



Service of Healing and Prayer

Sunday, January 31, 2021

WELCOME

Good Morning. Welcome to Salem Lutheran Church. We welcome all of you to worship today, especially those of you who are worshipping with us on Big Dog radio 98.9, KHUB 1340, or viewing on Spectrum cable or Facebook Live. If you are joining us on Facebook, please take a moment now to share a greeting in the comments so that we know you are worshipping with us today.

This morning we welcome Greg Johnson at the piano and thank him for sharing his musical talents with us today.

Today is a special service of healing and prayer. As scripture commands, we take time to bring our need for peace, healing, and reconciliation before our Lord, and thank God for grace undeserved. May our time together this day bring you healing, peace, and assurance that you are beloved by God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a deer longs for streams of cool water,
so I long for you, O God.

We are here, God.

We have felt your touch in the sunlight and seen your power in the salt waves. We have wondered at your mystery in the stars and we marvel that the maker of the universe knows us by name.

We are here, God.

We are here to praise you and worship you.

We are here, Jesus.

We know that you came to find us, We have listened to your words and smiled at your stories. We have felt the warmth of your love, and we thank you that you have called us friends.

We are here, Jesus.

We are here to praise you and worship you.

We are here, Holy Spirit.

We are grateful for your presence grateful for the way you bring us close, for the way you comfort us and challenge us and keep us right.

We are here, Holy Spirit.

We are here to praise you and worship you.

We are here, God.

In this moment, in this place, where people have prayed for centuries, and we thank you that you are here with us this day.

You know us, God.

We do not have to pretend with you.

Listen to the words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

'Do not be afraid.'

'I love you.'

'Your sins are forgiven.'

'I will be with you always.'

Write these words in our hearts, loving God,
let them take root in our living.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God,

in compassion for your sinful children you sent your son Jesus Christ to be the savior of the world. Grant us grace to confess the sin which made it needful for him to be broken that we might be made whole, to be troubled in spirit that we might be given peace, to be put to death on the cross that we might be restored to life. Give us a true longing to be free from sin, and a true willingness to follow him who stooped to our need and who raises us from the misery of sin to the wholeness of forgiven life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news!
 Jesus came to call us to repentance.
 Jesus died that we might be forgiven.
 Jesus was resurrected that we might know eternal life.
 In his name, your sins are forgiven.
 Turn towards God and sin no more.
Amen.

GREETING

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.

GATHERING SONG *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* (ELW 608)



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: James 5:13-16

A reading from James. ¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

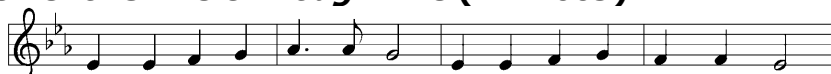
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Chief of Sinners Though I Be (ELW 609)



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1870

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing. Through prayer in Jesus' name, and by the laying on of hands and anointing, the disciples witnessed to the power and presence of God.

In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing and hope.

TIME OF PRAYER

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

O God the Father, whose will for us and for all your people is health and salvation,

have mercy on us.

O God the Son, who came that we might have life and have it in abundance,

have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling makes our bodies the temples of your presence,

have mercy on us.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O Triune God, we pray you to hear us, and that you will grant your grace to all who stand in need of healing both of body and spirit, and lead them to look with confidence to you; In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

Healing God, grant patience and perseverance to all who are disabled by injury or illness, and increase their courage, In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

Caring Savior, grant peace to all who are troubled by confusion or pain, and set their minds at rest, In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

Patient Lord, grant rest to all whose increasing years bring weariness, distress, or loneliness, and give them the abiding comfort of your presence, In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

Gracious God, grant purpose to the church as it seeks to carry on Christ's ministry of healing to suffering humanity, and keep it always true to the gospel of Christ, In your great mercy,

Hear us, O Lord.

Precious Savior, grant to all people the refreshment of quiet sleep and joy of resting in your everlasting arms, that we may rejoice in your care while we are on earth, and in the

world to come, have eternal life, In your great mercy,
Hear us, O Lord.

O God, who in Jesus Christ called us out of the darkness into your marvelous light; enable us always to declare your wonderful deeds, thank you for your steadfast love, and praise you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF OIL

We give you thanks, O God, source of life and health, for in Jesus you became flesh and came to know the depth of human suffering. You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick. Bless this oil, that all who are anointed with it may be healed, strengthened, and renewed by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

The minister lays both hands on each person's head and following a brief silence says: *Name*, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, may you be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. Amen.

The minister also anoints the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross and saying: Receive this oil + as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Two additional prayer stations are available following anointing:

- You may light a candle and pray at the cross.
- You may write your prayers for healing on the paper and dissolve them in the bowl of water.

After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister continues:

Let us pray. God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, the health and salvation of the world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to feel your power in our lives and to know your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring, vs. 1 & 3 (WOV 759)*



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, you sent your Son to be the bread of life, and you give us also the cup of blessing. We give you thanks and praise for this sacrament of healing. Strengthen us by the power of this gift of heavenly food, that we may all be healed and be filled with faith and hope in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN – *We All Are One in Mission* (ELW 576)



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Thanks be to God.

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