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### **5th Sunday after Pentecost - July 13, 2025**

#### ***Order of Service - LSB 184***

#### **FM 90.5 or Grace Lutheran Church Blirstown - Facebook**

**Welcome** to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

**Supporting the Ministry of Grace** is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as on our Facebook and website (see above) allowing you to give online.

#### **As We Gather:**

Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family. Our place now is to be a giver, as Jesus describes in the Gospel reading, to be that "Good Samaritan" to all our neighbors.

**Mission Of The Month....**for July is the Missouri Synod chaplaincy at the University of Iowa Hospital. Many patients come from all parts of Iowa and the Midwest, making it difficult for their pastors to visit them. Our gifts help Lutheran spiritual support to be there for the care of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**"Survive & Thrive" Bible Study:** We are taking a break for the summer, but plan to return again next fall. If you have a topic you would like to explore next year, please contact Pastor this summer.

**Greeting Cards** for every occasion are on the table in the NE corner of the entry with an assortment for you to purchase for \$.50 each. Proceeds will be used for mission purposes. Check them out!

**Colorado Peaches!** Sr. Youth at St. John Lutheran Church in Newhall is again selling the Colorado Peaches. This fundraiser helps them support our brothers and sisters to serve in Inner City Chicago through UKANDU. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. Please send your checks and order forms directly to the St. John church office by July 15th for the 1st delivery date.

**Singles:** You are invited to join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha for their two July church singles events. On Sunday, July 13th, please meet at 1:00pm at Twin Pines Golf Course to play miniature golf (follow the detour signs from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street NE). The 2<sup>nd</sup> event will be on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to attend a 6:35pm Kernels baseball game and enjoy the fireworks afterwards. We will meet at the ticket stand at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$18 to sit in the shade. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077.

**National Youth Gathering:** This week we send our participants, Jenni Hayden (leader), Ella Hayden (leader), Kaleb Hayden, Sarah Wright, Kessley Ostercamp, Lily Colburn, and Haleigh Norton, to the LCMS National Youth Gathering. The gathering is in New Orleans July 19-23. If you would like to participate virtually, you can go to [lcmsgathering.com](http://lcmsgathering.com). Please pray for God's blessings on their trip and that the Holy Spirit would increase their faith through this experience.

**Flood Relief:** Central Texas experienced devastating flooding that has claimed more than 100 lives, with more than 150 people still missing. If you would like to donate to those affected goto <https://txlcms.org/congregations/disaster-relief/> Your generosity provides direct aid to LCMS church workers and congregations for home repairs, temporary housing, and cleanup efforts. Do not lose hope! God provides strength and healing.