

St. John's Reformed Church
July 13, 2025 10 a.m.
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections)

Pre-Prelude

Announcements and Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

*Call to Worship:

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always. -based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* #251 v. 1-4

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison ***“Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.”***

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: “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.” -Luke 10:27

May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

*Gloria Patri ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.***

Musical Meditation

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination & Lectionary Lessons

Lesson from the Psalms: **Psalm 82** (p. 542)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the New Testament: **Colossians 1:1-14** (p. 119-200)

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*Hymn *Soon and Very Soon* #482 v. 1-4

Lesson from the Gospels: **Luke 10:25-37** (p. 71-72)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Church universal, that exists in all times and places.

*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering & Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing-Prayer for Godspeed: A Farewell for Jane Bier

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

**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. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #521 v. 1-3

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen "Go Now in Peace"

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with us each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide us in all we do.
Go now in love, and show we believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

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