

**Savior, Servant, Friend  
Services for Lent  
March 19, 2025**

**Healer**

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15*

**Invocation and Call to Worship**

**P** We gather together as friends in the healing presence of the Triune God. We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Be gracious to me, O Lord,

**C** For I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. (Psalm 6:2)

**P** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**C** And you have healed me. (Psalm 30:2)

**P** He sent out his word and healed them,

**C** And delivered them from their destruction. (Psalm 107:20)

**P** Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

**C** For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. (Psalm 147:1)

**P** He heals the brokenhearted

**C** And binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

## Hymn of Invocation:

## Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Be gracious to us, O Lord, hear our confession and heal our iniquity.

**C** **My thoughts have veered away from your paths of righteousness.**

**P** My ways have departed from your ways.

**C** **My seeking to gain control has made me a slave to sin.**

**P** My desires have brought disease into my heart and life.

**C** **My sin makes me waste away from within.**

**P** My heart cries out for forgiveness and healing.

**C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that Jesus heals us from the rot and disease of sin.)*

**P** Your healer, Christ Jesus, has good news for you! The healing mercy of Jesus is stronger than the disease of sin. Your Savior, Servant, Friend brings healing to you through the cross and the empty tomb. Jesus forgives you of all your sins and he applies a healing balm to your heart, soul and all of your life. Because of your friend Jesus, you are forgiven. Amen.

**C What a friend we have in Jesus.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, you created us for life and flourishing, not for death and disease. Turn our hearts from all that is contrary to you, and bring us back to your healing ways. Let us seek you and the eternal healing that you alone provide. Let us desire friendship with you so that we are healed by love. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Malachi 4:1-3*

For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:23-25

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:14-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon Hymn:

### When Peace, like a River

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1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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**Sermon:**

*Reverend Ron Pennekamp*

**Prayers**

**P** There are hurts everywhere. This world hurts. And we hurt. And so we pray that the healing hands of Jesus would be placed upon us and all our hurts. Jesus, in your great love, place your healing hands on us. You know where it hurts—come and bring healing, Jesus.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Heal the hurts festering in our hearts and souls so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Heal the hurts of this world as you bring peace to war-torn places, protection to innocent lives and integrity to leaders and rulers.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Heal the hurts of failing bodies and aching bones, work through the hands and feet of medical practitioners and draw near to all in their times of illness and physical hurt.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Heal the pain of loneliness and despair, anxiety and fear.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Heal any strife that threatens to break apart your church, and replace it with friendship and unity.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Heal us from all ungodly apathy or indifference so that we can be passionate for your kingdom work.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Jesus, heal us by means of your body and blood.

**C Jesus, place your healing hands on all our hurts. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C 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

**P** Go now into this world of hurts knowing what a healer you have in Jesus! May the healing power of Jesus bless you and keep you; may the healings hands of Jesus be placed upon you in faith and give you peace. Amen.

## **C** What a friend we have in Jesus!

### Closing Hymn:

### Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

**Postlude:**

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