



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

LUKE 10:29



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Where the welcome is wide
and the love is real.

Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or any needs, please let a name-tagged usher know. We hope that you experience God's love during worship today.

Our Purpose:

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

Our Goals:

Enliven faith through worship and learning

Cultivate shared leadership as disciples of Jesus

Engage children, youth, and families

Bridge the gaps with home-insecure neighbors

Build authentic relationships across difference

Welcome

About today: *We gather as a community for worship around word, wine, and water. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together.*

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5 p.m., Sunday outdoor worship at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed).



To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

5th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m., July 13, 2025

ORGAN PRELUDE

Bell Benedictus
Scott Fredericks, Organist

Weaver

PRELUDE

Lord, You Are Near Me
Madison Maloney, Soloist

Patterson

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another and share the peace respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**All: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

Pastor: You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith.

The good news is that God does not give up on any one of us.

In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
Your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

During the singing of the hymn, Children second grade and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the Musical Offering.

HYMN

Gather Us In

**ELW#532
Haugen**

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- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ THE WORD ✠

THE READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:4-10

⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁵ **Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁷ **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.**

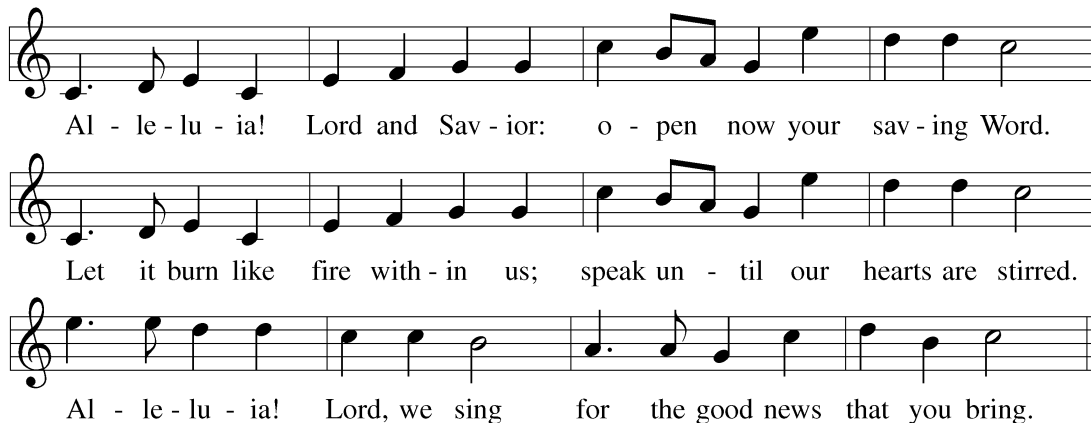
⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ **You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.**

¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

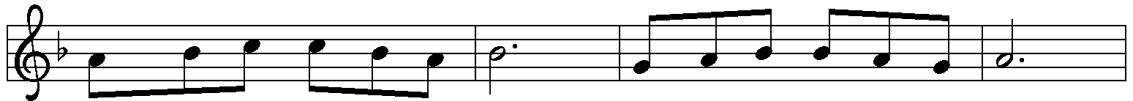
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Refrain

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH***Apostles' Creed***

Leader: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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 to the dead.
 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

Leader: Each petition concludes, “*God of grace,*” and the congregation responds, “*hear our prayer.*”

Please be seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Will Never Fail You
Madison Maloney, Soloist

Berry

GENEROSITY MOMENT WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We celebrate God’s generosity embodied in this community’s time, talents, and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the “first fruits” of your finances. Offerings may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/exits of the worship space or through online giving on our website, or through our text-to-give program at 717-613-6204. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be

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Havergal



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Creator God,

**All: in your wisdom, you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

✠ THE MEAL ✠

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in three ways. Choose what is appropriate for you.

Individual packets are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.

If you are unable to come forward, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.

Continuous manner – Come forward at the direction of the ushers, take the wafer from the pastor, "The body of Christ, given for you", and eat it. (Gluten-free wafers are available) Then move to the next station and take one of the cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) "The blood of Christ, shed for you", and drink it.

Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

IN-PEW COMMUNION (WITH PACKETS)

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (Eat wafer)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (Drink wine)

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

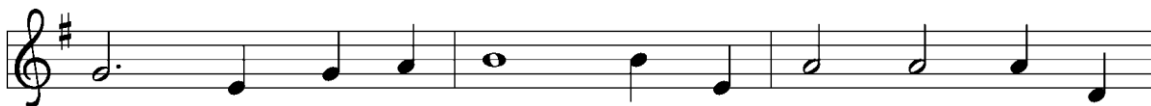
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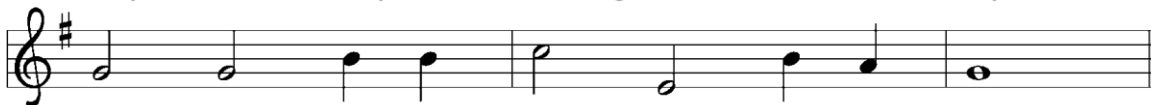
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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: God, our loving parent,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit,
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Pastor: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of Jesus fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ Bless you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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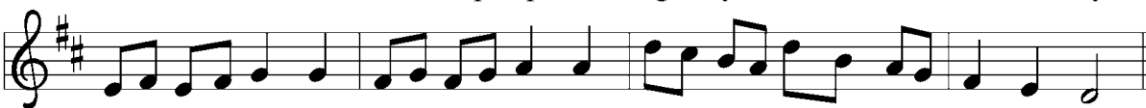
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1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro (Sonata No. 5)
Scott Fredericks, Organist

Marcello, arr. Edwards

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –
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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musicians Scott Fredericks, Organist; Madison Maloney, Soloist

Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel

Altar Guild Diane Hoffman-Neail, Nancy Oppedal

Assisting Minister.....Diane Hoffman-Neail

Children's Church Leader..... Amy Beck

Communion Assistants Sue Covert, Phil Covert
Communion Preparers..... Penny Rutters, Barbara Strangfeld
Couriers Sue Covert, Amy Beck
Greeters John & Barb Frederick
Lector Hailey Bucher
Live Stream Hailey Bucher, Doug West
Ushers Team 1: Tom Shultz, Bob & Kit Curlen, Sean Huston, John Mancini

Today we welcome back Minister of Music Emeritus Scott Fredericks, to play the organ. We thank him for continuing to share his musical gifts with us.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Markle by his wife Carolyn, in celebration of their wedding anniversary on July 13th.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Markle by his wife Carolyn, in celebration of their wedding anniversary on July 13th.

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Linda Quicksell	Barbara Rebling	Nancy Leister
Roland Kunde	Dan Markle	Lucas Cherry
Barbara Hoffman		

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning July 13:

Sunday: Luke 10:25-37

Thursday: Hebrews 5:1-6

Monday: James 2:1-7

Friday: Ephesians 3:14-21

Tuesday: 1 John 3:11-17

Saturday: Luke 8:4-10

Wednesday: Matthew 25:31-46

Our pastors would love to visit you if you are in the hospital/rehab facility. If you or a family member would like that, please contact the church office at 717-637-7101 or email *info@stmattlutheran.org*.

An update from Dave Brodbeck, Facilities Manager of St. Matthew:

1The remodel of the kitchen in Fellowship Hall is complete. Overlay Formica countertops were installed; new ceramic backsplash; freshly painted ceilings, walls and wooden cabinets; a new garbage disposal; and we purchased a larger freeze.

2 We are currently in the process of updating the flooring in the Nave, Sacristy, flower room and candle room; the second and third floors of the church building.

3 Carpets in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall will also be replaced.

An Important Announcement from Church Council:

We are very excited to announce that St. Matthew is beginning a new, broader partnership with Community Progress Council (CPC) of York County. Beginning July 1, CPC will be renting four rooms; two rooms on the third floor, rooms 301 and 302 for two Head Start classes; and on the 2nd floor, rooms 203 and 204. These rooms will be used for counseling services for the SNAP program, WIC, and other family counseling. CPC will also be renting 20 parking spaces in the upper parking lot. Those spaces will be marked with signs and will be used by the CPC staff and their clients.

This past year, Community Progress Council of York County rented room 302 for a Head Start classroom. They rented space from New Hope Ministries for their two offices, but realized they needed space for a second classroom in Hanover and to expand their services to meet the needs of this area, all in a more centralized location. They approached St. Matthew, and after a walkthrough of the second and third floor, and much discussion, there was mutual agreement that St. Matthew could meet their needs for more space.

CPC's website states, *"CPC's team of coaches, counselors, educators, nutritionists and support staff are poised to address both short- and long-term needs, while helping program participants set goals and begin to make progress in their lives one step at a time."* They work with families in the area and this aligns so well with our purpose of welcoming all as we share God's love and our goal of bridging the gaps with home-insecure neighbors. We are grateful to be partnering with CPC in this endeavor. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 717-637-7101 or via email at info@stmattlutheran.org and we can direct you to a Council member or pastor who can best answer your questions.

SIGN-UP FORM

Please fill out the pertinent part(s) for you, tear off this page and put in the offering basket or email the church office at *info@stmattlutheran.org*, listing what you are signing up for and the information requested. See Announcements Page for more details.

_____ I'd like to receive _____ e-mail updates and/or _____ newsletter in the mail. (Provide name, e-mail, and/or mailing address)

_____ I am a member of St. Matthew and below is updated contact information.

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may

be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He 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." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:1-10e; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

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