
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	AL-ANON MEETING
THURSDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP
SATURDAY	10AM-2PM	THRIFT SHOP
6 PENTECOST - PROPER 11	9:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
		COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

	Today	Next Week
Eucharistic Minister	Roe Prosser	Anthony Giordano
Coffee Hour	Dana Kenn	Anthony Giordano

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Loving God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we remember before you:

Barbara Curran	Betty Curley	Jess
Bob Curley	Steve Curley	Joseph
Chris Dickson	John Rocco	Deb P.
John Mulligan	Marjorie Guerrier	Bobby
Manetta Family	Robert Hosey	Ryan
Sister Eddie	Bernie Walther	Celeste
Beverly Noel	Phil Ryder	Warren
Anthony Paribello	Jonathan	Del
Donna Amundsen	Kate Jones	Aidan
Shannon & Family	Vincent & Barbara	Ciara
Mary & Family	Wendy	Jan
Nathan Treadwell	Gladys Hadija	Sophia

Michael & Family	Kristen	Mo
Michelle & Family	Christopher	Annie
Timothy Treasure	Donna A.	Aika
Moises Parra	Misael Varas	James
Donald Edwards	Martin	

All people and countries suffering from violence, hatred and natural disaster.

The homeless and food insecure.

Help us speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them.

Bring us, with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom. Amen.

To add or make changes to the prayer list during the week,
email Janet Croft at jmc220@optonline.net.

A Morning Prayer

Father in heaven, I stand ready to receive Your wisdom and guidance. In each decision, big or small, lead me to discern your will and to act accordingly. Help me to understand the depth of Your wisdom, finding guidance in Your word and through prayer. Teach me to be patient as I wait for Your direction, trusting that Your timing is perfect. May I navigate this day with the assurance that

Your wisdom is a treasure far greater than any earthly knowledge. Guide my thoughts and actions, that they may be a reflection of Your discernment and love. In Your guidance, I find the path to a life of purpose and peace.

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

