

*The Samaritan,  
Mary and Martha*



TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, March 9, 2025  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

Karla Keller

**Welcome**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin  
and whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Compassionate One,*

**You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Through your Spirit of Love, transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly***

**Hymn #461**

1. All who hunger, gather gladly, holy manna is our bread,  
Come from wilderness and wandering, here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food,  
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest,  
Come from restlessness and roaming, here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood,  
Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread,  
Come from loneliness and longing, here, in peace, we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude,  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### **Invocation**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Liturgy**

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!

### **Canticle of Praise**

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Glory be to God in heaven, peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above;  
On the cross you died to save us, now you reign at God's right hand,  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us, in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you, Lord alone, to you we call,  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright,  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

*Compassionate God,*

**How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

## Children's Moment

Scott Cassidy

## Scripture Reading

### Luke 10:25-42

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 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." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

### Hymn of the Day

### *Softly and Tenderly*

### Hymn #608

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me,  
See, on the portals, He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

*Refrain:*

Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home,  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and me? (*Refrain*)
3. Oh for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me,  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.  
(*Refrain*)

### 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 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 of the Church

*Congregational Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing of the Peace

## Blessing of the Quilts and Underwear

### Offering

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### Offertory Response

***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***

**Hymn #814**

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### Closing Prayer

*O Lord God,*

**You led your people through the wilderness for forty years and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now through these forty days of Lent so that we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light,  
God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #733

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee,  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

### *Refrain:*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own great presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (*Refrain*)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Karla Keller

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## In Our Prayers:

Adam Hastings, Mike Pierson, Alden Hirsch, Mary Seifert, Jim Morrow,  
Dick Erickson, Shannon Mickelson (niece of Roger & Elvina Nelson),  
LeAnne Homa (mother of Loren Bottem), Ned Lindberg (brother of Tom Lindberg),  
Tim Swanson (brother of Roxanne Lunderby), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson),  
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family



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## **Announcements**

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Midweek Lent Services** Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9  
Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Worship at 7:00 pm (Onsite & Online)

**Lenten Devotional Books** We invite you to spend time in prayer during this Lenten season with a special devotional book called *There in God's Garden*. Devotional books are available in the narthex.

**Trinity Easter Garden Sale** Purchase a plant from the Trinity Easter Garden Sale to adorn our altar on Easter morning! Place your order by March 19. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center or order online at [www.trin.org/easter-garden](http://www.trin.org/easter-garden). All proceeds benefit this year's Trinity Youth trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

**March is Food Share Month** During the month of March, Trinity will be collecting non-perishable food items for Gather and Grow Food Shelf. Pick up an empty grocery bag from the back rows of pews to collect your foodshelf donations. Please return full grocery bags to church by Pack the Pews Sunday, March 30.

**We're forming a Pastoral Transition Team!** The Trinity Church Council is looking for a diverse group of volunteers to help complete the Ministry Site Profile, which will provide key insights into our congregation's identity, priorities, and future direction, which will help guide us through the steps of calling a new pastor. If you're interested in being part of this important process, please contact the church office or Dave Kind at 763-218-8713 or [dkeclb@yahoo.com](mailto:dkeclb@yahoo.com) by March 16.