Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18 (ESV)
18 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 
2 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. 
3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. 
4 You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. 
5 You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord. 
6 “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.
7 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. 
8 “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 
9 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.
10 “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 
11 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. 
12 “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 
13 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.
14 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 
15 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

16 Colossians 1:1-14 (ESV)
1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 
2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 
3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 
4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 
5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 
6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 
7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 
8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 
9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 
10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. 
11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 
26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 
27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 
28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” 
29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 
30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 
31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 
32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 
33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 
34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 
35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ 
36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” 
37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”
Theme of the Day ~ Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan. The Law commands that “you shall love the Lord your God” with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall “love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves “to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers” (Luke 10:36). Therefore, “you go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). By “your faith in Christ Jesus” and “because of the hope laid up for you in heaven” (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

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Our Measure of Love and Gifts
Attendance last week – 61 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion $4,072
~ Received for the Lord’s Work $1,908 = Loose Plate $150, Envelopes $1588, Mission $35, Maintenance $135; Cap. Prj. $6.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Jul 15- Colin Richnak; Jul 16- JoAnn Frost; Jul 17- Shannon Knapik, Ashley Rich; Jul 19 - Michelle Osmond; Jul 20- Jason Foster; Jul 21- Daniel Berger.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7.

Flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 20th wedding anniversary of Doug and Laura Hollingsworth.

Brinley Jo Hodges, daughter of Joshua and Rebecca (Knoll) Hodges will be received into the kingdom of grace through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning. Sponsors for Brinley are Nicole Mayer, Elizabeth Cojeen, Andy Cojeen, and Andrew Frasle. May this child, into whom the Holy Spirit places saving faith through this sacrament, nurture her all her life on God’s Word and the Lord’s Supper to be kept faithful to Jesus for eternity.

Zion’s 8th Annual Car/Tractor Show will be held Sunday, July 31. Bring your car, tractor, cycle or old relic and reminisce about the “old days”, or just come and look and visit. Pie and Quilt auction at 3 pm. Concessions will be available. Questions? See Jack Traub.