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Wednesday Evening Healing Service (In-Person & Zoom)

August 5, 2026 – 6:30pm

Prelude

* Call to Worship

P: We hear a divine melody,

C: We feel an inner pull,

P: Drawing us closer,

C: Beckoning us to draw near

P: To the love of God,

C: The companionship of Jesus,

P: The guidance of the Spirit.

C: We are drawn to this moment.

P: Touch us, Holy Spirit. Bring us to life.

* Gathering Hymn 939 ACS

“Touch that Soothes and Heals”



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a
break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good
wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain
“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the
grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as
ones I died to save.”

* Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

* The Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

* Prayers of the People

Anointing and Laying on of Hands – *Please come to the altar rail and kneel as you are ready. Please feel free to remain seated, if you do not desire the laying on of hands.*

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

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.

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* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

* Sending Hymn 1033 ACS

"Nothing Can Trouble"

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community

Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*** Dismissal**

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

It's Ice Cream Sunday time again! On August 16th at 6 PM Fellowship Hall will be transformed into your favorite ice cream parlor! Come enjoy scoops of your favorite flavors, design your own sundaes, build your own cones, or quench your thirst with an ice cream float. Rainbow sherbet, ice cream sandwiches, and soft drinks will also be available. What better way to cool off from the August heat? And, to make the evening really special, musical entertainment by RAGS! **Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know how many will be joining the party.** This event is free and open to the public. Free will offerings are gladly accepted.

Our Worship & Music Committee would like to buy copies of our new hymnal – All Creation Sings (Supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship) to be available in our pews.

If you are interested in helping to purchase these hymnals, please write on a piece of paper or envelope the number that you are purchasing and how you want the honor/memory to read and enclosed with your check (payable to CLC). The cost is \$15.00 per hymnal. You may put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office. For more information, please see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

"Summertime means kids are out of school and families are in need more than ever! As you're shopping, please grab a few extra items for the LaVale Food Pantry. Frequently needed items are *saltine crackers, boxes of pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal and shelf-stable milk*. Thanks for your continued generosity!"