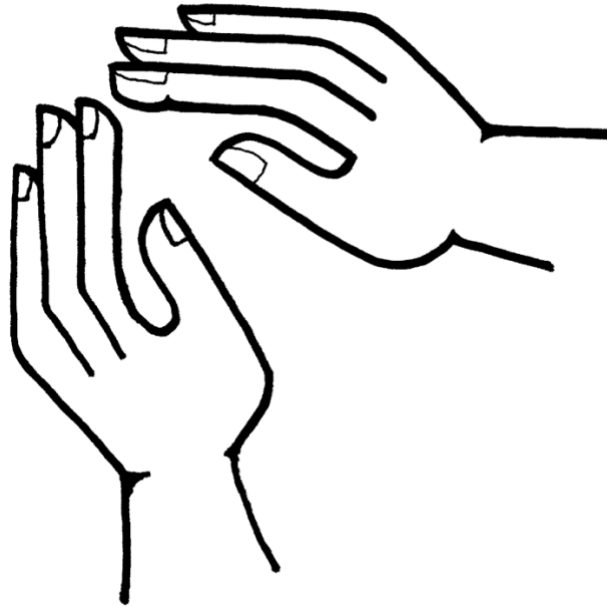


King of Glory Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho
Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost
August 20th, 2023
Healing Service



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

We start worship understanding that we are here to learn about our Creator, God, and to give thanks for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and to acknowledge the Holy Spirit who we ask to be among us now. **AMEN**

We welcome those in our balcony watching by Live Stream or a recording. You are important to us and you are a wonderful part of our worship experience.

Please know that you may want to gather a few items for worship, a bulletin from our website, KOGlutheran.org or a lit candle or some celebratory food like wine/juice and some bread, etc for communion later on in this service. We are grateful that you are worshipping with us.

Announcements

Confession

Leader: Speaking to God about our stumbles in life is difficult. This congregation has made a place during worship to confess to God together. We all make mistakes. We may strive to be perfect, but that is not something that we are able to accomplish. We are grateful to have a loving God who listens to our confessions and gives us forgiveness.

(Connie Winter-Eulberg)

All: O Holy One who is filled with light and love, we try each day to keep your commandments. We find ourselves making mistakes. This doesn't mean that we are failures, but that at times we fail in our goals to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to let go of guilt and shame. "Help us to take failing, not as a measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start." We turn our mistakes over to you and ask that you forgive us. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN *(CWE and the Book of Common Prayer)*

Leader: Jesus told us that we are to forgive seventy times seven. We are forgiven each time that we ask. Thank you, God for your healing power of forgiveness. This lifts us out of our shame and guilt. Help us now to forgive ourselves. In Jesus name we pray. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Gathering Hymn - We are Marching in the Light Hymn #866 *(acapella 2x)*

Pastoral Greeting

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad that Jesus died for our sins and that we have been blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and loving God, we ask that you put your healing hands on those people who are struggling with a cancer diagnosis and those who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation or other treatments. Jesus, we ask that you heal those who are struggling with depression, loneliness and fear of the unknown. Give joy to those who feel trapped, give love to those who feel forgotten and give food to the hungry. We count on your powers to heal. **AMEN** *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

Hymn of Praise - #822 Oh, Sing to the Lord *(vs. 1-2)*

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 67

¹May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face ¹ shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
na- ¹ tions on earth.**

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⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Acclamation - #174 Celtic Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Kids Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Hymn #612 Healer of Our Every Ill (*Verses 1, 3, 4*)

Creed (David Beebe – *Flames of the Spirit* pg. 91-92)

We are the People of God.

We are the sign of the new World.

We are the followers of Jesus.

We believe in God. We believe in the goodness of God, the presence of God in human history, and the newness of God's love.

We believe in Jesus. We believe that God was and is revealed in human life, that out of human suffering may come rescue and healing, that out of death comes new life.

We believe in the Eternal Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign. We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, and that the New World can arrive.

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Intercessory Prayers

God of tenderness, you continually provide us with resources for our spiritual health. Scriptures, prayer, devotional materials, bible study and trusted friends all help us to put our thoughts and actions toward you and not only on our wants and needs.

Today we put in your capable hands all of our hopes, dreams, worries and anxiety. There have been tragedies this week. There have been hardships with the heat for workers and people who have health issues. Many people have been filled with joy at traveling and seeing family and friends. We turn over all of our hurts, fears and gratitude to you, God of love.

We pause for a moment of silent prayer and we mention out loud or in the quiet of our hearts those people who need your healing and love, O God. **AMEN** (CWE)

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Prayer after the Offering

God of all goodness, we have read in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that we must give as we have decided to give in our heart and not reluctantly or because we are forced to. The scripture goes to say, "God loves a cheerful giver". Help us to be both a giver and one that is cheerful at the same time. **AMEN** (Connie Winter-Eulberg)

The 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.

This story begins long ago when God created the heavens and the earth and all that lives on the earth. God created and is still creating plants, animals and humans. God communicates to us through the gift of the sun rising each day, colorful plants and forests, animals that roam the earth, through people and our interactions with them and finally through the setting of the sun.

The story of God has been thousands of years in the making. One of God's powerful moments was sending to us a baby named Jesus. Jesus lived, ate, healed, taught, forgave and loved. He died on a cross for each of us. But the story continues after he was resurrected and gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. *(Connie Winter-Eulberg)*

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "take and eat, this is my body given for you. After supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this and remember me."

Pastor: When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life. *(Flames of the Spirit, pg. 103)*

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Notre Pere

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que ton règne vienne,
Que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisses pas entrer en
tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le
règne, la puissance et la gloire,
aux siècles des siècles. AMEN**

Communion

Invitation to Table: All are invited to receive the bread and wine/juice. Jesus welcomed all. Jesus said, "Take and eat. Take and drink."

For those on Livestream and those with us by viewing the recording, take whatever bread/cracker and wine/juice that you have. Take and eat, this is the gift Jesus gave you. Take and drink, this is the cup of salvation.

For those who wish a prayer of healing and a blessing, please receive communion in the front and then proceed to one of the prayer stations in the back.

Healing Service Songs:

Jesus Remember Me #616
 Heal Me, O Lord by Steve Eulberg
 Stay with Me #348
 O Lord, Hear Our Prayer #751
 Wait for the Lord #262
 Veni Sancte Spiritus #406
 Come and Fill our Hearts #528
 Ubi Caritas et amor #642

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, his love for all of God's people and the compassion of the Holy Spirit keep you in God's grace. **AMEN**

Post Communion Prayer

Creative and love giving God, the gift of holy communion is essential to our lives. This sustains us as it has our ancestors for thousands of years. We can imagine how the people in the first century gathered on the hillside, in small homes and on the shore of the Sea of Galilee sharing bread and wine and telling each other the story of Jesus. We are grateful for this life giving food. Thank you Jesus. **AMEN** (Connie Winter-Eulberg)

Benediction

As you go, listen to the invitation of Jesus to move

- from comfort to being uncomfortable
- from what we know to what we have yet to discover
- from where we have been to where we have yet to go
- from safety to a place of risk

Go like the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Go as Sarah and Abraham left to go where God led them.

Go like Paul who preached, taught and healed in foreign lands,

Go in the name of Jesus who said, “follow me” without saying where he was going.

Know that as you go on your way the peace of Jesus will be with you and you will be transformed by God. **AMEN** *(CWE and the UCC Northwest Ohio Association for Faith Formation.)*

Sending Hymn #763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song (vs. 1 & 4)

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Go in peace to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude