



July 11, 2021  
7th Sunday of Pentecost



**Worship Participants**

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath  
Assisting Minister: Pastor Lamont Koerner  
Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

This week in our summer series, Climbing Trees, we will be taking another look at the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We are all of us tribal by instinct and nature. We are most comfortable and usually care most about those who are “like us.” These are the people we think of as neighbor. But Jesus turns the question of neighborliness around on us. He asks, “Who is a neighbor?” If we want to follow Jesus, our comfort zones will be challenged. We will be encouraged to reach out beyond our “tribal” walls.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Hymn:** *ELW 710 - Let Streams of Living Justice, verses 1 & 1*

**Greeting**

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

**Prayer of the Day**

**God of wonders, give us fresh eyes to better see you. Help us put aside our fears and hesitations, that we may care for ALL our neighbors. You are the source of light, wisdom, and life for the world. We aspire to be compassionate like you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

**Reading:** Leviticus 19:18, 33-34

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

**Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 708 - Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, verses 1 & 3*

**Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

**God of wonders, we are grateful for the trees you give us to climb. Help us to climb farther into your stories: seeing you more fully, breathing more peacefully, sharing ourselves more completely. To you we gladly offer ourselves; our work, our rest, our resources, and our love. In your blessed name we pray, Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Blessing and Sending**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**