

St. Luke, Evangelist

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Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon. Because Luke is believed to have been a physician, his commemoration provides an appropriate time for a service of healing.



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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen. 🔊

GATHERING SONG: *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

David Doherty

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Come, let us wor-ship and _ bow down, let us kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. ____ Come, let us wor - ship and _ bow down, let us kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For He ____ is our God, and we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the sheep ____ of His hand, just the sheep ____ of His hand.'

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GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:5-8

- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. 📢

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53



[Luke writes:] ¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

^{24:44}[Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions:] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. 📢

SERMON

Silence for reflection

SONG OF THE DAY: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

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Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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SERVICE OF HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent his disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In its ministry of healing today, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith. 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.



Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the

witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who are hurting. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed, especially those we love and those who have loved us. Heal the pain of all who grieve. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sign of Healing

At this time, the pastors would normally invite you to come forward for an individual blessing. Today we invite you to use oil or water to trace the sign of the cross on your forehead or on those who may be with you, saying these or similar words:

Receive this blessing as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ. **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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet those in your vehicle with these or similar words: "Peace be with you."

Share the peace with others by waving and turning on your windshield wipers.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, we give you fullest thanks and praise for heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**


LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. 

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our risen Lord's body and blood.

**You may use any bread or crackers and wine or juice.*

**If others are with you, you may take turns sharing the bread and wine. Eat or give the bread, saying: "The body of Christ given for you." Drink or give the wine, saying: "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

**You may trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of children who do not yet commune and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful 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 Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG: *How Great Is Our God*

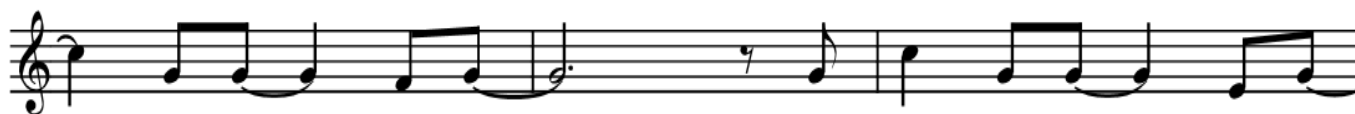
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1. The splen - dor of ___ the King, ___ clothed in maj - es - ty; ___
(2. And) age to age ___ He stands, ___ and time is in ___ His hands; .



— Let all the earth _ re - joice, _____ all the earth _ re - joice. _ He wraps .
— Be - gin - ning and _ the End, _____ Be - gin - ning and _ the End. _ The God -



— Him - self ___ in light, ___ and dark - ness tries ___ to hide, _
— head, three _ in one, ___ Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, _



— and trem - bles at ___ His voice, ___ and trem - bles at ___ His voice. _ How great _
— the Li - on and _ the Lamb, _ the Li - on and _ the Lamb. _



— is our God! _ Sing with me: _ How great is our God! .

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. 

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Serving Today

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Presider: Cindy Keyser

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Technical Support: Josh Skole

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