

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Series: Out of the Depths**  
**Week 5: Disease**  
**November 15, 2020 – Online Worship**



**Series Introduction:**

*What has you feeling down? All the fighting in the world? Constant health or financial problems? A messy past? Regret, longing, or unfulfilled hopes? You are not alone. Many passages in Scripture speak to you in your depression. The Good News is that Jesus, in His grace, reaches down to rescue you and lift you up **out of the depths**.*

**As We Gather Today:**

*Good health is a gift of God! But **disease**, health concerns, and all kinds of illnesses and injuries challenge our faith. We suffer, and we fear more pain and loss, and even death. Who can rescue us from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! He lifts us from the depths of disease.*

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

**LSB 790**  
**sts. 1-2, 4**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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 be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Prayer from the Depths

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice!

C **Let your ears be attentive**

**to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

*Ps 130:1-2*

P Save me, O God!  
For the waters have come up to my neck.

C **I have come into deep waters,  
and the flood sweeps over me.**

P I am weary with my crying out;  
my throat is parched.

C **My eyes grow dim  
with waiting for my God.**

*Ps 69:1-3*

P I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,  
and he answered me;

C **out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.**

*Jh 2:2*

P And beginning to sink he cried out,  
“Lord, save me.”

C **Jesus immediately reached out his hand  
and took hold of him**

*Mt 14:30-31*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the Messiah. His teaching and miracles demonstrated His presence in creation to release it from bondage and bring healing by making all things new. Give us faith to see that His teaching and miracles continue today in the healing medicine of Your Word and the Sacraments, which put to flight the diseases of our souls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 38:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, “Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die, you shall not recover.”

<sup>2</sup>Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, <sup>3</sup>and said, “Please, O LORD, remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: <sup>5</sup>“Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. <sup>6</sup>I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and will defend this city.

<sup>7</sup>“This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he has promised: <sup>8</sup>Behold, I will make the shadow cast by the declining sun on the dial of Ahaz turn back ten steps.” So the sun turned back on the dial the ten steps by which it had declined.

<sup>9</sup>A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:

<sup>10</sup>I said, In the middle of my days

I must depart;

I am consigned to the gates of Sheol  
for the rest of my years.

<sup>11</sup>I said, I shall not see the LORD,  
the LORD in the land of the living;

I shall look on man no more  
among the inhabitants of the world.

<sup>12</sup>My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me  
like a shepherd’s tent;

like a weaver I have rolled up my life;  
he cuts me off from the loom;

from day to night you bring me to an end;

<sup>13</sup>I calmed myself until morning;  
like a lion he breaks all my bones;  
from day to night you bring me to an end.

<sup>14</sup>Like a swallow or a crane I chirp;

I moan like a dove.

My eyes are weary with looking upward.

O Lord, I am oppressed; be my pledge of safety!  
<sup>15</sup>What shall I say? For he has spoken to me,  
and he himself has done it.  
I walk slowly all my years  
because of the bitterness of my soul.  
<sup>16</sup>O Lord, by these things men live,  
and in all these is the life of my spirit.  
Oh restore me to health and make me live!  
<sup>17</sup>Behold, it was for my welfare  
that I had great bitterness;  
but in love you have delivered my life  
from the pit of destruction,  
for you have cast all my sins  
behind your back.  
<sup>18</sup>For Sheol does not thank you;  
death does not praise you;  
those who go down to the pit do not hope  
for your faithfulness.  
<sup>19</sup>The living, the living, he thanks you,  
as I do this day;  
the father makes known to the children  
your faithfulness.  
<sup>20</sup>The LORD will save me,  
and we will play my music on stringed instruments  
all the days of our lives,  
at the house of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 12:7–10*

<sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults,

hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 8:5–13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup>“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” <sup>7</sup>And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” <sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

C **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.**

**Sermon Hymn**

**“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”**

**LSB 606**

1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The  
spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees  
us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most  
precious  
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in  
Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

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**Sermon - "Disease"**

*Rev. Jonathan Gruen*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

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.**

*(Holy Communion omitted from Online Worship)*

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

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3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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**Offering**

P The offering plate is located in the narthex. Let us also give the offering of ourselves this week, that our bodies and the time that we have are used wisely for the glory of God.

**Dismissal**

P Friends, as Jesus lifts you up, go in peace.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

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