



**May 8, 2025**

***Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith***  
**Salvation Army**

**Social Time**

**Thanks to those who brought treats!**

**Bible Study Business**

**Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymns – Lisa Schlotterbeck**

♪ LBW 509 *Onward Christian Soldiers*

♪ ELW 712 *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*

♪ ELW 677 *This Little Light of Mine*

**Salvation Army Music Montage** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMV\\_hO\\_dcso](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMV_hO_dcso)

**Scripture**

**Matthew 25:35-40**

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

**John 13:3-15**

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet,<sup>[b]</sup> but is entirely clean. And you<sup>[c]</sup> are clean, though not all of you.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?” <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

### **Ephesians 6:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, <sup>12</sup> for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup> and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these,<sup>[h]</sup> take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **Overview – Faith in Action, Salvation Army in the UK**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HR-2A6PI6lc>

### **Discussion**

1. Have you had experience with the Salvation Army? If so, please share.
2. How do you understand the focus of the Salvation Army?
  - a. How does this fit with other church/social service organizations you’re familiar with?
3. What do you think about the decision not to offer the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion?
4. What do you think about the framing of this church/service organization in military terms – at war with evil?
5. Over the past two weeks we have studied two church organizations – The Salvation Army and The Pentecostal Church – who were formed at least in part to appeal to poor people, those on the margins, and those who didn’t grow up in the church because it was perceived that the mainline churches weren’t welcoming to these groups.
  - a. Why do you think this might be the case?
  - b. What lessons might mainline churches like our own learn from this?
6. What aspects of the Salvation Army faith do you admire?
7. What aspects of the Salvation Army faith are not compatible with the Lutheran faith?

## Birthdays

### Closing Prayer - Open My Life

Heavenly Father,

Open my eyes  
to see as you see and weep as you weep

Open my heart  
to love the broken and care for those without hope

Open my hands  
to hold what I have lightly and to share cheerfully

Open my mouth  
to speak for the voiceless and to shout for mercy

Open my ears  
to the gentle whispers of your Spirit and to obey what you say

Open up my life  
to the call of your voice and the needy cries of the dying

Amen

~ written by Fred Drummond. Posted on the **Tear Fund** website. <http://www.tearfund.org/>

### Lord's Prayer

### Upcoming Schedule

Date	Pages	Topic
5/8	114-116	Salvation Army
5/15	76-81	Judaism
5/22		Pre-Memorial Day Weekend – No Bible Study
5/29	67-71	Islam – guest speaker
6/5		Field Trip – Mount Zion Jewish Temple
6/12	9-22	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Preface & Introduction
6/19	23-35	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Love
6/26	37-54	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Joy
7/3		Off for Independence Day Holiday
7/10	55-67	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Peace
7/17	69-82	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Patience
7/24	83-96	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Kindness
7/31	97-112	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness
8/7	113-125	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Faithfulness
8/14	127-142	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Gentleness
8/21	143-164	Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit – Self Control (+ Conclusion & Epilogue)
8/28		Labor Day Holiday – No Bible Study
9/4		New Topic for Fall