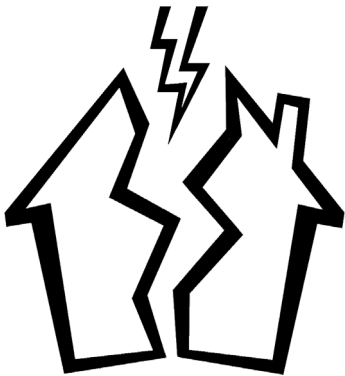


Pentecost 5

June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 8 (Year A)

Peace and conflict are major themes in the Scripture readings for today. The prophet Jeremiah insists that true peace comes only through the Lord. Jesus warns his followers that they will seek peace, but by following him, they will more likely experience conflict. Knowing that we are sinners who have been forgiven gives us peace in our hearts, even as our discipleship in the world may bring about suffering.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9 **Differing Prophet Opinions**

The prophets Jeremiah and Hananiah disagreed over the nature of what was coming for the exiles and what was the true path to peace. While Hananiah predicted a rapid and easy peace, Jeremiah insisted that peace will only come through Israel’s repentance and God’s forgiveness. Time, said Jeremiah, would reveal the true prophet.

Psalms 119:153-160 **Give Me Life**

The virtues of following God’s laws and precepts are extolled as the psalmist asked for God’s reviving power in his life.

Second Reading: Romans 7:1-13 **Law Shows Our Sin**

Paul used the analogy of marriage to explain to the Roman Church what it meant to have died to the law through the body of Christ and now belong to Christ. The Law is holy and not sin, but knowledge of the law is what brings about an awareness of our sinfulness.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:34-42 **Warning and Hope**

Jesus told the disciples that his ministry — and that of the disciples who would participate in it — would be fraught with opposition and division. Conflict would touch their closest relationships as the call placed upon each of their lives drew them closer to Christ and away from what once was important. Jesus also promised that those who welcomed his disciples would be given a heavenly reward. Serving the lowliest of people is as simple as giving a cup of cool water.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: Green

- In Ordinary Time use either the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles’ Creed.

Following Jesus is not a venture that was promised to us to be free from strife or conflict. On the contrary, he warned us that troubles would come when we followed after him. Some excellent modern examples of disciples who had strife in their lives because of following Jesus might be mentioned today:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Martin Luther King Jr.
Billy Graham
C.S. Lewis
Mother Teresa
Oscar Romero

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	487	---	685	802	---	---
God of Grace, God of Glory	415	---	850	705	---	---
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
When Morning Gilds the Skies	545	---	807	853	---	---
Where Charity and Love Prevail	126	---	845	359	---	---
Just As I Am, Without One Plea	296	---	570	592	193	193
Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus	389	---	660	---	78	78
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life	429	---	---	719	---	---
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	230	---	655	517	71	71
O Christ, Our Hope	300	---	553	604	---	web

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
Living Hope (CCLI# 7106807)
I’ll Serve You (CCLI# 1319304)
How Beautiful (CCLI# 443594)
It is Well (Through it All) (CCLI# 7021972)
Peace (CCLI# 5720246)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.