

Pentecost 13

September 8, 2019

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

As we contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by Paul's request to Philemon: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C Gracious God, bless our city and make it a place of safety for all people, rich and poor. Give us grace to work in neighborhoods that are vibrant and whole, where the lost and forgotten in society are supported, and where the arts flourish. Make the diverse fabric of this city be a delight to all who live and visit here and build a strong bond uniting our community around common goals that are good for all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C Amen.

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our helper,

C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW HYMN 660

GREETING

P 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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

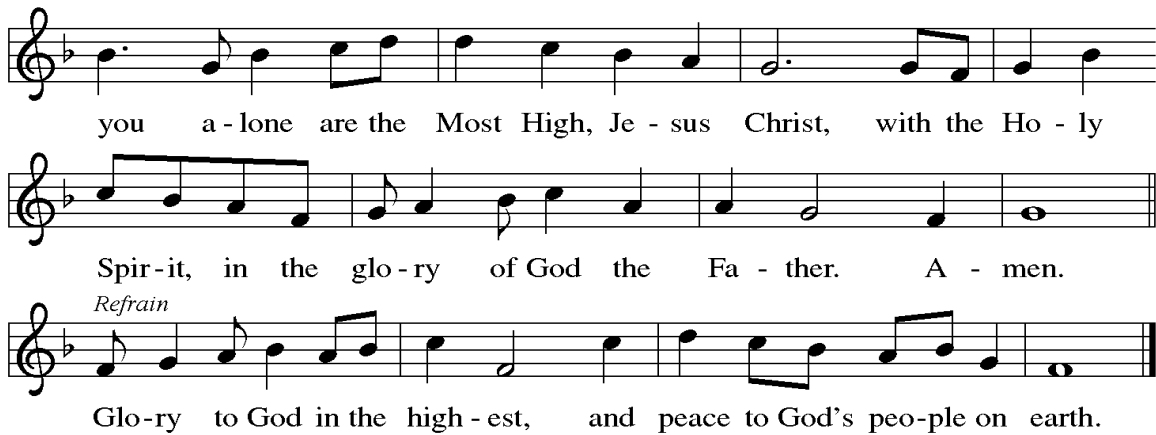


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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

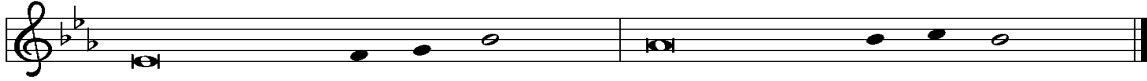
¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

Sung responsively



- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- ²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.
- ⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- ⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

SECOND READING: PHILEMON 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

- ¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a be-

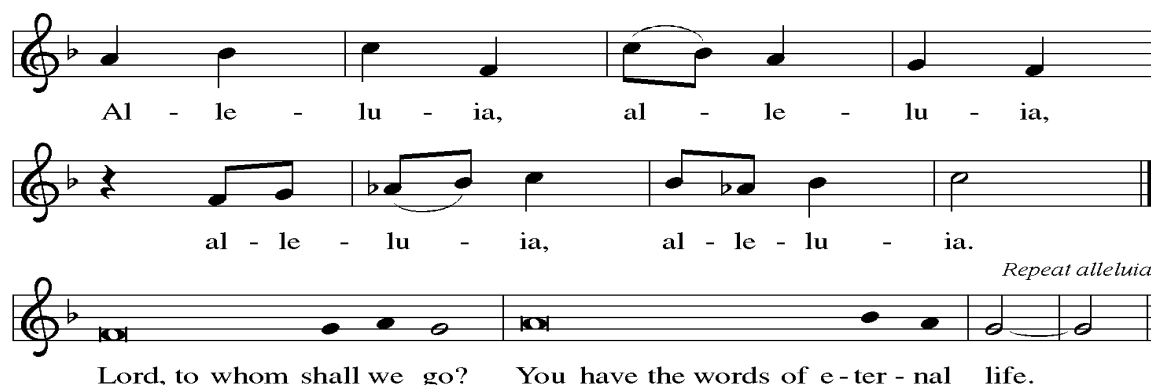
loved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Great crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and addressed them, ²⁶“If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ²⁹Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him ³⁰and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ ³¹Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? ³²But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a dele-

gation to ask for peace terms. ³³In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW HYMN 798

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

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

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A Turn our hearts, O God. Make us attentive to your call to take up the cross-shaped way of life, and to share your good news with a world in need. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn our hearts toward life in all its infinite varieties. We pray especially for all vanishing and endangered creatures who struggle to find a home in this world.

Open our eyes to the value of our interconnected relationships within your natural world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn our hearts toward all who yearn for calm and fairness. Where there is violence and conflict, grant peace. Where there is disparity, grant justice. Where there is hatred and fear, grant compassion and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn our hearts toward all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those in bondage to sin, addiction, poverty, physical slavery or human trafficking, and

those incarcerated or detained. For those in any need we pray, especially Linda Longren and Susan Fitz. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn our hearts toward the ministries of our congregations that feed the hungry, share with the needy, advocate for the silenced, and work for your justice. Embolden the hearts of Christ Lutheran in Wichita, Excelsior Lutheran in Wilson, Kansas and all participating in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday to labor without fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn our hearts toward those who celebrate this week. We pray for Eleanor Jewell and Janice Greenlee as they celebrate their birthdays, Ted Quast and Mary McGinnis as they remember their baptisms, and for Larry & Mary McGinnis as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn our hearts toward your eternal reign. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers who have died, trusting the promise of life forever with you. Marked by the cross of Christ, inspire us by their examples to live in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

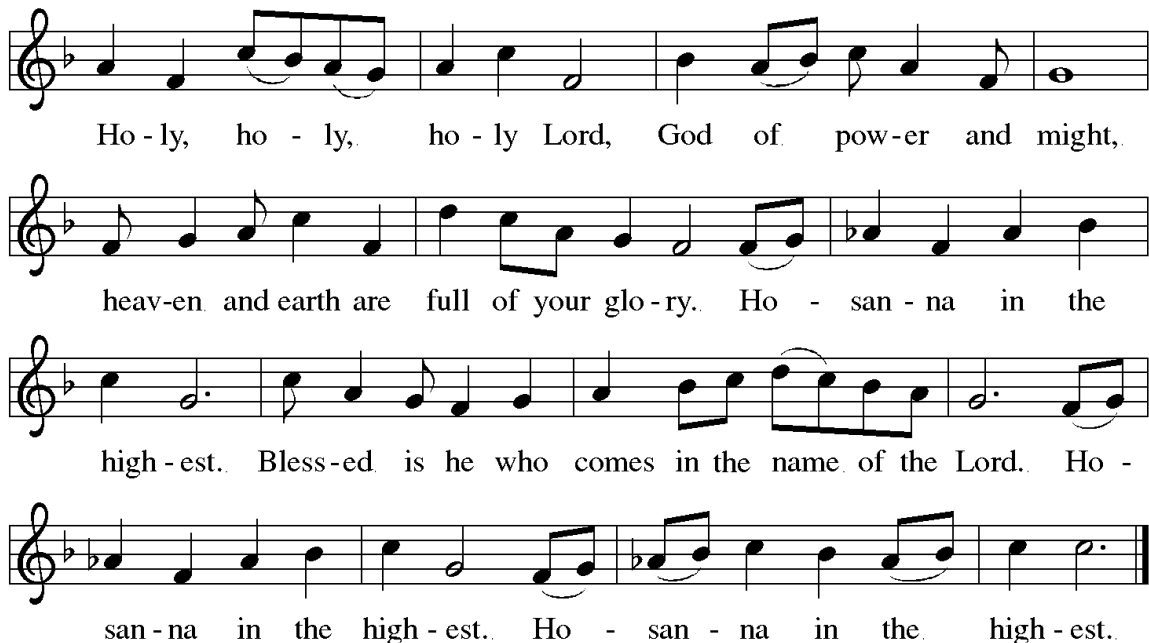
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C 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

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.
Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>Take My Life, That I May Be</i>	ELW HYMN 685
	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	ELW HYMN 818

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	ELW HYMN 803
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767

Don't forget about the upcoming Doorstep fundraisers. You may place your order for cinnamon rolls and/or tamales through Sept. 22nd. Delivery will be the week-end of Oct. 11th.

If you want a t-shirt for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run (Oct. 5th), you must register by tomorrow, Sept. 9th.

There is more information about both of these events on the table in the narthex.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
September 8, 2019	Martha Nemeth	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Rosie Nichols	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Howard & Loni Reece	Mary Heald	Pr. Andrew Patty
September 15, 2019	Sam & Charlotte Blenden	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, & Carol Marker	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty

Please call the church office, 233-0767, Cindy McGinnis, 785-506-5614, or Pr. Andrew, 423-748-9922, if you or a loved one is hospitalized. Hospitals do not contact us when a member is admitted. It is also necessary that we be advised when a patient moves from one location to another, such as from home to a care facility or from hospital to rehab.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 8 Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
Blood Pressure Checks after worship
 Worship & Music Meeting during coffee hour

Mon., Sept. 9..... Women's AA.....5:00 PM

Tues., Sept. 10 Quilters9:00 AM
Church Council Meeting.....5:30 PM

Wed., Sept. 11..... Women's AA.....5:30 PM
 Historic Old Town NIA Meeting.....6:30 PM

Thurs., Sept. 12 Men's AA 7:00 PM

Sunday, Sept. 15..... Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Aug. 11	\$2,557.00	\$390.00	\$2,947.00	-\$2,648.00	\$299.00	49/42
Aug. 18	\$1,581.00	\$635.00	\$2,216.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$432.00	51/41
Aug. 25	\$2,533.00	\$75.00	\$2,608.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$40.00	42/37
Sept. 1	\$2,296.00	\$35.00	\$2,331.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$317.00	41/37
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		July 2019	\$12,248.50	-\$8,788.61	\$3,459.89	
		Jan. - July	\$74,593.54	-\$74,275.72	\$317.82	

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Lucille Brill	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	
Marlene Hassan	Ron Owensby	





The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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