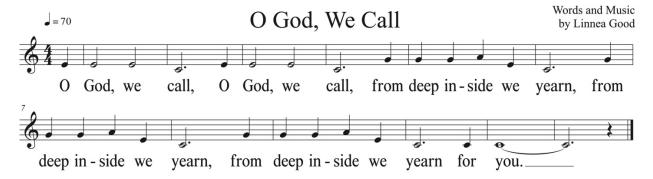
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Wednesday Contemplative Worship Service of Healing and Holy Communion July 24, 2024 – 7:15 PM

Come to Quiet

We begin taking a few minutes to allow ourselves to come to a place of quiet and peace. Intentionally seek God's presence and allow God to love you. Bring to God your deepest needs and concerns.



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Come, Bring Your Burdens



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Confession and Forgiveness

All make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

 \pm In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: The God of healing, hope, and wholeness be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: The Son of righteousness fill you with hope and peace. **ALL:** May it be the same for our neighbors and friends.

Pastor: The Spirit of holiness and resurrection stir within you.

ALL: May the wind that brought forth creation from chaos continue to do so.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

all recite together

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, we experience the compassion and justice of God.

As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer

God of compassion, our every need and concern is known to you. All times and places are held within your infinite expanse of grace. Guide us in your mercy to perceive our place of rest in your faithfulness, which you have revealed to all through Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord. To him, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

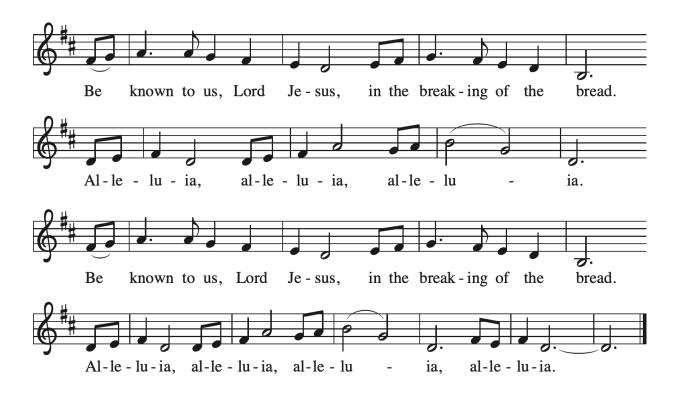
A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel: John 6:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John from the 6th Chapter.

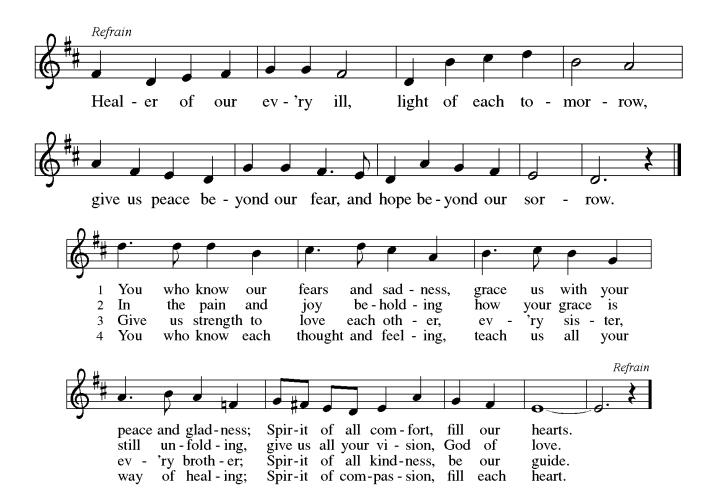
Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

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

Reflection: Pr. Anne Harman

Healer of Our Every III – ELW 612



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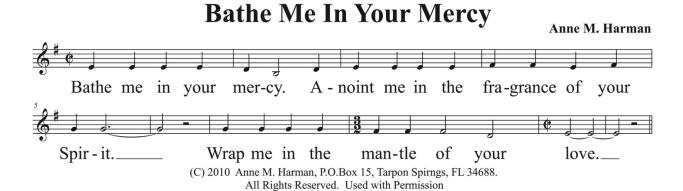
Service of Healing

Laying On of Hands and Anointing with Oil

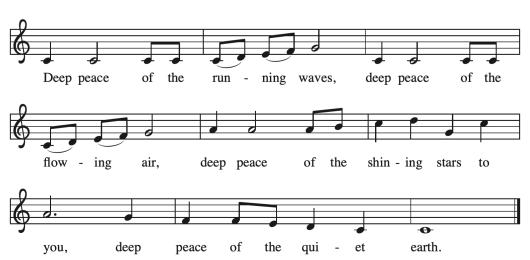
The laying on of hands and anointing with oil are ancient symbols of God's healing presence.

All are given the opportunity to come forward for individual prayer and/or anointing with oil. The person praying with you will ask if you have something specific to pray for and if they have permission to lay hand on your head as they pray with you. After the prayer you will be asked

if you want to be anointed with sacred Chrism.



Deep Peace

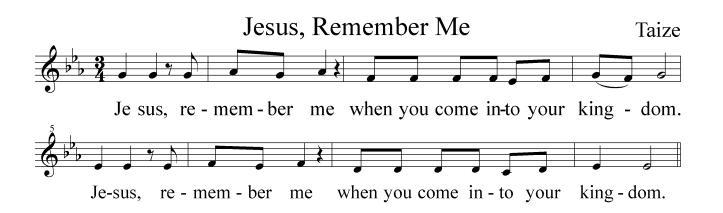


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Hold Me, Heal Me



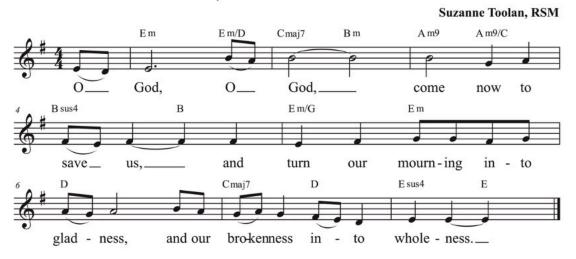
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O God, Come and Save Us



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Healing Prayer for Those Worshipping Online

Healer of Our Every Ill



Concluding Prayer

A Sign of Peace and Reconciliation

The peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

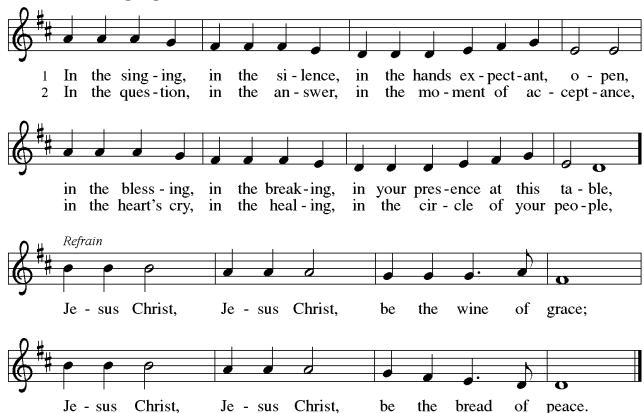
THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please be seated.

OFFERING

All that we have, physically and spiritually comes from God.
Our offering, of time, talent and treasure is a response to our awareness that God is the creator of all things and that we are redeemed through life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Your support of this ministry and the faith life of this community is appreciated. We don't take a formal collection, but a basket is left at the back of the church. On the back page is a QR code to our online giving platform.

Hymn: In The Singing – ELW 466



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BRÉAD OF PEAČE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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Offering Prayer

Holy God, you abide with your creation and in Jesus Christ, you gather us at your table.

all recite together

As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of bread and wine, open our hearts to share what we have received, the abiding love and healing compassion of Jesus, our risen Savior. Amen.

Dialogue:

The Lord be with you.

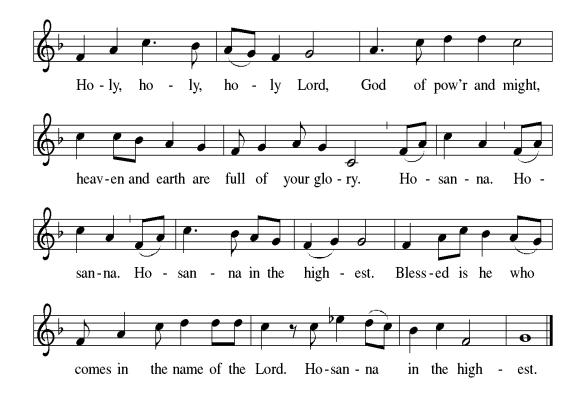
ALL: And also with you

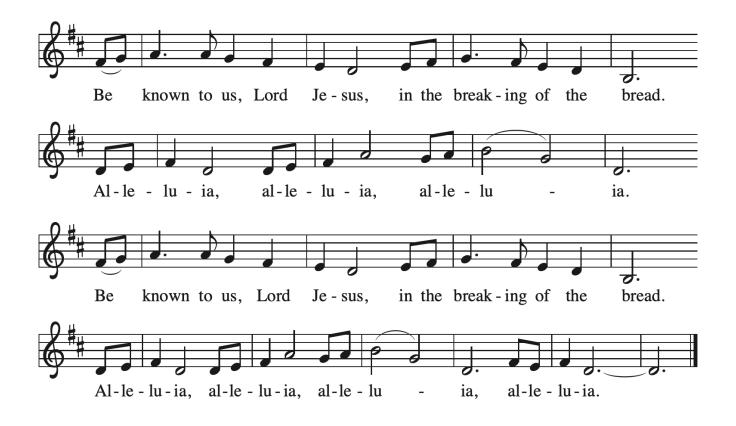
Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.







LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

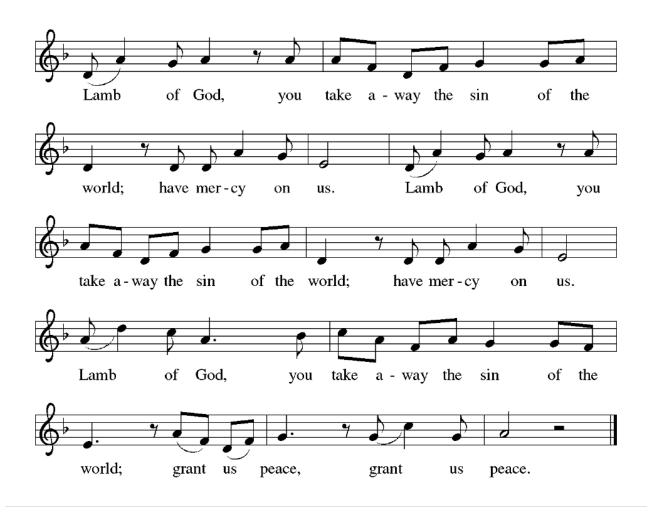
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

We believe that Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus. In this sacrament we are invited to have a personal experience of Christ's presence. This is the Lord's table. All who desire to be in relationship with Christ are welcome to receive.

We receive communion using bread and wine. If you need to receive a gluten free host, please ask the communion minister. They are in a separate plastic wrap marked "gluten free." For those who prefer to receive grape juice rather than wine you will find white grape juice in the center of the trays as communion is given. If you have a question, please ask the minister as you receive. The bread and wine should be consumed here in the church before you return to your seat. If for some reason, you are unable to consume either the bread or wine please bring what was not consumed to the ushers or the pastor as soon as the service is completed.



Here Is Bread ELW - 483



Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray.

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.

Sending

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.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – ELW 843



- Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation, embodies God's love, and promise of salvation through faith in Christ by extending inclusion and welcome to all.

We welcome the full, active participation of all who worship and minister with us. If you are interested in learning more about Jesus, God's life and action in the world and our lives, the Lutheran faith, or this congregation and how you can be more involved, please reach out to Pastor Anne.

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