



## MIDWEEK LENT 1

**MARCH 12, 2025**

*\*congregation stands*

### AS WE GATHER

In this service for Week 1 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.

### \*INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

- 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)**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- 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!**

*We 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.  
C **Amen. 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 disease. 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*

<sup>1</sup> "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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*1 Peter 2:23–25*

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 8:14–17*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup>He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN**

## **YOUR HAND O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD**

**LSB 846**

## **SERMON**

## **SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND: HEALER**

## **OFFERING**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- 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 **Jesus, 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 king-dom 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.**

**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**—*Words on inside back cover of the hymnal*

**\*BENEDICTION**

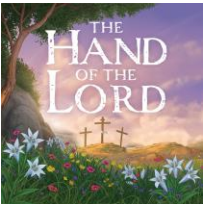
**HYMN TO DEPART      JESUS GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING      LSB 421 vs. 1–4**

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**Serving our Lord**

		Wed. March 12	Wed. March 19
Meal	5:15pm	Served by: DC trip fundraising	Served by: TLO Quilters
Musician	6:30pm	Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Roxanne and Gary Foley	Roxanne and Gary Foley
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Bill Breitinger	Open
Reader	6:30pm	Kurt Vallin	Dan Schield
Usher Team	6:30pm	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Dana Vallin	Joshua Jebin
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



**Pick up a Lent devotion**

Lent devotions are available for you in the narthex. While you’re at it, share one with a friend — there’s no better way to let them know you care than to introduce them to Jesus.