



“On The Mend: Healing Fears”

Worship Guide for Sunday, September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lutheran Church - Sandpoint

Welcome!

We are thankful you are joining in this time of worship and healing. We are, more than ready to be “on the mend”. This Fall, the Gospel readings from Mark tell many stories of Jesus healing and speaking about what brings life, wholeness (the “Reign of God”). This Sunday, we join Peter in discovering how the risk of not living the Gospel way of the cross, leads to a death of another kind. How do we heal our fear of losing the things of this world, so that we can truly live?

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Note: Covid-19 Protocol update - The back half of the worship space is for those who **will offer** 6 foot distancing from other family or friend groups and are wearing masks.

Please leave this taped off area for those who need these safety measures in place to participate in worship. Additional information about our pandemic protocols in response to the delta variant can be found on page 12.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, we gather feeling torn between the glory of the world's comforts and promises of your way of the cross; the way of radical selflessness and joy. We are feeling lost, wondering which path to take. We want to take up the cross and follow Jesus, but we aren't always sure what that way is. Come now, Christ of the road less traveled. Come now, Christ of the love that casts out fear. We set aside this time for you. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG - *Change My Heart, O God* (ELW 801)

Refrain

Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray. Refrain

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us* (ELW 704, v 1&3)



1 When pain of the world sur - rounds us with dark - ness and de -
2 We see with . . fear and trem - bling our ach - ing world in
3 The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv - ing wa - ters
4 We praise you . . for our jour - ney and your a - bun - dant



spair, when search - ing just con - founds us with
need, con - fess - ing to each oth - er our
fill to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's
grace, your sav - ing word that guid - ed a



false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and
waste - ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast car - ing the
pur - pose to ful - fill. May we with hum - ble cour - age be
strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your



des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and
hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and



let God's heal - ing flow through us.
let God's jus - tice flow through us.
let God's Spir - it flow through us.
let God's chang - es flow through us.

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters (*recent destructive events may be named here*). Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, (like waving from your location) and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

You may share your offering as you return to your seat at Communion or give online through our

<https://firstlutheransandpoint.breezechms.com/give/online>.

The offering plates are in the front corners and near the exit doors.

Also, for those worshiping with us from home, please prepare a form of bread and wine/ grape juice as we turn to gather now, around God's table of grace.

Recognition and Thanksgiving of God's Work. Our Hands.

Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,

for all who respond to the call to serve in your name.

Give them joy and fulfillment, care and guidance in their tasks.

Help us all to give willingly and to receive thankfully the gifts of ministry,

that your name may be glorified,

your people live in peace,

and your will be done;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***DIALOGUE**

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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

Communion will be served at one station. The lectern side will start by coming forward by the center aisle. The wine and grape juice (white) will be served in pre-poured glasses. A bowl is near the outside aisle to collect empty glasses.

*Please give the next family unit **six feet** as you make your way forward.*

COMMUNION

The gifts are given as the following promise is spoken,

“The body of Christ given for you.”

“The blood of Christ shed for you.”

*You may respond. **Amen.***

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Lord of life,

in the gift of your body and blood

you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,

bearing witness to the abundance of your love

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Lead On, O King Eternal!

(ELW 805 v 2&3)

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES:

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Friends and family of Loren Spielman and Randy Petersen, who died last weekend.

Luther Park residents, their families, and staff.

All healthcare workers and facilities breaking under the load of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Parts of the world burning, impacted by wildfire smoke, and all those who continue to fight them.

All those impacted by this year's hurricane season and those responding to their need.

Nations in crisis, esp.: Afghanistan and Haiti and the relief efforts by organizations like ELCA Disaster Response and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and U.S. Military personnel serving the people impacted.

Fellowship: We are temporarily suspending the food and coffee aspect of Fellowship time after the service, until the rate of Covid-19 community transmission decreases for two weeks straight.

Luther Park Patio Project: The new Patio and Walking Garden gives the residents a CHANCE TO REJUVENATE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT by getting outside. The space allows them to: Get out and take walks, Meet family and friends outside, Get fresh air and exercise, Nature does wonders. **If you would like to support this project financially, see the poster illustrating the current progress in the narthex.**

The **ELCA** Disaster Response is tending to communities impacted by fire, flood, and the latest natural and. Human created disasters around the world. 100% of donations made will go directly to offering care to the people impacted. Also, LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) are looking for volunteers to help with the relocation of Afghanistan refugees. Go to www.elca.org to learn more or donate support.

Organ Console Committee: Their job is to research the congregation's worship priorities, possible solutions to fix our aging organ, and determine the financial resources needed to do so, then present their findings to the Council. Please talk to Jim Carlson, Scott Youngren, Jean Cafferty, or Jim Payne with feedback or questions.

Schools in our community resume this week in buildings, online, and in homes. We hold in prayer all teachers, students, staff, and families as they seek to help develop the gifts God has given to the youth of our community and remain well in the days ahead.

God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. The larger ELCA invites all its members to an emphasis of service, September 12th. As part of the worship, we will give thanks for all the ways the hands of this congregation, serve Sandpoint and Bonner County. We will also offer a blessing and farewell to Bruce and Peg Getty as they move to Minnesota.

Covid - 19 Protocols:

With the increasing rate of infection in the area, we strongly encourage everyone to wear masks inside. North Idaho healthcare systems are in a Crisis Status. Therefore, we are practicing the following protocols for groups gatherings:

- Practice physical distancing: 6' spacing between family/ friend groups while seated or standing inside, unless invited to sit with the other group.
- Communion is being served with washed / sanitized hands and masks worn by pastors.
- Use Hand sanitizer or wash hands upon entry for all congregants.
- All extended conversations please conduct outside.
- Please respect everyone's choices and desire to be healthy and to feel safe while worshiping together.
- Use our online worship resources and stay home if you have any symptoms (even if you think it is just allergies, coughing, congestion, headache, etc.)
- We are singing a few verses of the hymns. Humming is preferred. If you do sing, please wear a mask.

Thank you for your cooperation and care of one another.