

Service of the Word for Healing
A Commemoration of St. Luke the Physician

Announcements

Call to Worship: "Here I Am to Worship"

Hymn: "There is a Balm in Gilead" WOVS 737

Refrain: **There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick 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 feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain***

Dialog

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endures forever.

They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth His Word and healed them,
And saved them from the grave.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
And loving in all His works.

The Lord upholds all who fall;
He lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed,
And ministers to them in their illness.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
And He has become my salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endures forever.

God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith, saying:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Hymn: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You inspired your servant Luke the physician to revel in his Gospel the love and healing power of Your Son. **Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of Your Name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture

Isaiah 35:5-8

James 5:13-16

Children's Moment

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

The Message: "Simple Obedience"

Hymn: "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" LBW #360

The Offering is Received

Prayers of the Church

Merciful Lord, You send Your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in Him strength and peace, so that their trust in Your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for recovery from sickness.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to Your servants, _____, the help of Your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in affliction.

Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of Your children who are in any trouble rise to You. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who minister in healing.

Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those You have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by Your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted and Your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends.

Loving God, our Creator and Redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in You, and by their ministry of love let Your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who desire our prayers.

Blessed Lord, we ask Your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in You, that they may feel Your strong arms around them. Touch them with Your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in You and glorify Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those making decisions.

O Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decision with love, mercy, and reverence for Your gift of life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise to You, almighty God and Father. You sent Your Son to live among us and to bring us Your salvation. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, Incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled Yourself to share in our humanity, and You came to heal all our illnesses. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to You, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with Your mighty and life-giving power. **Blessed be God.**

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain Your servants with Your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve You now and evermore. **Amen.**

The Laying on of Hands and the Anointing of Oil

*If you desire to receive the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil,
please come to the altar now and, if you are able, kneel at the railing.*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send Your Holy Spirit upon Your servant; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver him/her from the power of evil; and preserve him/her in true faith to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve You with all the saints now and evermore.

The almighty Lord - a strong tower to all who put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey - be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give You thanks for all Your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank You for the gift of Your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by Your Holy Spirit to be assured of Your power in our lives and to trust in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" WOV 721

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

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**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by service, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**“I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”**

Benediction

Go out into the world in peace.
Have courage, hold on to what is good,
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted,
Support the weak, honor everyone,
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you
Both this day and forevermore. Amen

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve Others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**