July 13, 2025 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you **with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection**; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Colossians 1:1-14
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: **Grace to you and peace from God our Father**. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for **we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints**, 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 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.** This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 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, 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. 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 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and **transferred us into the kingdom** of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Moses said to the people of Israel, "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, 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**. "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 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?' 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?' No, **the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.**"

Psalm 25:1-9
1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
4 **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.
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
9 **All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness** *



Good Samaritan by Vincent van Gogh

Luke 10:25-37
Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, **"what must I do to inherit eternal life?"** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 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."** And he said to him, **"You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."** But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?"** 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. Now by chance a **priest** was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a **Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a **Samaritan** while traveling came near him; and **when he saw him, he was moved with pity**. 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. 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.' **Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."**