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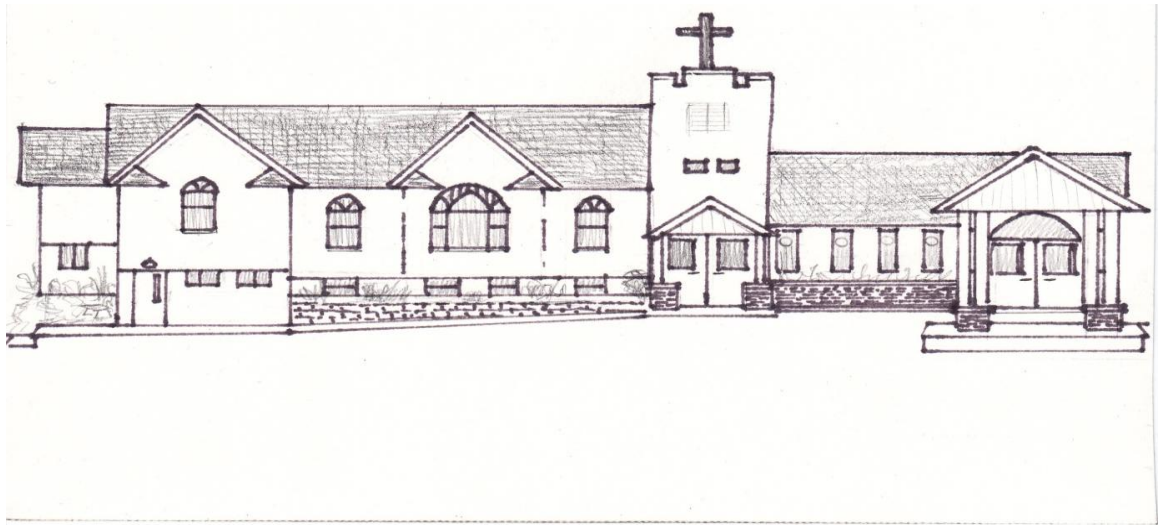
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Sunday, June 22, 2025
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome Dick Joyce SAMS
9am Worship Service

PRELUDE: ORGAN / CLAVINOVA

[*] REQUESTS YOUR RISING IF COMFORTABLE

CALL TO WORSHIP BY OUR CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

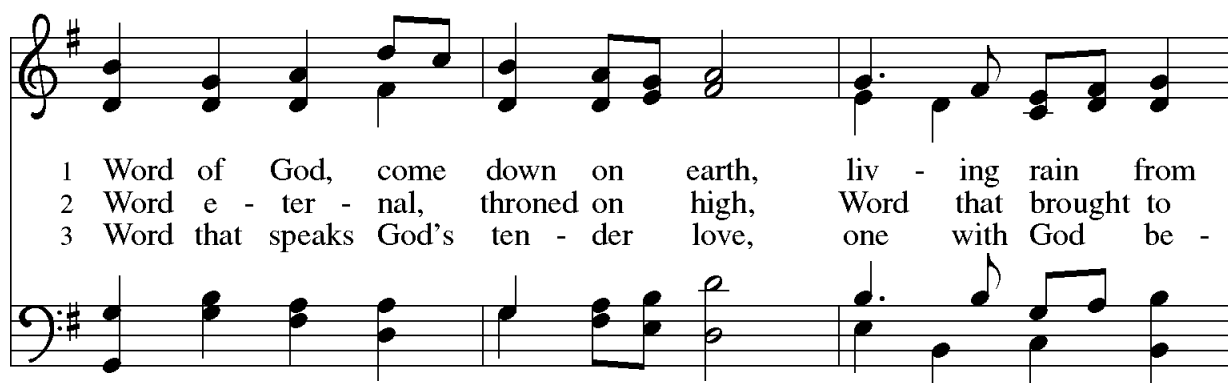


Introduction to the day

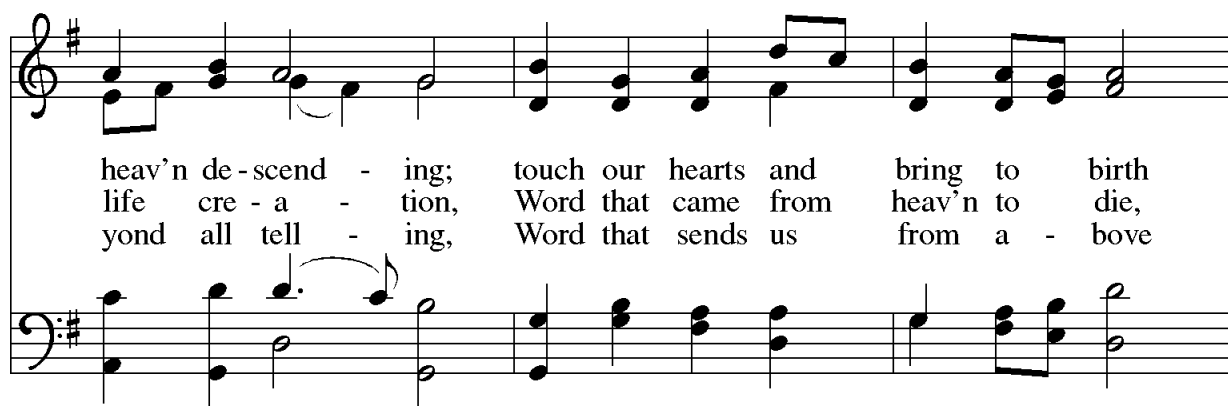
This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

***GATHERING SONG** *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* (WOV 716)

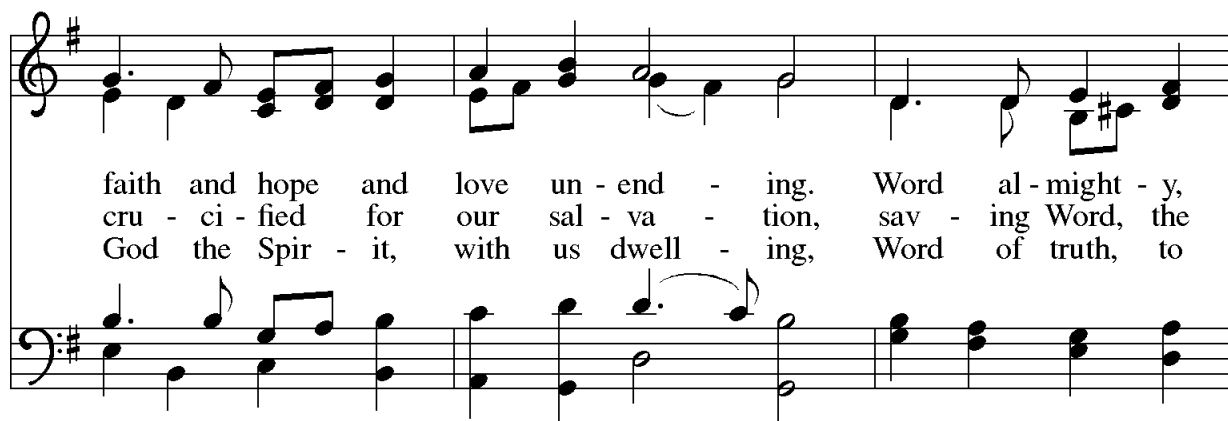
Word of God, Come Down on Earth




1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

***INVOCATION (WOV p. 46)**

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.**

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

***SCRIPTURE SONG (WOV p. 47)**



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 47)**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

READER The word of the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. (*Ps. 22:21*)

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is
the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29

A reading from Galatians.

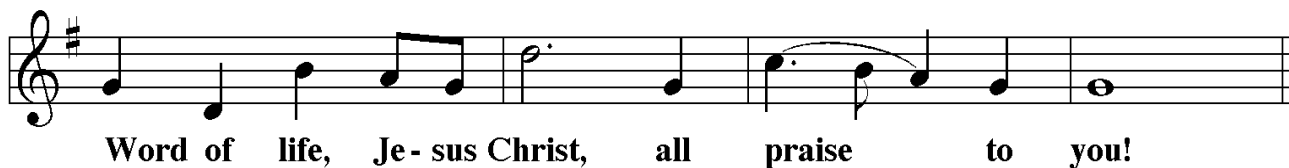
For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

READER The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 48)



***GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter.

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

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (WOV 771)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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***RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION (WOV p. 49)**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**
P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**
P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**
P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.
Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**
C **Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen
P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all
our sins.
C **Amen**

***PEACE (WOV p. 50)**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share God's peace with one another.

***OFFERTORY (WOV p. 50)**

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

P Let us pray.

God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*THE PRAYERS

- P Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.
- P We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet (*international companion churches and synods may be named*) and Christians in our community (*local congregations may be named*). God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence (*areas in crises may be named*). When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick (*especially*). Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)**

P 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.**

***BENEDICTION (WOV p. 53)**

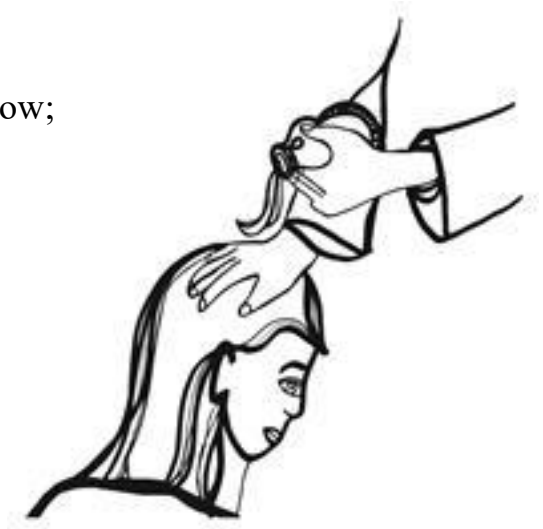
P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

REFLECTION

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.



THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for coming!

~ Strength & Healing Concerns~

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pam Rabe	Judy Livingston	Pat Janssen	Bill Juraco	Phyllis Fischer
Lyle & Mary Lou Nannen	Judy Wyss	Virginia Mahan		Richard Sathoff
Ray Hammerich	Cyndi Benson	Carl Satterlee		Dave Kroepel
Linda Meyer	Grant Blaza	Doug Rabe		Alice Lopez
Derek Cruitt	Heather Hayden	Lisa Pate		Marsha Shafer
Greg Strickfaden	Marie Haage	Greg Sewell		Linda Hollenback
Kendall Manwaring				

And All Soldiers Serving Our Country

~ THANK YOU ~

Music: Linda Garmon
Reader: VOLUNTEER
Greeter: VOLUNTEERS

~ ST. PETER HAPPENINGS ~

June 22nd – 9am Worship Service –
Welcome Dick Joyce SAMS
Non-Communion Service

June 29th – 9am Worship Service –
Welcome Pastor Dick Hanson
Communion Service

The WELCA “Project Promise” continues its next phase for the summer months by collecting donations for the School Kits in June, July, and August. Containers will be available in the Narthex to collect the following items:

- ❖ Notebooks – 70 sheets only
- ❖ Pencils (unsharpened) and ball point pens (no gel ink)
- ❖ Pencil Sharpeners
- ❖ Erasers (2 inches)
- ❖ Rulers (inches on one side and centimeters on the other)
- ❖ Scissors (blunt safety)
- ❖ Boxes of crayons (16 or 24 count only)

***If you would like for Sharon to do the shopping, just give her the money and she will get it done!!**

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 22, 2025

LECTIONARY 12

Real Healing

Today we resume our journey through the Gospel of Luke. Luke has a clear agenda: to share the gospel to the ends of the earth—to whomever, however, and whenever the opportunity presents itself! Luke boldly declares that the gospel is the gift of healing offered for all creation.

It is with this evangelical and healing bias that we approach this scripture passage. The nakedness, the tombs, and the swine speak to a reality of a lack of ritual purity. The world is not perfect. Demons in turn remind us of the various pressures and temptations that surround and distract us from God's presence and holiness. The swineherds are confused. On one hand, a man is healed; on the other, they lose their livelihood when the swine throw themselves over a cliff. And all of this happens in Gentile land: Jesus shares the good news in non-Jewish lands and to non-Jewish people. Jesus is willing to enter the reality of life. Jesus is willing to enter the reality of *our* lives.

What better message for Luke to share than that Jesus meets this broken human being right where he is. No need to clean up beforehand. No need to be someone he is not. No need to play any games or wear different hats. He simply gets to be himself. Jesus meets him and shows him that he is seen, not only in his truth of the moment, but also in the fullness of his humanity.

Demons, be gone. Confusion, be gone. Peace enters. Love enters. God enters and envelops each of us in true healing. To know we are enough with God is the heart of healing. Then comes an invitation to share news of the healing Jesus does each day.

What has Jesus done for you today?

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