

SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.*



Grace Lutheran Church

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In partnership with St Andrew's Episcopal Church

ABOUT ST. LUKE... This service of healing is always scheduled near the day St. Luke is annually commemorated. Luke was a Gentile, probably a Greek, and is believed to have come from Antioch in Syria or perhaps Philippi. Although not much is known about Luke's life it is noted in Colossians 4:14 that he was a physician. Luke accompanied St. Paul on some of his journeys and may have been left in charge of the church at Philippi between visits by the Apostle. He is generally believed to have been with Paul during his two imprisonments. The observance of St. Luke Day dates back to the eighth century. The date of his commemoration may be based on the actual date of his death. St. Luke Day has been traditionally a time set aside to emphasize the church's ministry of healing.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS... In its healing form, the laying on of hands is based on Biblical precedent set by Jesus. He would walk for days, offering his healing power to people. 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 this significant ministry continues.



↑ = Please stand as you are able
↓ = Please be seated

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Lord in his ministry performed many acts of healing - forgiving sins, casting out demons, curing physical disease. As they carried out our Lord's ministry, the disciples also performed similar acts. These practices continued as part of the church's ministry. In recent years, many have discovered the value of the laying on of hands, both in the visitation of the sick and in public services of healing. The healing we refer to in this service is for the health of the whole person.

Some precepts of spirituality involved in healing:

- Faith does not try to control God, but neither does it limit God.*
- God works through human channels to heal — physicians, nurses, social workers, pastors — all join in doing God's work.*
- Our conviction of the resurrection to eternal life helps us push away the fear of death. We see death as part of our humanness. Christ has already conquered death and we will too someday.*

PRELUDE

Improvisations on Hymns of Faith
Erik Clayton, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ WE CONFESS OUR SIN

P: Let us kneel and make confession to God. *(All kneel/sit)* Lord God,

C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit, time for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his

sake forgives us all our sin. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

↑ HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*ELW #611

GREETING AND DIALOGUE

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

C: who consoles us in all our affliction so that we may be able to console others in their afflictions.

P: Just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,

C: so also is our consolation abundant through Christ.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: who made heaven and earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God,

C: You are a comfort to the sad and strength to those who suffer; please hear the prayers of your children who are in trouble. To everyone in distress show your mercy, grant relief, and offer refreshment. Look on those who call to you in their need and send the healing power of your Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please sit

↓ FIRST LESSON.....Lamentations 3:55-58

⁵⁵I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit; ⁵⁶you heard my plea, "Do not close your ear to my cry for help, but give me relief!" ⁵⁷You came near when I called on you; you said, "Do not fear!" ⁵⁸You have taken up my cause, O LORD, you have redeemed my life.

Spoken

L: O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.

**C: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

L: You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**C: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

↑ HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

↓ HOMILY.....Pastor Schul

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*.....ELW #617

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

↓ OFFERING

↑ OFFERTORY SONG

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF HEALING

P: 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, 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. We offer our prayers for those who are gathered here and for others of whom we are aware. We commend them to the grace of Jesus Christ, that God may ease their suffering and grant them health and salvation. Let us pray for all who are in need of healing and hope.

L: Loving God, our beginning and our final resting place, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth and of new life in baptism. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring health and hope to all your people. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: Holy God, your Spirit came in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints. Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: Mighty God, whose Son brought healing and wholeness to all, bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain, and to all who have lost hope. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: Gentle God, your Son called little children to himself. Help all children who are sick or disabled, take them in your loving arms and nourish them with your grace. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and hope to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer. In your great mercy,

C: hear us, O God.

L: God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all who are gathered here. Drive away their suffering, give firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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LAYING ON OF HANDS

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands should come to one of the healing stations at the altar and kneel for a laying on of hands, anointing, and blessing. You may then return to your seat. Once everyone has returned, the pastor will invite all to stand and will offer a prayer and blessing:

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PRAYER OF HEALING

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. (*spoken*)

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed 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; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of healing and wholeness:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We implore you to come and allow us to experience your presence.

We humbly ask you to give us your strength, mercy and peace.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

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.

THE INVITATION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

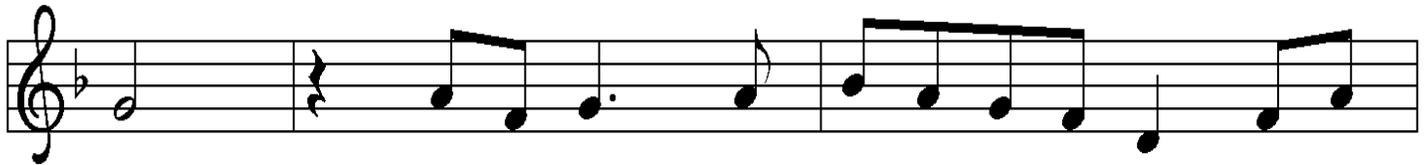
↓ COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized are invited to join the congregation in receiving the Savior's Body and Blood. Young people who are not yet receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Rice wafers and grape juice are available for those who have sensitivities to wheat or alcohol. An acolyte has a special tray with these alternative communion elements.

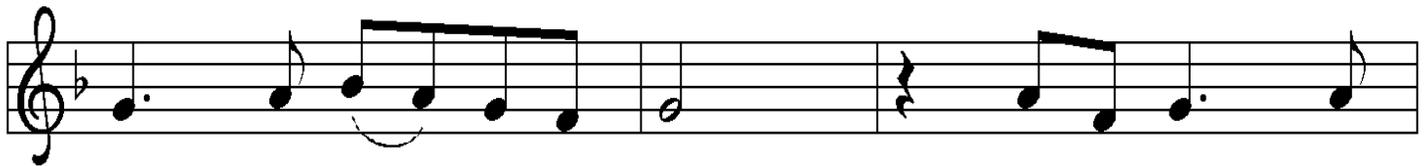
C: (ELW p.135a)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #614 -- *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

ELW #613 -- *Thy Holy Wings*

ELW #629 -- *Abide with Me*

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

HYMN Blessed Assurance.....ELW #638

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Erik Clayton, organ



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Dee Ann Wylie.....Sound system

We thank members of the Stephen Ministry team for assisting with tonight's service. Stephen ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties or need a loving ear. They are an extension of the Pastor staff. Our Stephen ministers are: Don & Bonnie Burris, Linda Christensen, Tom & Marjorie Eakin, Deb Stewart, June Walter and Kathy Weimer. Stephen leaders are Brenda Palmgren and Beverly Sampsell