



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

9th Sunday After Pentecost

August 6, 2017, 9:15 am

P: Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal' (Luke 9:2). In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that various aspects of worship that lend themselves to healing; Community, confession, Word, prayer, ointment and communion. We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death.

C: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4: 6-7

Welcome - Lighting of the 1st candle

P: We gather as a community to remember that we are one; that acts of harm to anyone impact us all. We grieve together. We hope together. We act together. Together we move toward peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Gathering Hymn..... **"Blessed Assurance"**#638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

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.

Prayer of Brokenness and Confession - light the 2nd Candle

C: Lord of All, we confess that we forget You. We forget You are always present and have called us to love. We have forgotten Your ways. We have made gods in our own image, idols of fame and wealth and notoriety. We have ignored the needs of others and shrugged off calls to change our ways by pointing out the faults in others. Forgive us. May we recognize You as the Creator of All, and that You have called us to a different way. In the name of Jesus, who humbled himself to the point of death on the cross, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Hear the call of Wisdom. She is calling you to recognize God in all the

blessings and abundance that we may use for good in building your beloved community, in caring for our neighbor. Hear the call of Wisdom. She is calling out at the street corners, on the school bus, at the workplace and on Capitol Hill. She is calling you to Turn, listen, and walk in her ways, knowing you are beloved child of God.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Teaching God, teach us Your ways. May we learn the lessons of old: that You created the world for us to help bring forth life, to cultivate the world to grow. Stop us from causing destruction. Call on us to end oppression, to lift up the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim the Good News of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn..... *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*#614

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.**

Refrain

**If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."**

Refrain

**Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.**

Refrain

Light the Candle for the Word (3rd)

Psalm.....Psalm 19:7-14

L: The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the

testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

L: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Reading.....James 4:1-17

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

"Healing".....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*"How Great Thou Art"...(Vs. 1-3).....#856*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands that made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

When though the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on that cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

Apostles Creed

Prayers of the Intercession - Light the 4th candle to lift up people in prayer

P: Loving God, we hold before you our lives. Examine how we have used the resources you have given us: our time, talents, money and energy. Give us grace to understand how our decisions, our actions, and even our inactions, affect our lives and the lives of others. Rejoice with us in the good we have done, sorrow with us in our sin. Help us to accept accountability, to make amends to any we have injured, and to turn to you.... In your loving kindness restore and forgive us.... **C: Lord, in your mercy....hear our Prayer**

P: Gracious God, we also feel the impact of others' actions and inactions on the course of our lives. By your gracious presence encourage us to let go of any evil we have endured. Help us to forgive now that which we need to forgive..... **C: Lord, in your mercy...hear our Prayer**

P: Lord we pray for others in our church, in our community and in our world that we may give to you our thanks and praise for the gift of your continuing presence in our lives; embracing, strengthening and upholding us in our journey. **C: Lord in your mercy...hear our Prayer**

P: We place before you our current sorrows and concerns - We offer prayers for the poor the sick, the hungry, the oppressed....for the departed and for those who mourn..... We pray for peace in our homes, and among nations and peoples..... We pray for the children and all the little ones of our world – that their needs may be met and that they may grow in grace and in love...

C: Lord hear our prayer...

BLESSING OF OIL Lighting of the 5th candle

P: And now, O Lord, Holy Father, Loving God, giver of health and salvation: send your Holy Spirit to sanctify and bless this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive and be made whole and know the fullness of your joy.

C: Amen.

P: Please come forward (similar to Ash Wednesday) to receive anointing, bring your list of burdens to God, place them in the Baptismal font and feel free to come forward to the railing to pray.

I anoint you with this oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit for the fullness of his blessings, the fullness of his Joy....

ANOINTING BLESSING

P: May our Lord sustain you with his presence, drive away all sickness of body and spirit, and give you the victory of his life and his peace which will enable you to serve him both now and evermore.

C: Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P: We ask your presence among us, O God, Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and Friend; bring your healing light and power into our wounded hearts and bodies and minds and souls, clear the way for each of us to discover within ourselves the fulness of your power and

all of your wondrous blessings; help us dear God to respond to your vast love and allow us to be a beacon through which you may shine into the world and be everlasting citizens of your Kingdom both now and forever.

C: Amen

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: O God, the giver of health and saving grace, we give thanks to you for the gifts that we are able to share. As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, so pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift, that those who in faith and repentance were anointed and communed may know true faith and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Communion Lighting of the 6th candle Communion

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.....Page 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: (to be sung) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer.....Page 208

O Lamb of God.....Page 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn.....*"Just As I Am, without One Plea"*.....#592

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st be come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with man-y a conflict, man-y a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Communion Prayer

P: Almighty and merciful God, your dear Son willingly offered up his body and blood on the cross for our sake. Give us courage and patience to take up our cross and follow him. For he lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn "*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*"#742

**What a friend we have in Jesus, al our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear -
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged - take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

Dismissal with Blessing

P: The Lord who heals all your iniquity bless and keep you; the face of the Lord who heals all your afflictions shine upon you and be gracious to you; the light of the countenance of the Lord who redeems your life be lifted upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and one another!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Jamie & Darcy Goplin in honor of Dennis & Nancy Lyngen's 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5, 2017.

Community Choir - Come and share your talent and join in the fun of the Community Choir for Beef & Dairy Days. Practices will be held at Our Saviour's Church at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, August 8th and Monday, August 14th. The final rehearsal will be held at the High School Auditorium on Sunday, August 20th at 9:00 AM. The Community Service will follow at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to join. If you have any questions, please call 715-797-4354. Hope to see you there...and bring a friend!!!

Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits: Why wait for fall to begin collecting supplies for mission kits? Each month we will try and collect certain items so the kits will be ready to go by October. For **August** we will be collecting 15-20 large tooth combs, 15-20 nail clippers, bars of soap, 10-15 t-shirts/onesies, 25+ gowns/sleepers, 15+ hooded sweatshirts/jackets, and diapers.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **David Clatt, Kayla Vitse, James Windjue, Allie Sylla, Jessica Zimmerman, Devin Klomsten, Michael Anhorn, JoAnne Foss, Irene Borreson, Bennett Vitse, Lois Klavestad, and Ryan Lindberg.**

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthouser, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthouser, Elaine Foss, Christin Stoutner, Kaye Henrickson, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Diane Sesvold, Delores Coburn, Sue Lyga, Ivan Semb, Claire Hanson, Fern Moe, and Deb Zwick. **(If you or someone you know would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office.)**

Coming Up This Week:

Tuesday - Community Choir 6:30 PM

Sunday - Worship 9:15AM

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