

## characters: Outsiders & Insiders

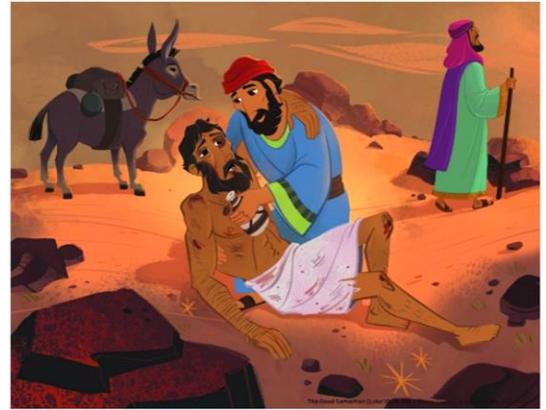
God's love know NO boundaries and OBLITERATES the ones we try to establish.

The world is full of messages aiming to put us "in our place," to identify us as being "in" or "out," "cool" or "not cool," part of the group or outside it. The conversations about race and immigration in our country include these messages WRIT LARGE.

Our kids often deal with these messages maybe *even* more magnified as part of the *very* culture of school, home, work, music groups or sports teams, etc. They are all too aware of where they rank in the pack, of how the do or don't fit in.

One of the clear and consistent messages of scripture is God's willingness and ability to both identify and accompany those on the margins. Time and again we hear of a God who knows, *loves*, creates, *forgives*, walks with, works in, delights in, folks like us. Through Jesus, we are called "daughters and sons."

The character we encounter today is probably one of the best known, even though he might not have even existed. He's a character in a parable—a story—Jesus tells. And while the persona of that character still lives in the language of our culture even today—i.e., "*I was unexpectedly helped by a 'Good Samaritan'*"—there would've been an outrageous shock for Jesus' original audience who were well-schooled in the realities of insiders and outsiders. And Samaritans were UNQUESTIONINGLY outsiders. Yes, "the moral" of Jesus' story is, "Go and do likewise." But undergirding that is a sense of boundary-erasing inclusion of those we would call outsiders who through God's grace, mercy, and love become insiders, even putting to shame those who would consider themselves insiders.



## INVITE

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**NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION:** *Today we will begin a step back toward normalcy with the return of the Lord's Supper. There will be **2 ways** to receive this morning:*

- **Drive Up**—*Immediately following this morning's broadcast, both Pastor Mike & Pastor Kari will be out on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to distribute communion. You can come from either the north or the south.*

*Only Pastor Mike & Pastor Kari have handled the preparations for the meal with sanitized hands and masks on.*

*The elements of bread and wine will be handed to you at an arm's length, with our masks on, and having sanitized our hands immediately prior to distribution.*

*We will sanitize our hands again in between each vehicle.*

*Please keep and dispose properly of the communion cup you will be handed.*

*We will remain curbside for Holy Communion until about 10:45am.*

- **At Home**—*If you are unable to join us for the Drive Up Communion, please make sure you have bread and wine at home or wherever you are.*

*The bread can be bread of any kind—plain old "store bread," homemade, even crackers or anything that's bread-like.*

Likewise, the wine can be either red or white, or, grapejuice.

**Please set aside a plate and cup—again, of any kind, from grandma’s fine china to your regular, everyday dinnerware—and plan on using those and only those for the duration that we have to Holy Communion this way.**

Immediately following the Words of Institution at the end of the service, please serve the people with whom you living with the bread and wine, “The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you are by yourself, receive in faith the presence of Christ in these extraordinary circumstances, who gathers us all together by God’s grace: “The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you.

## PRELUDE –

Barb Larsen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

**\* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS—FOR THOSE OF YOU WORSHIPING AT HOME, WE INVITE YOU TO SET ASIDE SMALL BOWL OF WATER TO SERVE AS YOUR BAPTISMAL FOUNT DURING THIS TIME. CHOOSE A BOWL THAT WILL “REMAIN” YOUR BOWL.**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God tells us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We pause in silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most Merciful God,

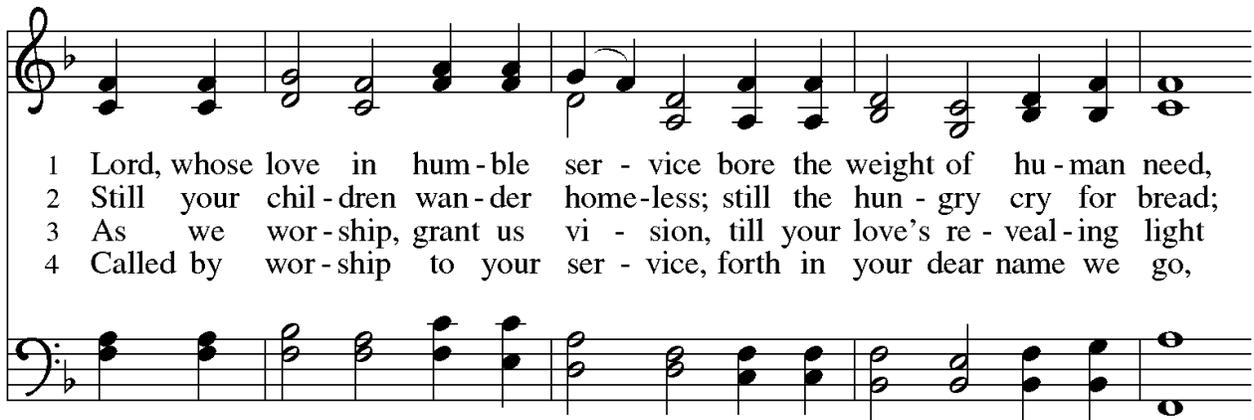
**C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. But for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us. And lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by the authority Jesus has given his Church to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, I

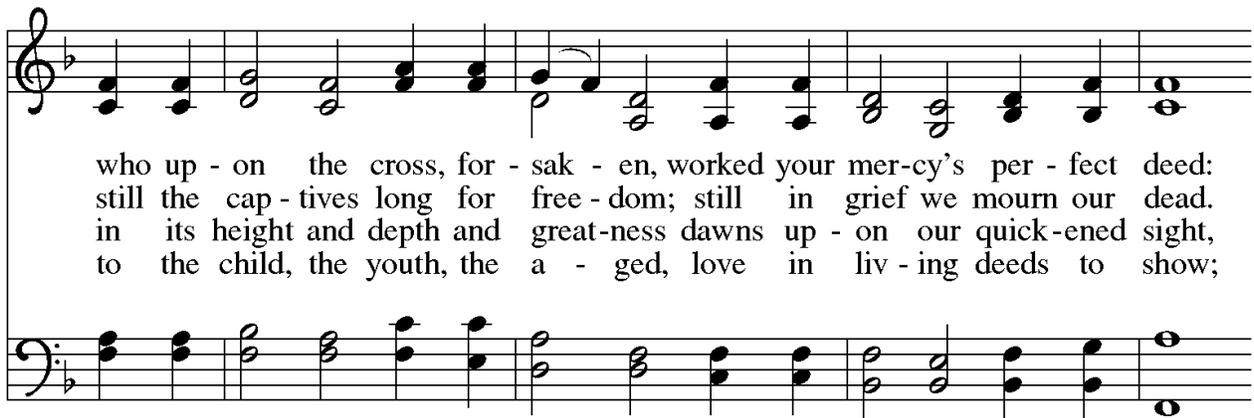
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

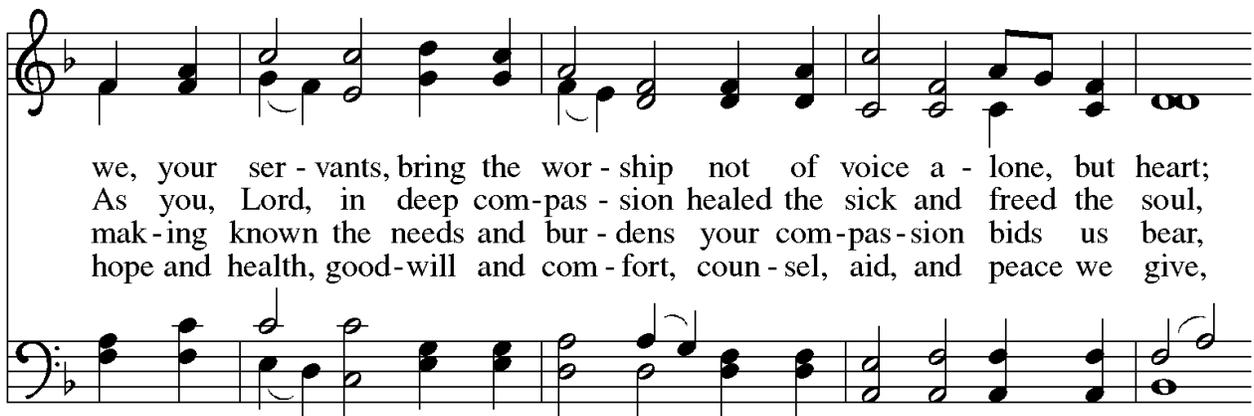
\* OPENING HYMN | #712 "LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE"



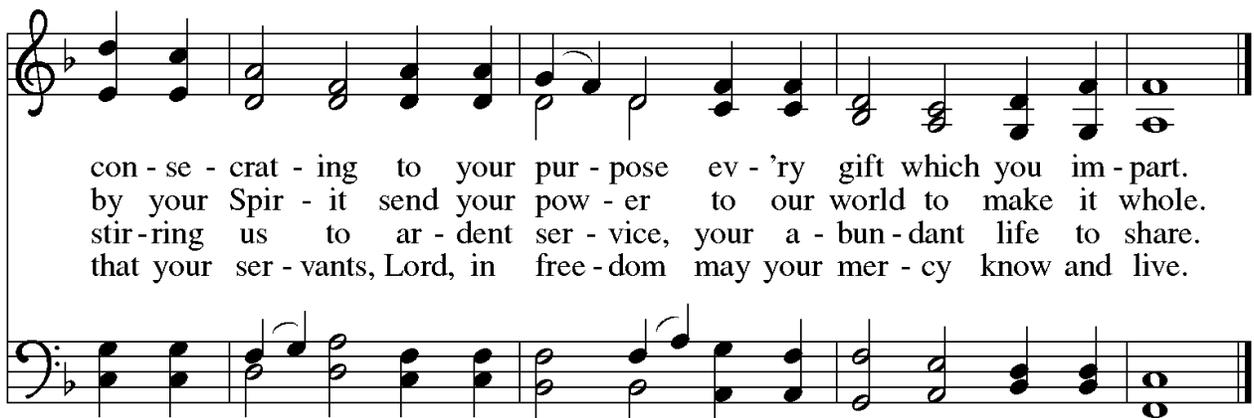
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## \* GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. *(Silence is kept to gather all for prayer.)*

**C Lord, your son taught us that in your kingdom there are no boundaries between peoples, no insiders and outsiders, no haves and have nots, no walls erected to keep us safe from the Samaritans of our day. There is only compassion for those in need and a love that transcends artificial barriers, so that as we “go and do likewise,” we bind the wounds of a broken world with the healing power of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## EQUIP

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### THE WORD—Luke 10:25-37

R The reading comes from the Gospel of Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

27 The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

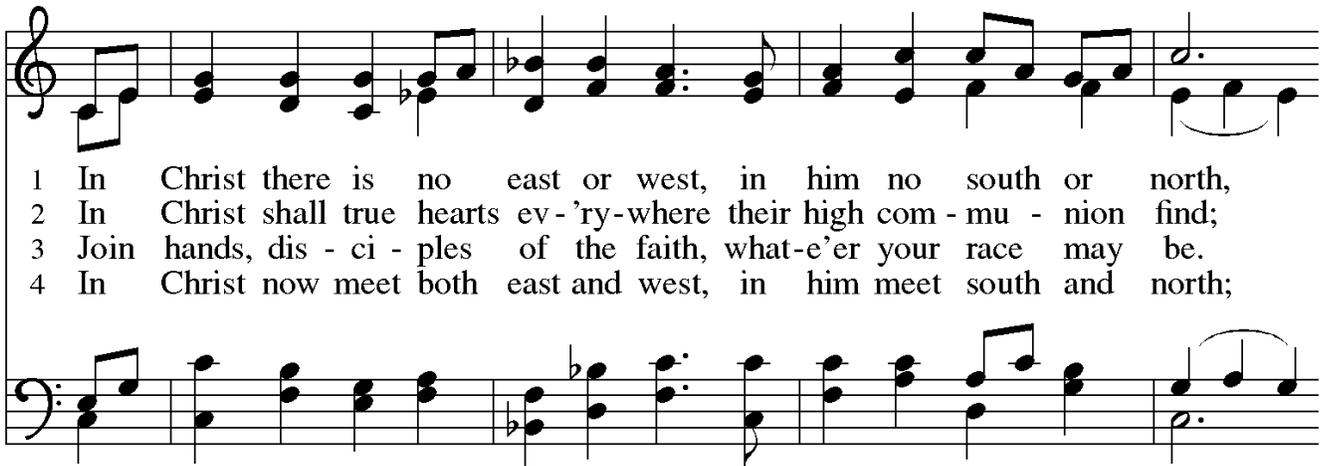
This is the Good News of Jesus.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

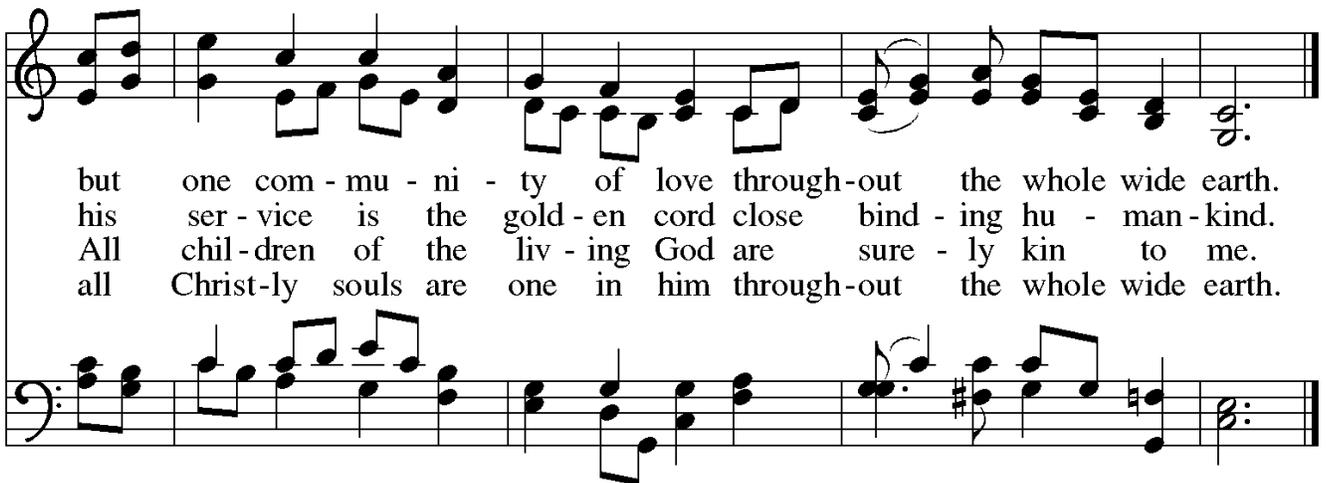
**KIDS' TIME—PASTOR MIKE**

**SERMON—PASTOR MIKE**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY | #650 "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"**



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

**\* APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH—PLEASE ADD YOUR PRAYERS TO OUR LIVEFEED COMMENTS.**

*AFTER EACH PETITION, ALL ARE INVITED TO SING THE REFRAIN INCLUDED HERE:*

*Refrain*  
All

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
death in - to life. life.

L Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and each whom we know and love, according to their needs.

*The prayers of the Church are offered.*

*The prayers are concluded with these or similar words:*

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC |**

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S SUPPER—Please see the notes at the beginning of this service for instruction for receiving communion this morning.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it, and gave to all to eat saying, "Take and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same manner after the supper, Jesus took the cup and gave thanks. He gave for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and cup... and the bread and cups and you have assembled at home... we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the foundation of our faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P For those of you who are at home: may this the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's grace, from now to life everlasting.

**C Amen.**

*Those communing at home are invited to serve one another: "The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you."*

**\* SENDING BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**\* INVITATION**

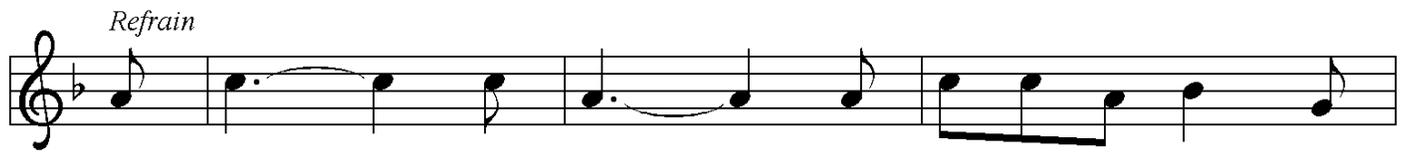
P These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God. Come, for all is ready!

**C Thanks be to God!**

*If you are planning on communing this morning, please start making your way to the Church!*

\* CLOSING HYMN | #708 "JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE"

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 this is the way we will live with you.



**A REMINDER ABOUT GENEROSITY IN THE SUMMER:**

Our gratitude to God is extended to the people and leadership that has been offered during these extraordinary times. Eldon Johnson, Collin Miller, Bob Minks, and Pam Ross have been GODSENDS over this time in keeping an eye on the finances of our congregation, especially in filling out and submitting the application for the Payroll Protection Plan monies made available through the Federal government. Those proceeds have been applied in the areas we were required to use them (mainly payroll), which helped us keep a healthy, positive cash flow up to this point.

**But we are now entering what have been for us traditionally lean months of giving.** And our faithfulness to God's calling, even in this time, is to be responsible for our financial commitments, not least of which include our ministry partners (like the Synod and Camp Onomia); our buildings

(including, of course, our mortgage on Trinity Crossing); and of course, our staff! **But we cannot be faithful to that calling without your trust and faithfulness in your generosity.**

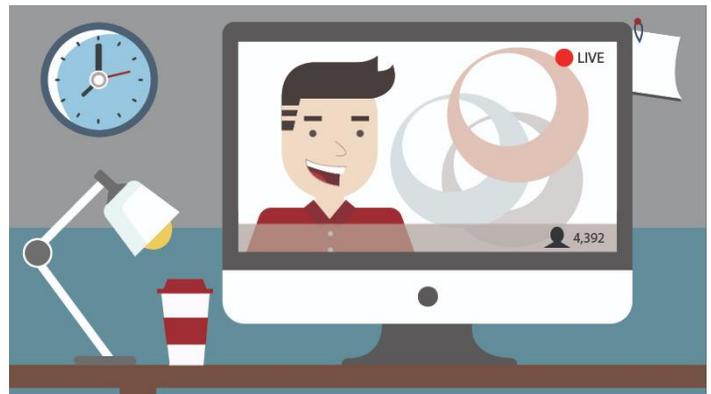
There are still any number of ways to give:

- **By Mail**—we have a reliable process for making sure that all offerings are out of the building every single day and deposited right way. It is safe, even with our mostly shuttered building.
- **By Drop Off**—Just to the right of the front doors of the church is a secure mail slot that is only accessible by lock and key on the inside of the church building. *If you must be out and about, you can drop your gifts off in the church mail slot.*
- **On-line**—You can [CLICK HERE](#) to give RIGHT NOW, if you want, and that gift can also be set-up to come in a recurring way. (This is the link you would follow from our website by clicking on the offering plate image there.) This is THE most efficient way of signing up for Simply Giving, which is administered by Vanco, one of the most secure e-commerce companies in the industry.
- **Automatic Withdrawal**—Contact your bank.
- **By App**—Both the Apple and Google Play app stores have a free app called “GivePlus.” Once downloaded to your device, simply search for “Trinity Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN”; follow the directions for registering; and set-up your giving in whatever way works for your faithful generosity, one time, recurring, or whatever.

Thank you again for supporting God’s mission for us, even in these times of separation and uncertainty.

## Live Stream Fundraiser

As life gradually starts to move to our new normal, one thing that will not be changing any time soon is the need for Trinity to continue its live broadcast ministry. The Reentry Team has been busy working to create a plan for having in-person worship in the near future. However, full in person attendance is not likely for some time. As



we start allowing people to attend worship in person, the current live broadcast setup will not be manageable and a more permanent solution will be needed. When the budget for this year was being put together no one had even heard of the coronavirus. Since this is not something that was planned for, we are creating a special fundraiser specifically for raising funds for the equipment needed for a permanent live stream broadcast. We have created a two phase plan, and the details of each phase are listed below. If you want to be part of making this happen, please give online or mail your gift to the Church office at 111 6th ave N. Princeton, MN 55371. Be sure to mark your gift for LiveStream. Thank you.

**Phase 1** consists of what is needed in order to broadcast the live stream on a permanent basis. The goal is to implement this phase as soon as possible, meaning when funds are available they will be used. Any funds not used for Phase 1 will be moved to Phase 2.

**Phase 1 Goal: \$10,000**

## Equipment Needed:

- 2x computers (one for the live stream, one for the projection software)
- 2x 24" monitors for the computers
- 2x Cameras (one main view, one side area views)
- Projection software
- Network Equipment
- Cabinetry for an AV Station

**Phase 2** is our long term vision for adding visual elements into worship. This will allow us to move away from printed materials and move toward pre-recorded announcements, preaching illustrations, adding seasonal color and art, music, etc. The goal for this phase is to have it available for the Christmas season.

## Phase2 Goal: \$15,000

## Equipment Needed:

- 2x 98" Television screens
- 1 65" Leaders monitor
- Mounting poles
- Hardware and cabling

THANKS!!

## THE RETURN OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION—3 OPTIONS

### 1. AT-BUT-NOT-IN YOUR HOME:

- Pastors Mike & Kari will be in touch with you to see about your receptivity to figuring out a way to bring you Holy Communion in a safe, physically distant way from at least 6 feet away.
- We will be masked, for sure, and would be traveling both with cloth masks that you can have if you need as well as disposables that would be used during our time of Communion.
- We will be travelling with sanitary, pre-filled cups of wine and wafers.
- For your safety, we would not be entering your house. But can we meet you on your front step? How about in a shady spot in your yard? We'll be traveling with a collapsible TV tray where we can place the bread and wine and step back while you receive those signs of God's loving presence with you through Jesus.
- Liz will be helping the pastors by phoning you to see if she can arrange an appointment. **Or, you may call ahead to arrange an appointment: Office: 763-389-2671 Pastor Mike: 763-333-4499 Pastor Kari: 701-509-3005**

### 2. DURING OUR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP: SUNDAY, AUG. 16.

- **We want to approach this way of receiving communion under these extraordinary circumstances in a reverential and worshipful manner.** We suggest that you use a plate and cup that you would set aside for this particular purpose throughout the current situation of the pandemic.



- Similarly, you will need to gather your own bread and wine or grape juice. Regular bread or crackers are just fine. The color of the wine or grape juice doesn't matter.
- At the end of our livestream broadcast on **Sunday, Aug. 16**, the Pastors will gather us through the Words of Institution that remind us of this great gift for our lives of faith, *"In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and broke it..."*.
- Further instruction will take place during the service. **But 'Holy Communion' becomes Holy Communion with the words you see and hear proclaimed to you, "The body and blood of Christ, broken FOR YOU."** At that point, share the bread and wine with the others in your household. Or, receive it by yourself in the faith that the Word says what it truly IS: the presence of God's love in Jesus FOR YOU.

### **3. DRIVE-UP COMMUNION AFTER OUR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9.**

- At the end of our livestream broadcast on **Sunday, August 16**, the Pastors will gather us through the Words of Institution that remind us of this great gift for our lives of faith, *"In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and broke it..."*.
- **As the service concludes, you are invited to drive to the church where the pastors will meet you on 6th Avenue.** The elements will either be the sanitary pre-packed units or traditional wafers and cups prepared by the Pastors while masked and gloved.
- The pastors will remain curbside until about 10:45am.
- The elements will be handed to you in your car from an arm's-length distance. If there are others from your household with you in the vehicle, you will need to commune them by handing them their bread and wine.
- The pastors will offer a blessing for each vehicle.
- Please keep the cup and dispose of it on your own.
- The pastors will be masked and will use hand sani between each vehicle.

#### **Prayer List**

##### **Members**

Dorothy Bergstrom  
 Florence Botzek  
 Jeri Ann Bredemus  
 Jim Dery  
 Susan Deyle  
 Katey Donais  
 Dale Dunham  
 Marlene Foss  
 Adolph Hamann  
 Marlys Hanson  
 Phil Knapp  
 Bruce Lacher  
 Tad Larsen  
 Del Liestman  
 Jamie Lundberg  
 Chellis Matz

Sharon Matz  
 Anikka Miller  
 Jean Miller  
 Emily Nelson  
 Ed Peterson  
 Bev Reed  
 Warren Reed  
 Dina Scandinato  
 Cindy Schmatz  
 Loren Schroeder  
 Carol Skare  
 Matt Skarohlid  
 Brenda Smith  
 Anne Stevenson  
 Eric Strandberg  
 Joyce Tessmer  
 Prudence Tessmer & family  
 Ardy Tourville

Carol Warner  
 Chuck Warner  
 Barb Wicktor  
 Russ Wicktor  
 Dean Winslow  
 Ginny Winslow

##### **Family Members & Friends**

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son)  
 Isabella Borunda (Roger & Jan Gale's grand daughter)  
 Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson)  
 Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's uncle)  
 Jean Carlson (Chuck Warner's sister)

Virg Carlson (Chuck & Carol Warner's brother in-law)  
Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in-law)  
David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle)  
Rachel Fadden( friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery)  
Jan Gale's daughter Jamie  
Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law)  
Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister)  
Shirley Heyns (Chellis Matz sister)  
Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend)  
Evelyn Kingma (June Kunkel's sister in-law)  
Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Dery's sister)  
Janet Kruetter (Joy Christenson's sister)

Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)  
Bryce Murphy (friend of Marlowe Miller)  
Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother)  
Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother)  
Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)  
Tracy Pidde( Princeton 3rd grade teacher)  
Justin Poorker ( Jim & Jan Dery grandson)  
Amanda Ridout (friend of the Pancoast Family)  
Rob Savage ( Friend of the Keller family)  
Robin Schmidt (Jan Gerth's daughter)  
Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother)  
Patty Thul's Sister Sheri  
Stacy Turner (Marlowe & Jean Miller's daughter)

Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)  
Eric Webster (friend of the Morisset family)  
Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

### **Serving in the Military**

Andrew Anderson  
Andrew Barthel  
Claire Barthel  
Jacob Benver  
Brady Beauchamp  
Eden Betzler  
Ronald Duresky  
Riley Forland  
Derek Hanson  
Anthony Mandt  
Zachary Morisset  
Ben Noard  
Parker Pedersen  
Jaden Thimmesch