

Prelude

Call to Worship

The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

How shall we answer?

We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

How shall we answer?

We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. Amen

Hymn *Come All Christians Be Committed* #498-W/507-B

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord, God, we hear the bad news continually shouted by the media. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and pestilence reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing because we are afraid to become involved. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Do not be afraid. God's love and forgiveness empower us to serve.

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world
without end. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading **Luke 10:25-37**

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ 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 given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ 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. 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 while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ The 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.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon

How do You Read?

Craig Hink

Hymn

Whatsoever You Do to the Least

#518-W

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at
your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast
all my cares upon you.*

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures,
here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Offering Prayer

We dedicate these gifts and our lives for service to You and others. Amen

Hymn

They'll Know We are Christians

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Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Corner

In Our Prayers:

Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf,
Bill Jones, Lois Schroeder, Bill Lehnertz, JoAnne Martens

Homebound:

Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor

LeSueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

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