

1. What time would you choose to live in?
2. What does the Law require for eternal life?
3. Why did the expert ask, "Who is my neighbor?"
4. Why should Jesus' answer crush the expert and us?
5. How is Jesus much more than a good Samaritan to us?
6. For whom can you be a neighbor?

Prayer

O Lord God, you created the whole human race, so that it would be one great family, bound together by the heavenly tie of inner love. We must cry out to you and confess that we, alas, are so cold and empty in love!

Grant us always to vividly understand this, and because of this do not take your love away from us. Rather pour it into our heart so that we live and die in your love, and therefore someday come to the eternal enjoyment of your love.

Work this in us for Jesus Christ's sake, who loved us and gave himself into death for us. Amen.

-- C. F. W. Walther

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 22, 2007**

Worship Focus: *Faith, which trusts Jesus' forgiveness, loves our neighbor as ourselves*

Order of Service: Hymn 482:1, 3 and page 45, *Morning Praise*

Hymns: *Hymn Sing*, 456, 389, *LAPPY* 156

God's Word

First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:9-14

God has clearly revealed his will, not hiding it in heaven or beyond the sea. By his Law we clearly see our failure to measure up to his holy will. By his Gospel we clearly see Jesus as our Savior from sin who came according to God's good and gracious will to save us.

Psalm 25, p. 74

The Lord's love and mercy brings us forgiveness and rescue.

Second Lesson Colossians 1:1-14

Faith in Christ produces the fruit of love toward others.

This Week's Kingdom Work

- Wed. 7:30pm Worship: *Faith, which trusts Jesus' forgiveness, loves our neighbor as ourselves*
Sun. 9:00am Worship: *The one thing needful*

News & Notes

Schedule change: On Sunday, August 12, our worship time will be 10:30am instead of 9:00am.

Website: Check out our new website for St. John's at <http://stjohnslutheran.freehostia.com>. Let Pastor Bitter know if you have any suggestions.

After Church Social: If you want to provide refreshments for after Sunday worship, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

July Ushers: Barry Nelson (capt.), Jason Brown, Jeff Flaten, Ryan Flaten, Dick Lubenow, Eric Zeltwanger

July Cleaners: Dick & Judy Lubenow; Tom & Elaine Mohr

Greeters for July 29: Don & Janet Spencer

WELS NEWS

MINNESOTA DISTRICT CMO OFFERINGS THROUGH MAY:
SUBSCRIPTION: \$927,605
ACTUAL: \$961,696