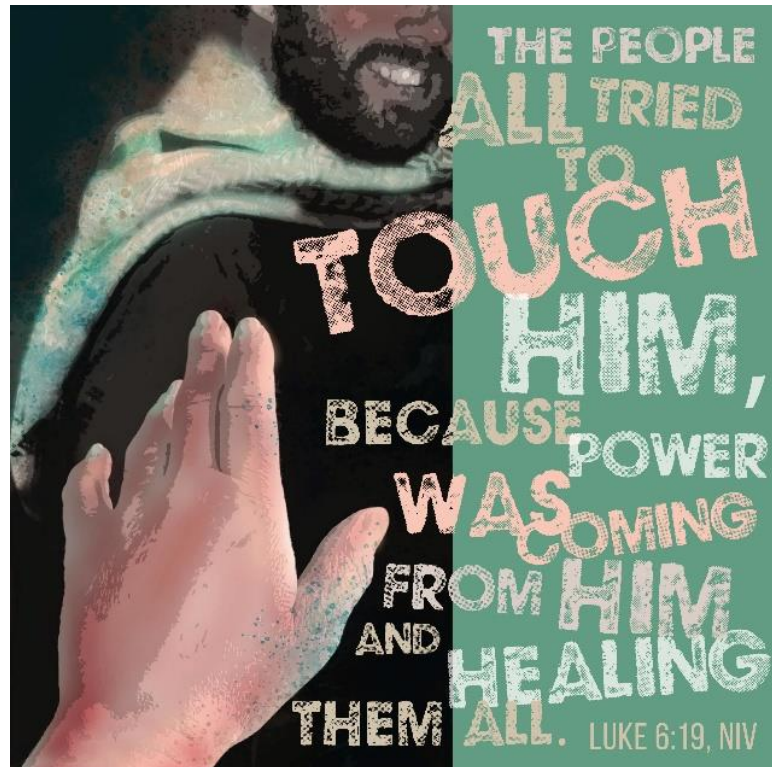


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*Sunday, October 18, 2020
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Festival of St. Luke, Evangelist
10:00 a.m. Live Streamed Service*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Today is the commemoration of Saint Luke, Evangelist and Gospel Writer. His account includes Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (10:25-37) when "a lawyer stood up to test Jesus, and asked: 'Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus answered: 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' The lawyer answered: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.'

Let us pray. Lord God, in Jesus' name we gather to worship you, adore you, and love you with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. May your Holy Spirit be upon us and within us to help do so, but also to share our love and your love with our neighbors as well. In your holy name we pray. **Amen**

Then the lawyer, *wanting to justify himself, asked, 'And who is my neighbor?'* That's when Jesus told the Good Samaritan story:

THE FIRST READING: Luke 10:30-37, Video by Harriet Kline, Retired Nurse

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Then Jesus asked the lawyer: Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Lord Jesus, you are our good Samaritan. Have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Too often we want to justify ourselves, even while we fail to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often avoid the concerns of our neighbor and of the world; too often we are too busy to stop to help, or lack compassion for those in need. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.

And Lord, there are also those among us, if not all of us, who have been beaten up by sin; been left half dead by Satan; and robbed of everything but our faith. Have mercy upon us Good Samaritan. Renew us. Create in us clean hearts and renew us with your Holy Spirit.

ABSOLUTION

HYMN ELW 251 "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness Lord" (Luke 1:46-55)

- 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.
- 2 To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.
- 3 To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

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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.

THE SECOND READING: Luke 1:1-4

Since 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.

OFFERING



The Gospel of Luke shares many concerns about money, wealth, and possessions. Luke's congregation was made up of Jew and Gentile, slave and free, men and women followers of Christ. Mary's Magnificat sings that the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty. Joseph and Mary gave an offering of "a pair of turtledoves" after Jesus' birth. Jesus' first sermon was based on how he was anointed to bring good news to the poor under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' called disciples to follow him – and to do all he was doing in sharing and caring for people. They shared their food, their resources, their time, and even their lives. Almost every chapter in Luke (and Acts) contains a lesson in Christian stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO – Bill Elkin

HYMN ELW 250 "Blessed be the God of Israel" (based on Luke 1:68-79)

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.
- 2 With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
- 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

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THE THIRD READING: Luke 19:1-10, Video by Dave Glauer, Retired Veterinarian

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FOURTH READING: Luke 6:17-19, Video by Barb Glauer, Retired Nurse

Jesus came down and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

SERMON

SERVICE OF HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciple to continue this work of healing – with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. 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.

HYMN ELW 617 “We Come to You for Healing” vs. 1

- 1 We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

O Lord, we pray for the healing world, the skies and seas, the trees and bees, for all your creation . . . (*moment of silent reflection*) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we pray for the healing of the nations. Where there is hatred, where there is hurt, where there is plenty and where there is need . . . (*moment of silent reflection*) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HYMN ELW 617 “We Come to You for Healing” vs. 2-3

- 2 As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still with pow'r to heal again.
- 3 You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

O Lord, we pray for everyone in the healing profession – our doctors and therapists, nurses and assistants, along with faithful friends and family members who assist us when we need healing and help . . . (*moment of silent reflection*) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we pray for everyone in need of healing and hope – especially those suffering from viruses or cancers, pain or weakness, disorders or depression. Especially we lift up before you the following . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HYMN ELW 617 “We Come to You for Healing” vs. 4

- 4 When nights are long with wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

At this time you, if you so desire, you may hold the hand of a loved one, or place your hand upon their head or shoulder and pray with me (you may even pray for this yourself):

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant _____ (name). Drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver her/him from the power of evil; and preserve her/him in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore our sure defense and help us to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN ELW 617 “We Come to You for Healing” vs 5

5 We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

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THE FIFTH READING: Luke 24:44-53, Video by Jessica Grace, Optometrist-Optician

After Jesus’ Resurrection and just before his Ascension he said to his disciples: “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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And 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.”

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

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

BENEDICTION

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG ELW 536 – “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”, Vs 1

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

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POSTLUDE