

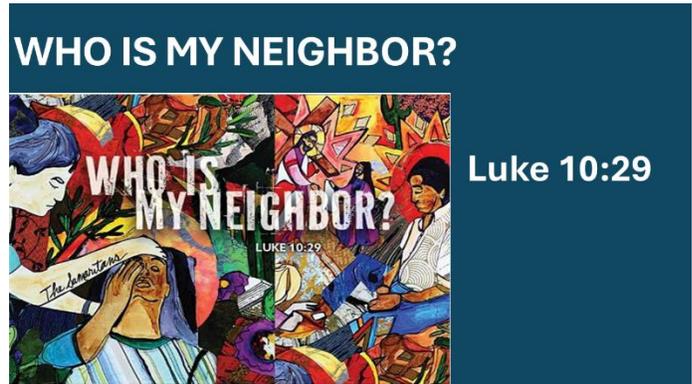
July 13th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, July 10–16

Lectionary 15



We begin Colossians and continue through Luke, this Sunday proclaiming what is perhaps the most well-known passage in the New Testament. The oil of our baptism and the wine of holy communion is given us for our healing.

[Deuteronomy 30:9-14](#)

Since the lectionary pairs Deuteronomy 6:4 with Mark 12:28-34, Deuteronomy 30 is chosen to complement the Good Samaritan story. This passage not only includes the command to turn to God with all one's heart and soul, but it places the word concerning obedience "very near." Thus the needy neighbor, that is, the religious life, is not "up in heaven" or "beyond the sea," but right here.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard Moses' call to turn to God, who is near to us, we join in [Psalm 25:1-10](#). The psalm, which praises God as gracious and compassionate, asks God to forgive our sins and to teach us how we are to live. The "way" that the psalm refers to sets us up to hear about the road to Jericho.

[Colossians 1:1-14](#)

The lectionary now begins a three-week semi-continuous reading of Colossians. Just as the first reading reminds us that the word is very near to us, the author of Colossians describes the community as already having the knowledge of God and experiencing redemption. We are already in the kingdom: now we are to produce the fruits of God's will.

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

Our baptism has brought us into a community of mercy, those who willingly help all those in need. Loving those in need, messy and inconvenient though it may be, is the Christian way to love the Lord our God.