

Luke, Evangelist

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*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Three
Rite of Healing*



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INTRODUCTION



From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's Gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "By All Your Saints"

The CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his command and authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The GATHERING HYMN
"God, whose Almighty Word"

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The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

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.

The KYRIE

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The HYMN OF PRAISE

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The assembly is seated

WORD

The FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:8-13

⁸Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!

⁹Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this,
and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.

¹¹I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no savior.

¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

¹³I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

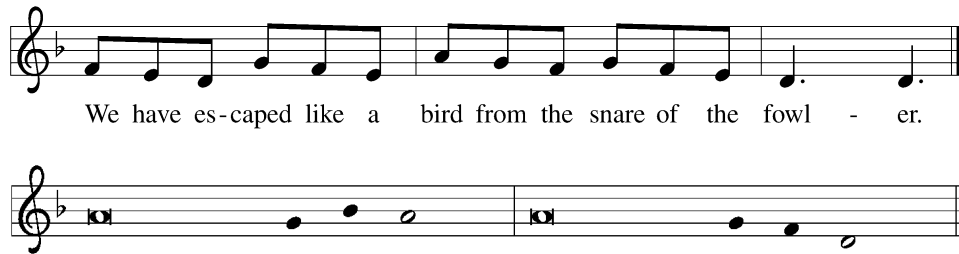
The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The PSALMODY

Psalms 124



¹If the LORD had not been | on our side,
 let Isra- | el now say;
²**if the LORD had not been | on our side,**
when enemies rose | up against us,
³then would they have swallowed us | up alive
 in their fierce | anger toward us;
⁴**then would the waters have | overwhelmed us**
and the torrent gone | over us;
⁵then would the | raging waters
 have gone right | over us.

⁶**Blessed | be the LORD**
who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth. Refrain
⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
 the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
⁸**Our help is in the name | of the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth. Refrain

The SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5–11

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

The reading concludes
 The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:1–4; 24:44–53

Chapter 1

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.

Chapter 24

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection

The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

The HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:
2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throng
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!
who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
 for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
 till all the ran - sored num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,
 and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
 and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

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 21 For Luke, below'd physician,
 all praise, whose gospel shows
 the healer of the nations,
 the one who shares our woes.
 Your wine and oil, O Savior,
 upon our spirits pour,
 and with true balm of Gilead
 anoint us evermore.

HEALING

The Pastor addresses the assembly with the following words:

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near
 and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—
 with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing.
 In the name of Christ,
 the given healer and reconciler of the world,
 we now entrust to God
 all who are in need of healing.

The PRAYERS

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord,
 we commend all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy,
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated

The LAYING ON OF HANDS

Beloved, in the Lord,
 I invite you to come and receive
 a sign of healing and wholeness
 in the name of the Lord.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing come to the prie diu (kneeling bench) and, as conditions permit, they may kneel.

The Pastor, fulfilling Scripture and the Office of the Keys (James 5:13-16; Luther's Small

Catechism), lays both hands on each person's head and uses the following form:

O God, the giver of health and salvation:

As the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, at his command,

anointed many that were sick and healed them,

send now your Holy Spirit, that *name*

anointed with this oil, may in repentance and faith be made whole;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

While this is done, the following music is sung:

“There is a balm in Gilead”

“Jesus, remember me”

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After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands

The Almighty Lord—

a strong tower to all who put their trust in him,

to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and the under the earth

bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense,

and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven

given for health and salvation is the name

of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

The SENIOR CHOIR: "God Extends AN Invitation" (Hymn 486)

The assembly stands

Take My Life
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra, es - té con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da, a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo
3 Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente, y su poder sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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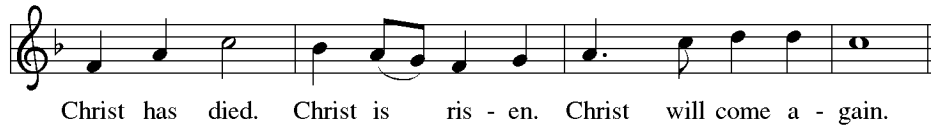
The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

You are indeed holy,
almighty and merciful God...*The prayer continues*

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



The prayer continues and concludes...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



The LORD'S PRAYER (Right column)

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread,
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Receive the Lord and live.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and returning along the side aisle.** Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Healer of our every ill”

ELW 612

“You are mine”

ELW 581

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Let us pray... Loving God,
in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.
May the gift of your word made flesh,
the body and blood of Christ,
inspire our tongues to praise you
and proclaim to the entire world
the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

The BLESSING

The SENDING HYMN

“Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

ELW 843

The SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The SENDING MUSIC: Postlude on “Italian Hymn”

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PRAYER CONCERNS—Judy Himes, and all nursing home residents.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Gary & Pam Bixler in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary. The **Eternal Candle** is given by Harry & Chris Wood in memory of our grandparents.

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

The Strasburg High School Junior Class will be having a Chicken BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct 24th from 10:30 -1:00 at Malcuit's.

They will be selling 1/2 chicken and a dessert for \$6.00. Money raised will go towards the Junior/Senior Prom



THRIVENT LUNCHEON @ BC

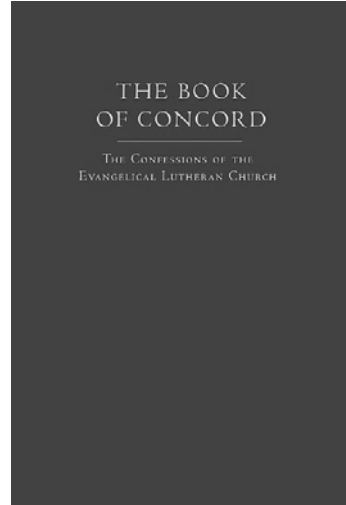
Representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be sponsoring a complimentary luncheon and presentation on Thrivent products and services on **Sunday, October 18, 12pm** at Beach City. Please let the

Church Office know if you plan to attend so an accurate count can be made.

What are Lutherans?

Pastor Steven has written an Adult Education class on The Book of Concord, the foundation documents of all Lutherans. It is currently being considered for publication. Now you have the opportunity to answer some of the questions that define Lutheran Christians:

- **Is there a difference between Lutherans and “Protestants?”** *Yes, the answers are in the Book of Concord!*
- **Why do we celebrate Communion every Sunday?** *The answer is in the Book of Concord.*
- **How do we live as Christians today?** *The answer is in the Book of Concord.*
- **What is the role of Christian Education?** *The answer is in the Book of Concord.*



With all the different Christian denominations and non-denominations, it is extremely important to know our identity as Lutheran Christians. Strasburg and Beach City now have an opportunity to learn the gift of *The Book of Concord* before other Lutherans.

Two times are available for this great study starting **Wednesday, November 4 @ 10am** and **Thursday, November 5 @ 7pm**. The “fun part” (?) of this class is you won’t need to commit a great length of time to this study of this exposition of the Holy Scriptures. You may come and go as you please.

A clipboard is being handed around in worship today to sign up for this course. There is no cost for your copy of *The Book of Concord* which is being paid for by an anonymous donor.

SUMMER 2010 MISSION TRIP

8th through 12th grade students are eligible to go on a mission trip to Virginia from July 4-9, 2010. If you are interested there will be a meeting on **Sunday, November 8th at 1pm in Grace Lutheran Church in Dover**. Parents and Pastors are encouraged to attend. Check out the web site at <http://www.youthworks.com> and click on mission trips, then list of mission trips, then click on Eastern Shore, VA, and check out the details. If you have any questions please call Christine Sergent, Grace’s Co-Director of Young Peoples Ministry at 330-364-3037. We will be completing registration forms and your \$60 deposit will be due. You are welcome to invite a friend.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 10/18—10/25)

Sunday	<u>St. Luke, Evangelist</u> 9 AM—Beach City Holy Communion 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education 12 PM—Beach City Thrivent Luncheon 9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 3:30 PM—Cooperative Catechism (Trinity, Magnolia)
Monday	9 AM—Beach City Quilters 7 PM—Beach City Church Council
Tuesday	9 AM—Strasburg Quilters
Wednesday	7 PM—Strasburg Senior Choir (Choir room)
Thursday	9 AM—Beach City Quilters 7 PM—Saints alive!
Friday	6 PM—Hess-Young/Lather Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	8 AM—Men’s Bible Study (Rosalie’s) 2:30 PM—Hess-Young/Lather Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sunday	<u>Reformation Sunday</u> 9 AM—Beach City Holy Communion 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education 9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 11:30 AM—Strasburg Reformation Dinner

All ministry is open to disciples in both Strasburg and Beach City congregations. The names “Strasburg” or “Beach City” denotes location



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ELCA Director for Congregational Mission Addresses Lutheran CORE

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- "Will you be serious about mission?" is a question the Rev. Stephen P. Bouman asked in an open letter to members of the Lutheran Coalition for Renewal (Lutheran CORE). Bouman is executive director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission.

Bouman wrote the letter from a personal perspective after attending a Sept. 25-26 meeting of Lutheran CORE, an organization of ELCA pastors, lay people, congregations and reform groups. Leaders and members of CORE discussed their responses to actions taken by the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and discussed the possibility of becoming a "free standing synod." It ended its status as an independent organization affiliated with the ELCA during the assembly.



Lutheran CORE opposed the assembly's decisions on changing ministry policies, including a policy to allow Lutherans in lifelong, publicly accountable, monogamous same-gender relationships to serve as ELCA associates in ministry, clergy, deaconesses and diaconal ministers. It also opposed parts of a social statement on human sexuality adopted by the assembly.

Bouman wrote that mission was either not mentioned or was referenced as an afterthought during the Lutheran CORE meeting. As the organization discerns whether to remain or separate from the ELCA, Bouman invited members and leaders of the organization to "walk together in the renewal of faith and mission of every congregation." One way to do that is to connect with a "local mission table" being created in each of the ELCA's 65 synods, he said.

"Mission is local, and your brothers and sisters, including many of you, are involved in prayer, study of Scripture and engagement in the community which is leading to new mission starts and renewed mission congregations," Bouman wrote.

If Lutheran CORE decides to separate from the ELCA, "please come to know and love the mission from which you will disengage or engage in new ways. I believe that we can do both (of) these important things together," he said.

First "make strong, conscience-bound witness around the issues which are tearing us apart," Bouman wrote. Second, "engage each other boldly in the Spirit's power around the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. The church, in all of its flawed and diverse forms this side of heaven, is about God's mission to the world if it is to be a church."

Bouman called his experience at the meeting "sobering." He said he attended the meeting to listen and to "make sure that unintended consequences of withdrawal from mission support as a means of protest do not hurt" the "precious missions of our church."

"I want to say as publicly and as strongly as possible that exactly the opposite is true," he said. "I want to beseech Lutheran CORE to build your witness and your organization around truthful conversation and not on caricatures of your church body or unfounded fear."

Bouman wrote that Lutheran CORE's DNA will be determined by the priority it places on mission. "The Old and New Testaments bear witness to the centrality of mission in the church," he wrote.

"Mission is joyful but it is also serious," Bouman wrote. "How will we hold on to one another in the mission of the church in these troubled times?"

"Mission is also how the world perceives the way in which we engage each other around serious issues and disagreements," he wrote. "If you are serious about mission, God will find ways for us to continue to support the outreach God has given us in the midst of our communal agony, anger and even sense of betrayal."

The Rev. Stephen P. Bouman's letter is posted at <http://www.elca.org/faithfulmission/bouman> on the ELCA Web site,

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MISSION PROJECT The Social Missions mission for October is the Community Help Tree for the Homeless Shelter, Harbor House and PAL. The tree is in the Narthex with items needed for the 3 recipients. Money donated to Social Missions during the month of October will be divided between PAL, the Homeless Shelter and Harbor House. Your help in filling the needs of these worthwhile organizations is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead: The mission for November will be the Hat, Mitten & Scarf Tree for Share-A-Christmas. Our mission for December will be items needed for the United Methodist Church Food Pantry here in Strasburg.