

JULY 10, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Being a good neighbor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Colossians 1:1-14	A prayer of thanks
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:24–11:1	Always honor God
Thursday	Hebrews 13:1-6	Service that pleases God
Friday	Romans 15:1-6	Please others, not yourselves
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance
Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Jesus visits Martha and Mary

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He [The lawyer] said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:36-37 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love, help us to welcome all people that we meet each day with kindness and mercy through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

With the fruit of the earth, you feed us, good Lord. With love and care you sustain us each day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God rescue you from the power of darkness and bring you into the kingdom of God’s beloved Son, Jesus. (Colossians 1:13)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would you describe a good neighbor?
- Tell or think of a story of how you or someone you know has been a good neighbor.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 10:25-37.

Understanding who my neighbor is can be an issue in today’s world. We often define who is an insider and who is an outsider, someone not needing or deserving of our care. Jesus turns that focus on its head. If you were in need, like the man robbed, beaten, and left for dead, whose help would you accept? Anyone’s help, of course, even someone you despised. It was a Samaritan who helped the man who was left for dead. In the Jewish world of Jesus’ day, a Samaritan was someone who was not a pure Jew but a mixture of nationalities brought in by foreign rulers. A Samaritan was also someone whose faith was not consistent with Jewish teachings. A Samaritan was despised yet used by Jesus to show who a neighbor is and what a real neighbor does.

Discuss: Who in your life would you describe as a good Samaritan and why?

Pray: **Merciful God, help me to see in others someone who I can serve and to whom I can turn to when I need help in daily life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior, Lord, and Neighbor. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a good neighbor?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Speaking through Moses, God told the people of Israel that the word was in their mouths and in their hearts so that they would obey it (Deuteronomy 30:14). Begin each day this week by reciting these words from Luke 10:27: **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.**



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