

SAVIOR SERVANT FRIEND

SERVICES FOR LENT



Ash Wednesday
FORGIVER



Week 1
HEALER



Week 2
LISTENER



Week 3
ENCOURAGER



Week 4
PROTECTOR



Week 5
COMFORTER

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Savior, Servant, Friend
Week 2: Healer

WELCOME. In this service for Week 2 of Lent, we consider the fact that Jesus is our Healer. In word and song, we will remember that Jesus heals us of the sickness of our sin through his death on the cross and makes us well again in our very souls.

We pray our worship together will strengthen you for the coming week.

Please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to an usher as you leave this evening.

Join us next Wednesday to continue this journey.

The offering will be collected as you enter/leave the sanctuary.

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Order of Service

Theme Verse: *I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.* John 15:15

Invocation and Call to Worship

P We gather together as friends in the healing presence of the Triune God. We gather together in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,

C **For I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.** (Psalm 6:2)

P O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

C **And you have healed me.** (Psalm 30:2)

P He sent out his word and healed them,

C **And delivered them from their destruction.**
(Psalm 107:20)

P Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C **For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
(Psalm 147:1)

P He heals the brokenhearted

C **And binds up their wounds.** (Psalm 147:3)

Opening Hymn

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB #435

Confession and Forgiveness

P Be gracious to us, O Lord, hear our confession and heal our iniquity.

C **My thoughts have veered away from your paths of righteousness.**

P My ways have departed from your ways.
C **My seeking to gain control has made me a slave to sin.**

P My desires have brought disease into my heart and life.
C **My sin makes me waste away from within.**

P My heart cries out for forgiveness and healing.
C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy!
Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that Jesus heals us from the rot and disease of sin.)

P Your healer, Christ Jesus, has good news for you! The healing mercy of Jesus is stronger than the disease of sin. Your Savior, Servant, Friend brings healing to you through the cross and the empty tomb. Jesus forgives you of all your sins, and he applies a healing balm to your heart, soul and all of your life. Because of your friend Jesus, you are forgiven. Amen.

C **What a friend we have in Jesus.**

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting God, you created us for life and flourishing, not for death and dis-ease. Turn our hearts from all that is contrary to you, and bring us back to your healing ways. Let us seek you and the eternal healing that you alone provide. Let us desire friendship with you so that we are healed by love. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-3

For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that

it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:23-25

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading (*please stand*)

Matthew 8:14-17

And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

P This is the Gospel the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(be seated)

Sermon Hymn *“When Peace, Like a River”* LSB #763

Sermon

Prayers

P There are hurts everywhere. This world hurts. And we hurt. And so we pray that the healing hands of Jesus would be placed upon us and all our hurts. Jesus, in your great love, place your healing hands on us. You know where it hurts—come and bring healing, Jesus.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Heal the hurts festering in our hearts and souls so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Heal the hurts of this world as you bring peace to war-torn places, protection to innocent lives and integrity to leaders and rulers.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Heal the hurts of failing bodies and aching bones, work through the hands and feet of medical practitioners and draw near to all in their times of illness and physical hurt.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Heal the pain of loneliness and despair,
anxiety and fear.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Heal any strife that threatens to break apart your
church, and replace it with friendship and unity.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Heal us from all ungodly apathy or indifference so that
we can be passionate for your kingdom work.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, heal us by means of your body and blood.

C **Jesus, place your healing hands on all our hurts.
Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Benediction

P Go now into this world of hurts knowing what a healer
you have in Jesus! May the healing power of Jesus bless
you and keep you; may the healings hands of Jesus be
placed upon you in faith and give you peace. Amen.

C **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

Closing Hymn

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB #421

"Soli Deo Gloria"

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Midweek Lenten Services

March 4, 11, 18, 25

6:30 p.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 2

6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

Good Friday

April 3

6:30 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday!

April 5

7:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Breakfast served in between services.

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion