



Jesus Heals Perfectly

September 8, 2024



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Today's Focus: Jesus perfectly heals all affliction. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 238, Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis
4 He fills the poor with good; He
5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my
gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

Stand

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 34:4-7a

The Lord comes to heal and save.

Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

⁶The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 146

Read responsively

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

I will make music to my God as long as I exist.

³Do not trust in human helpers,
in a mortal man who cannot save you.

⁴His spirit departs.

He returns to the ground he came from.

On that day, his plans have perished.

⁵Blessed is everyone who has the God of Jacob as his help.

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His hope is in the LORD his God,
6 the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything which is in them.
He is the one who stays faithful forever.
7 He obtains justice for the oppressed.
He gives food to the hungry.
The LORD releases prisoners.
8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.
The LORD loves the righteous.
9 The LORD watches over the aliens.
The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but he turns aside the way of the wicked.
10 The LORD reigns forever.
Your God, O Zion, rules for all generations.
Praise the LORD.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Acts 3:1-10

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. ² A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

⁴ Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵ So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶ But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷ Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

⁹ All the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰ They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia! (*Philippians 4:4*)

Stand

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

The Lord cures in a personal, thorough, perfect way.

Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

³² They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!") ³⁵ Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷ They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

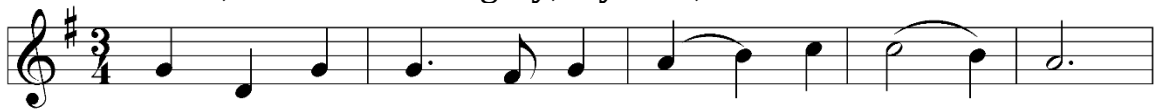
M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON: The Joy of Being Whole

HYMN OF THE DAY: 235, Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.
 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) *New-ermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

SERMON

TEXT: Acts 3:1-10

THEME: Jesus Heals Perfectly

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the love with which you created us and by which you sustain us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known your will and grace. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the encouraging example of the fruits of faith your Spirit produces in the lives of believers; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness with lives that are wholly given to your service.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works, and establish it in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in your Church that, by their faithful service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: In your mercy strengthen the younger churches and support them in times of trial. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the gospel refresh and renew the witness of your people everywhere:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead peaceable lives of integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially to President Biden, Governor Youngkin, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, and help them serve all citizens according to your holy will:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptisms, and enable their parents to train them in lives of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service, unite the members of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

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M: Let your blessing rest on the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow and mourning. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, and bring us at last to your heavenly kingdom:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever:

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 112, There is a Fountain Filled with Blood



1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood— Im -
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood Shall
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue Lies



man - u - el was slain— And sin - ners
 foun - tain in his day; And there have
 nev - er lose its pow'r Till all the
 flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing
 si - lent in the grave, Then in a



who are washed there - in Lose ev - 'ry
 I, as vile as he, Washed all my
 ran - somed Church of God Be saved and
 love has been my theme And shall be
 no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your



guilt - y stain, Lose ev - 'ry guilt - y stain.
 sins a - way, Washed all my sins a - way.
 sin no more, Be saved and sin no more.
 till I die, And shall be till I die.
 pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800. abr., alt.
 Tune: COWPER (CM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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Needed: One Christmas Program Director for the annual Sunday School Christmas Program! Talk to Pastor Jenkins or Rachel Kovaciny if you are interested in volunteering!

Welcome to Trinity!

At this afternoon's council meeting, Trinity will welcome the following into our communicant membership: David and Judi Mammen (by profession of faith); Miguel Quintero and Hilda Naranjo (by transfer from Grace in Falls Church); Emily Quintero (by transfer from Grace); Anny Quintero (by transfer from Grace). We welcome them into our family and thank our Savior for these gifts to his Holy Church and to our congregation!

Bible Class, Sunday School, and Catechism Schedule

Today we return to two worship services (8:30 and 11:00), with Bible class and Sunday School running from 9:45-10:45. (Bible class is "The Holy Spirit and His Work.") Catechism instruction also begins today, from noon until about 1. (Everyone is welcome to attend Catechism for a review. Please let pastor know if you're planning to attend so he can order you a copy. Each lesson will also be repeated on Tuesday nights at 7 in the Fellowship Hall.)

August Attendance

4th: Worship = 65; Bible class = 28

11th: 71; 24

18th: 78; 29

25th: 77; 24

September Sunday School Service Project

Starting today through the end of the month our Sunday School will be collecting books, food, and hygiene items for Trinity's Little Free Library. Please look for the bin in the narthex and know that all contributions are most useful and welcome by our neighborhood.

Women's Bible Study Starts September 14

The Trinity Women's Bible Study will meet Saturday, September 14 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We'll start the book "Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success" by Sharla Fritz. Copies can be found in the narthex. The Bible Study will meet the second Saturday of each month. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Sept 19

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying The Apocrypha with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. The study of follows the study guide for *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes* (available from Northwestern or Concordia Publishing Houses and other booksellers). You can also follow the readings at apocrypha.org. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Fifth Annual Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 19

Saturday, October 19, will be the date of Trinity's Fifth Annual Trunk or Treat outreach event from 3-4pm in our parking lot. If you're planning on hosting a trunk, please let pastor know. We could also use a couple of volunteers to host a Welcome Table, and one or two for traffic control. If you have any questions or could help out in either of those ways, please speak to pastor also. If you can't make it to host a trunk but would like to contribute, candy donations are welcome.

Trinity's Little Free Library is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always

welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work



Jesus Heals and Helps Us

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20240209/>

Sometimes when you're sick, all you need is a good night's rest; but sometimes when you're sick, you're stuck in bed, and it feels like you'll never get better. Have you ever been sick like that?

The Bible tells us that Simon's mother-in-law had a fever, and that was a big deal, because back in Jesus' time, they didn't have the same types of medicines we do today to help people who are sick. This wasn't just about getting some rest in bed... she was so sick, she might die!

Jesus went to her and took her by the hand, and immediately the fever was gone! Can you imagine everyone's reaction? But Jesus was not done. He stayed at the house, and when people heard what Jesus had done, they brought more and more people that were sick or that Satan was attacking with his demons, and Jesus saved them as well.

But then something really interesting happened. When Jesus' disciples said, "Everyone is looking for you," Jesus said, "Let's go somewhere else so I can preach. That's why I have come." What? Don't you think that with all those people looking for Jesus, he would want to stay? But he doesn't. He could have stayed and healed people who were sick, but there was something more important for him to do. Jesus wanted to help people who were sick with sin and suffering from it.

When you're hurt, even if it's just a little sickness or a little pain, you might think that all you need is some medicine. And while medicine is a gift from God, there is something else you need even more: God's promises. That's because someday, no matter how much medicine we have, one of the horrible effects of sin is that people die. That's why Jesus came to live with us on earth. He is the medicine for all of us who are sick with sin or scared at the thought of dying. He tells us, "Don't be afraid! Believe in me! Even if you die, you will not stay dead but will come back to life and be with me forever."

So the next time you're sick, something is wrong with your life, or the thought of death makes you afraid, go to Jesus and remember, "He has the power to help and heal me! I will only be this way for a little while, but I will be with Jesus forever."

Questions to Consider:

Talk about the time you were really, really sick. Who took care of you?

How did Jesus take care of sick people in today's devotion?

How does God's Word keep you healthy?

A lot of people are afraid to talk about dying. Why is it so important to start talking about Jesus in that moment?

Simon's mother-in-law was so sick that she could have died. Why doesn't Jesus always heal people who are sick today?

True or false: Jesus never promised that you would live to be ninety years old

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to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.