

Elisha Heals Naaman: **2 Kings 5:1-15a**

Naaman has pinned a great deal of hope on Elisha's ability to heal leprosy. But how will this great and favored commander respond when, after such a long journey, the prophet tells him to simply take a dip in the river?

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

- **Everyone is invited to receive communion.** Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing.
- **If you would like to receive communion in your pew,** please let an usher know.
- If you would like a **prayer included in the prayers,** please fill out a **prayer card located in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate.**
- **Restrooms** are located on the main level off the Community Center.
- **Hearing assistance devices and cushions** are available from the ushers.

You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community *as we follow in the footsteps of Christ.* You are received as a friend...

- Just as you are, created by God
- Whatever your color, culture & customs, your age, your abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity
- Wherever circumstances find you...in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope

- Whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name
- You are embraced as an expression of the diversity & beauty of the creation God has given us.

You are welcome here!

Bold print indicates responses spoken by the congregation.

Gathering Music

Prelude in D Major

J.K.F. Fischer

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

We come with all that burdens us.

There is no God like you, O Lord.

If you choose, O God, you can make us clean.

There is no God like you, O Lord.

You have shown us the way to life.

There is no God like you, O Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

Knowing that God remains faithful, even when we do not, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection

Faithful God,

With our thoughts, words, and actions, we regularly break the covenant you have made with humankind. Redirect our hearts and minds, and forgive us of our sin, so that we might live in faithfulness to you.

The Lord our God is a faithful, loving and forgiving God. Receive this day the entire forgiveness of all your sins and live anew in the covenant made by a faithful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

(Please be seated)

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

O God, you call us to humble ourselves in the face of your wisdom. Open our minds that we might be enlightened beyond the limits of our own expectations, and heal us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Welcome and Announcements

Come, We that Love the Lord



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

All Saints Remembrance

For all the saints who have gone before us,
God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.

For all the saints who have been beloved to us,
God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.

For all the saints who have left us too soon,
God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.

The generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you, whose names we remember before you now: Ruth Pflueger, Delores Cooper, Larry Methke, Evelyn Olson, Adam Melchi, Kenneth Fredrickson, Joseph Petrick, Joan Johnson, Donald Haacker, Billy Jones, Edwin Baumgartner, Jessica Garcia, Ervin Dieckhoff and Vergie Croninger.

(You are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have passed away.)

They have finished their work on earth
and it lives on

Reverberating in our lives now
as the work of Christ lives on.

May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us
**to good works, humility, and peacemaking,
and to live in grace and love.**

First Reading: **2 Kings 5:1-15a**

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come

out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!" ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel

The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 8, verses 2-3.

And there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." ³He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)
Children's Sermon

Sermon

(Please stand as you are able)
There Is a Balm in Gilead



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

(Please be seated)
Offering Music
Jesus, Lead Thou On
P. Manz

(Please remain seated)
Offering Response



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

Offering Prayer

As Naaman presented gifts of thanksgiving to Elisha, so we too bring these signs of gratitude before you, O God. Model our lives after your generous heart and make us a blessing to your children in need.

Amen

Prayers of the People

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Naaman listened to your faithful servants, and eventually received the healing that he sought. May we also be open to others' contributions to our lives, not assuming we already know it all, but seeking wisdom greater than ourselves. God of healing,

hear our prayer.

Just as life springs from the vast oceans, so does healing come from the water you provide. Strengthen our resolve to work for cleaner seas where life may thrive and not choke on the waste of our refuse. God of healing,

hear our prayer.

Be with all who struggle to make difficult choices or find peace within a conflicted mind. Give them the serenity to seek your wisdom and guidance and to accept the consequences of their actions. God of healing,

hear our prayer.

With a touch you can make us clean, O God. Grant your healing spirit to those who cannot rest due to conflict, disaster, illness, or other tragedies. We lift up before you today: Scott, Chris, Dorothy, Pat, Gert, Scott, Noah, Sharon, Jennifer, Randy, Lloyd, Ellen, Jack, Sally, Craig, David, Amelia, Alex and Sandy. God of healing,

hear our prayer

Other petitions may be offered here.

Take these prayers – and all those we cannot speak aloud – into your merciful hands, O Lord. For in you we have placed our trust.

Amen



3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Please stand as you are able)

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

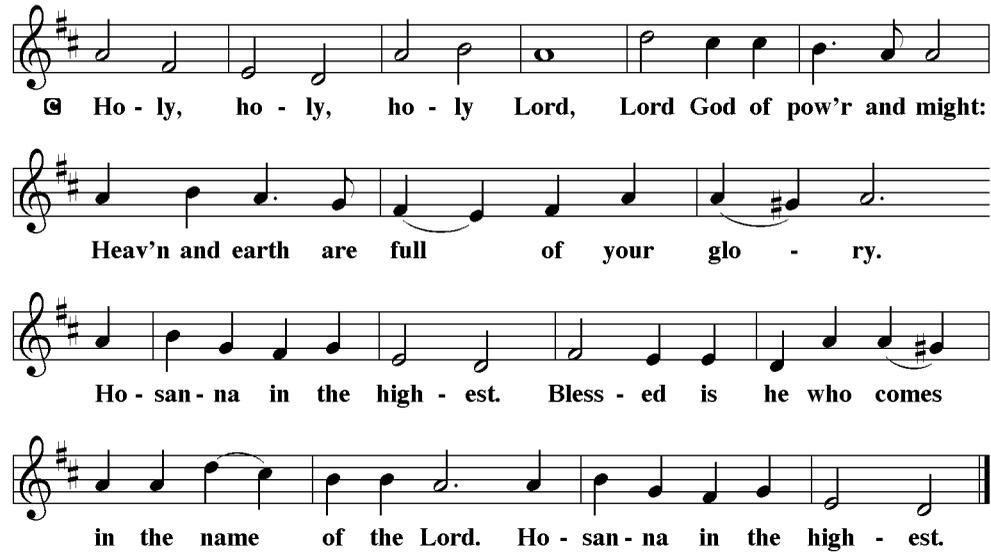
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

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, broken 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 Lord has prepared an eternal feast for us around this table of grace. Let us rise, come forth, and join with all the saints at the banquet of our Savior, who has united us for all of time.

Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional

(Please remain seated)

Prayer after Communion

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen

(Please stand as you are able)

Blessing

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending of Communion

Communion ministers are sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent or homebound.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive

this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Rise Up, O Saints of God



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music

Rondeau

Mouret

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey G. Mikyska

Deaconess: Andrea Delaney

Organist: Ellen Lawrence

Assisting Minister & Reader: Beth Quatham

Radio Announcers: Ryan & Melissa Read

Communion Assistants: Doug & Jan Riebock, Heather Friedel

Ushers: Steve Dieckhoff, Molly & Al Trupp, Hannah

Kolakowski

Greeter: Ann Braasch

Special Offerings

Altar flowers, fellowship hour: Given by Florence Thrun

Wine, 7-day candle: Given by Bruce & Mary Cook in celebration of the baptism of their grandson Conor Cook.

Our Offerings to God

Average weekly expenses	\$7,494
Last weekend's offerings	\$3903
Last weekend's attendance	93

Veteran's Day Luncheon

You are invited to our Veteran's Day Luncheon on Sunday, November 11th, at 10:30am. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary so we know how many to plan for. Please invite veterans and friends to come with you. We need contributions of side dishes, salads, and desserts that will feed 12-24 people. We're planning on

hosting between 90-100 people. We'll also need help setting up on Saturday, November 10th, at 4:00pm. Contact Clare Ollayos at 847.742.5910 with any questions.

Special Offerings

Altar Flowers: \$25

___ Dec 9
___ Dec 30

Worship Folders: \$25

___ Nov 25 ___ Dec 2
___ Dec 9
___ Dec 16
___ Dec 23
___ Dec 30

Wine: \$8

___ Dec 2
___ Dec 9
___ Dec 23
___ Dec 30

7-day candle: \$8

___ Dec 2
___ Dec 9
___ Dec 23
___ Dec 30

Radio Broadcast: \$100

___ Nov 11 ___ Dec 9
___ Dec 16
___ Dec 23
___ Dec 30

Fellowship Hour

___ Nov 18 ___ Dec 30

Given by _____

Given in memory or in honor of

Please fill out and place in offering plate or return to church office.

Calendar

Monday, November 5th:

12pm A-A

6:30pm Cub Scouts

7pm Crisis Center Group

Tuesday, November 6th:

9am Quilting

12pm A-A

2:45pm After School Program

Wednesday, November 7th:

9am Golden Kiwanis

6pm Loss Support Group at The Big Skillet

Thursday, November 8th:

12pm AA

2:45pm After School Program

Friday, November 9th:

9am Over Eaters Anon

5:30pm Soup Kettle

Saturday, November 10th:

9am Crisis Center Group

5pm Worship

Sunday, November 11th:

9am Fellowship Hour

9:30am Worship

10:30am Veteran's Day Luncheon

10:30am Children's Choir

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A Community Following in the
Footsteps of Christ

23rd Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday, November 3rd, 2018
Sunday, November 4th, 2018