

SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

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P: Pastor

C: Congregation (bolded)

INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church and this time of healing. Zion Lutheran Church is a special place and community of healing. This church follows Jesus, the healer of many. The one who is revealed to stand with God in the New Jerusalem where the tree of life has leaves for the healing of the nations. And it is this foundation that shapes the core of who we are, guides the path in what we seek, and directs the purpose of the ministries in this place.

To all who seek healing in body, mind, and spirit – welcome. To all who seek healing in relationships – welcome. To all who seek healing from trauma, abuse, and more – welcome. To all who seek healing from addictions and other forms of bondage – welcome. To all who seek healing for their hungers and hurts in whatever form they take – welcome.

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, and 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 gathered here today. We commend them to the grace of Jesus Christ, that God may ease their suffering and grant them health and salvation.

OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

P: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

C: **And he delivered them from their distress.**

P: He sent forth his Word and healed them,

C: **And saved them from the grave.**

P: The Lord is righteous in all his ways,

C: **And loving in all his works.**

P: The Lord upholds all who fall;
C: **He lifts up those who are bowed down.**

P: The Lord sustains them on their sickbed.
C: **And ministers to them in their illness.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song,
C: **And he has become my salvation.**

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PRAYER

READINGS

Isaiah 41:9b-10

"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off "; ¹⁰do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 2:1-11

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came,

bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — ¹¹I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home. ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Silence for reflection.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all those here and around the world who are suffering or are in any affliction.

P: Let us pray for all who suffer.

C: **Merciful Lord, you sent 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**

P: Let us pray for recovery from sickness.

C: **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 our Lord. Amen**

P: Let us pray for those in affliction.

C: **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**

P: Let us pray for those who minister in healing.

C: **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**

P: Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends.

C: **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**

P: Let us pray for those making decisions.

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

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants who are gathered here 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.

C: **Amen**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands and anointing may come forward one at a time, waiting in the aisles until the person ahead is anointed. As you step forward, give your first name so that it may be included in prayer.

You may kneel or stand for the anointing.

P: 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 them from the power of evil; and preserve them in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

Response: **Amen.**

The minister may also anoint the person's forehead making the sign of the cross and saying:

P: Receive this + as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

Response: **Amen.**

CLOSING RITE

P: Let us pray. God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, the health and salvation of the world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to feel your power in our lives and to know your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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 bless you, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

Crisis, disaster

- God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 386)
- We pray to you, almighty God, in this time of need. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in the face of these events. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and guide our actions. Heal the hurt, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, pages 386-387)

Anxiety, apprehension, fear

- Most loving Father, you want us to give thanks in all circumstances and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Grant that fears and anxieties in this mortal life may not hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 359)

Discouragement, despair

- God our comforter, you are a refuge and a strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Enable us to hear the words of faith that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, our anxiety calmed, and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our sorrow to the peace and light of your constant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, pages 360-361)

Guidance, protection

- Direct us, Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 362)

Guidance, protection

- God, full of compassion, we commit and commend ourselves to you, in whom we live and move and have our being. Be the goal of our pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Give us refuge from the turmoil of worldly distractions beneath the shadow of your wings. Let our hearts, so often a sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 363)

Health of body and soul

- By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe the fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen. (*ELW Assembly Edition*, page 84)

Affliction

- Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace, we pray. Amen. (*ELW Assembly Edition*, page 84)

Emotional distress

- Merciful God, you give us the grace that helps in time of need. Surround us with your steadfast love and lighten our burden. By the power of your Spirit, free us from distress and give us a new mind and heart made whole in the name of the risen Christ. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 185)

Trouble, bereavement

- Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*ELW Assembly Edition*, page 84)

Caregivers and others who support the sick

- God, our refuge and strength, our present help in time of trouble, care for those who tend the needs of *[the sick]/[name/s]*. Strengthen them in body and spirit. Refresh them when weary; console them when anxious; comfort them in grief; and hearten them in discouragement. Be with us all, and give us peace at all times and in every way; through Christ our peace. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 191-192)

Mourning

- Compassionate God, give courage and faith to all who mourn, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead with steadfastness and patience; not as those who are without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life in your presence, with those they love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 278)

Emergency workers

- God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth, we pray for those who work in danger, who rush in to bring hope and help and comfort when others flee to safety, whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect, and whose presence embodies the protection of the Good Shepherd. Give them caution and concern for one another, so that in safety they may do what must be done, under your watchful eye. Support them in their courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 194)

Health care providers

- Merciful God, your healing power is everywhere about us. Strengthen those who work among the sick; give them courage and confidence in all they do. Encourage them when their efforts seem futile or when death prevails. Increase their trust in your power even to overcome death and pain and crying. May they be thankful for every sign of health you give, and humble before the mystery of your healing grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 194)

Recovery from sickness

- Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 196)

Recovering from trauma

- Our Lord and our God, grant us grace to know your love in whatever we face. Give us patience and thankfulness even in our pain, anxiety, or loss; and move us with compassion and tenderness for our afflicted neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*ELW Pastoral Care*, page 188)

MID-WEEK HEALING SERVICES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 AT 1:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 AT 1:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 AT 7:30 P.M.

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Council Vice President
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David Albin
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Kim Paternoster
Denise Haun
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Worship | Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. |
| Livestream & Recorded Link | http://bit.ly/Zion_Live |
| Bible Study Class (Parlor) | Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. |
| Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom) | Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 |
| Morning Bible Study | Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. |
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