

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



## Word and Sacrament

*“Little Church with a BIG Heart”*

**Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church**

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11:00 AM



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## **Welcome to Worship!**

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Saint Bart's welcomes you to worship and our believing community. This morning we celebrate the **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**. The lyrics to the hymns are in the red hymnals in the pews.

We extend special greetings to all our guests who are with us today. Your presence, along with our members and friends, is truly valued. Know that all of God's people are always welcome here at St. Bartholomew.

## **Holy Communion**

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, and usher will guide to come to the altar to receive the elements.

## **Praying People**

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns during the Prayers of the Church.

## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

## **Announcements**

**New Member's class** will be held during fellowship time

We will start collecting **backpacks for students** starting Tuesday! The list of supplies is in the summer newsletter

**Farmer's Market** is this Friday

**The RAWtools shop** is open Fridays and Saturdays at 1 p.m., weather permitting

This Saturday, July 19 is **Faith & Family Night** at Trenton Thunder ballpark –get your tickets now at \$10

Save the dates! **Family nature programs** on August 2 and 16

**The Eternal Candle** is lit this month in memory of Carolyn Maranca's parents

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

Are there any other announcements?

Bell / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

C **you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

**P** You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✝ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW # 526**

## God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of the preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## *APOSTOLIC GREETING*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you**

### **Kyrie**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### Canticle of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



## WORD

A I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.

C **Amen.**

### First Reading: **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?”

<sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

- A   <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- C   <sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- A   <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C   <sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**
- A   <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C   <sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**
- A   <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- C   <sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- A   <sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.
- C   <sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and  
faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your  
testimonies.**

## Second Reading: **Colossians 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God**

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### Gospel Acclamation



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P The Holy Gospel according to **Luke the 10<sup>th</sup>** chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “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.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW # 725

# When the Poor Ones

## *Cuando el pobre*



- 1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;  
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;  
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;  
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed y a-gua nos da,  
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;  
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:  
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;  
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us;  
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble;  
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

### *Refrain / Estribillo*



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;  
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.  
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

- 2 Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo, 3 Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,  
 cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,  
 cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:  
 Estribillo Estribillo

- 4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,  
 cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,  
 cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:  
 Estribillo

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## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## Apostle's Creed

P Let us all affirm our faith by using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

## PRAYERS

Each petition ends:

A God of grace, C **Hear our prayer.**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence*



Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. Bless the work of *New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger* in feeding those in need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors, *especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan*. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers, *especially those who have been oppressed at Delaney Hall*. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially Joe, Nick, Bob, Justin, Billy, Gloria, Rosemary, Kelly, Terri, Nelson, and the Woodley family*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our partner churches: Abiding Presence and Prince of Peace; we pray for our Bishop Tracie Bartholomew. We also pray for the concerns of this congregation and the Synod: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays, *especially Debbie Formoso*; and for those celebrating anniversaries; also for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud... **(Pause)** God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**(Pastor)** Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C    Amen.**

## THE OFFERING

### **Offering Prayer**

A Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## *PREFACE*

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P We praise you God of Freedom,  
for you send messengers in every time and place giving voice to  
your love: You speak through thirsty women, broken men, the  
poor and impure. You choose what is despised to make us  
whole. A servant girl bears Jesus, your blessing, who turns the  
old world upside down. He forsakes the temple, laughs at the  
powerful kisses sinners and heals the unclean. He breaks open  
prisons, frees slaves and captives, feasts with the outcast and  
celebrates strangers. Loving each one entirely, he teaches us the  
way of compassion and peace.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his  
faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. He took  
bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for them to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Merciful God, fill us with your blessing  
and embrace us in communion  
with saints and sinners,  
the hurt and the hurting,  
with Mary Magdalene, Peter the Fisherman,  
and friends and strangers everywhere  
as we give you all glory and honor and praise, now  
and forever,

**C        Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

P     Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C     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, the power, and the glory, now and  
forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

P     The table is set. The doors are open.  
The gifts of God are:

**C     Free!**

*All are welcome at God's Table. If you would like to share in communion with us today, you are more than welcome to do so. There are no prerequisites at God's table and nothing we do to earn a seat at the table, it is freely given to us by God. Please, come and eat!*

Distribution

## **TABLE BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray.

C **May we who have fed at Wisdom's table  
take her welcome out to where doors are locked  
and tables are bolted to the floor.  
May the Spirit drive us  
to break our bread  
on the altar of this world.  
Amen.**

## **Benediction**

### **+Sending+**

**P** The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

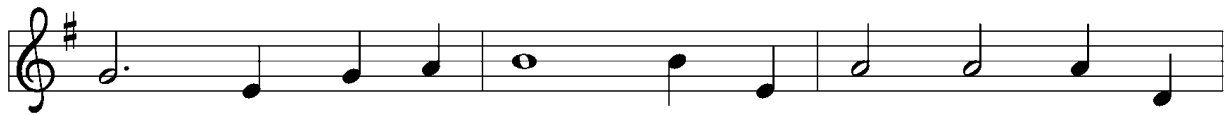
**Sending Hymn:** ELW # 696



## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude