

WOUNDS THAT HEAL
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend
8-31-25

Theme: Wounds that Heal

Not all wounds are bad. A skilled surgeon takes a sharp scalpel and cuts deep. The result of that wound is not harm, but healing. In the same way, we often say that words cut us to the heart. Words can wound. In this series, Jesus shares truths that are painful to hear and take to heart. However Jesus speaks painful words, He intends to provide the very healing we need.

† GOD CALLS US †

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER

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

ALL: Amen

OPENING SONG
“Be Lifted High”

Sin and its ways grow old
All of my heart turns to stone
And I’m left with no strength to arise
I need to be lifted high

Sin and its ways lead to pain
Left here with hurt and shame
So no longer will I leave Your side
Jesus You be lifted high

Chorus:
You be lifted high,

You be lifted high
You be lifted high
In my life, Oh God
And I fall to my knees
So it's You that they see not I
Jesus You be lifted high

And even now that I'm inside Your hands
Help me not to grow prideful again
Don't let me forsake sacrifice
Jesus You be lifted high

And if I'm blessed with the riches of kings
How could I ever think that it was me?
For You brought me from darkness to light
Jesus, You be lifted high

Chorus:
You be lifted high,
You be lifted high
You be lifted high
In my life, Oh God
And I fall to my knees
So it's You that they see not I
Jesus You be lifted high

† GOD CLEANSES US †

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

ALL: The maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father. I a poor miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to gracious and merciful to me a poor sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“The Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia, alleluia

Praise him above ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia! Allelulia! Allelluia!

EXHORTATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love another. Relying on His promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

† GOD SPEAKS WITH US †

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷ it is better for him to say to you, “Come up here,”
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.
What you have seen with your eyes

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ² There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³ Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

⁵ Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child^[a] or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” ⁶ And they had nothing to say.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BRINGING OF OUR BLESSINGS
with Thanksgiving in our Offering

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

† GOD GIVES TO US †
The body and blood of Jesus given for you

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION
"Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

"Once Again"

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.

I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.

Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.

THE DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel,
The Rescue for sinners,
the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel,
The Rescue for sinners,
the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You,
all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.

**Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel,
The Rescue for sinners,
the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

† GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT †

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

ALL: Amen!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!