



Woman,
you are set free
from your ailment

LUKE 13:12

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019 10:00 am

Spanaway Lutheran Church

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Before worship, speak to God in prayer.

During worship, listen to God.

After worship, speak to each other.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING WORSHIP.

Welcome To Our Worship. *If you are visiting, consider yourself at home with us and our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Family Room is available to welcome parents and children before or during worship. It is located to the left of the sanctuary. Listening devices are available; please inquire of the ushers.*

Prayer Requests and Announcements. *If you have a prayer request this morning, or wish for Pastor to make an announcement for you, please use the prayer cards provided in the blue folder and hand the completed card to an usher. If you wish to make an announcement yourself, please check with the Pastor or the Council President for approval prior to worship. Always use a microphone to accommodate those with impaired hearing. Thank you.*

INTRODUCTION

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

PRELUDES

Healing Rain

Music Team

Rescuer

Music Team

WELCOME

- Ushers collect prayer requests and announcements -

STAND FOR THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

A Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

- Silence is kept for reflection -

A God of mercy,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news! As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by His authority I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *This is the Day*



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be



glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BE SEATED FOLLOWING THE PRAYER OF THE DAY.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

**²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits —**

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**⁴who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**⁶The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lydia Wise

STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Women Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, this is the word of the Lord.

Men Al-le - lu-ia, this is the word of the Lord.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED FOR THE SERMON.

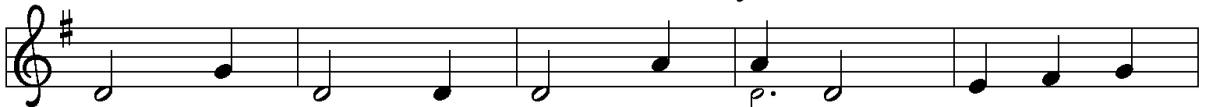
SERMON

Pastor John Schier-Hanson

STAND FOR THE SONG OF THE DAY, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

SONG OF THE DAY

Blest are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

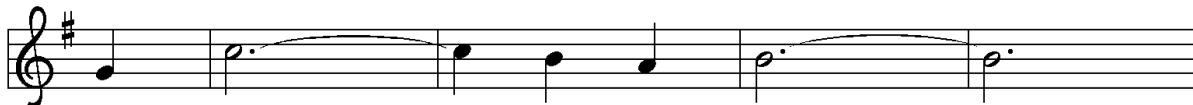


king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

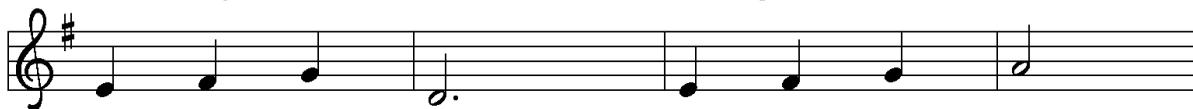


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and 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.**

**"catholic" means "universal"*

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS.

THE PRAYERS

A Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

Each petition ends with the following dialog:

A Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

STAND TO SHARE THE PEACE, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE OFFERING.

OFFERING *Impossible Things* by B. Brown, C. McClarney, Music Team
C. Tomlin, E. Cash

STAND FOR THE OFFERTORY PRAYER, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C **for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
5 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
8 est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
11 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

P You are indeed holy ...

... do this for the Remembrance of me.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be your name, — your
6 king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
10 Give us to-day — our dai - ly — bread. — For-give us our sins — as
16 we for-give those — who sin a - gainst us. Save us —
21 from the time of trial — and de-liv - er us — from e - vil. For the

27
king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for -
31
ev-er. A - men. Now and for - ev-er. A - men.

P God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

PLEASE BE SEATED.

We invite all who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present to come to His table to commune. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper we receive the wine from a pouring chalice. Those who desire to receive wine bring an empty cup from the trays in front of the altar and wine is poured from the pouring chalice. Those desiring grape juice should bring a cup filled with juice from the trays to the altar rail. A gluten free option is available in place of the bread, let the ministers know at the altar rail. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

As We Gather

As we gath-er may your Spir-it work with-in us,
3
as we gath-er may we glo-ri-fy your name.
5
Know-ing well that as our hearts be-gin to wor-ship,
7
we'll be blessed be-cause we came
9
we'll be blessed be-cause we came.

All That We Have



All that we have and all that we of - fer



comes from a heart both fright-ened and free.



Take what we bring now and give what we need,



all done in your name.

End



Some would re - ly on their pow - er,
Some - times the road may be lone - some,
Some - times when trou - bles are man - y,



oth - ers put trust in their gold.
of - ten we may lose our way.
life can seem emp - ty, it's true.

Take
But



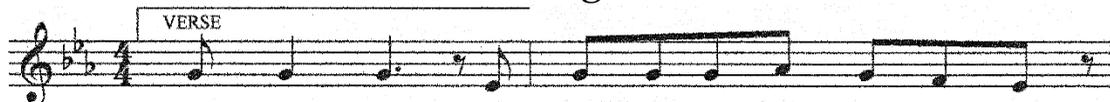
Some have on - ly their Sav - ior, whose
cour - age and al - ways re - mem - ber
look at the life of the Mas - ter, who



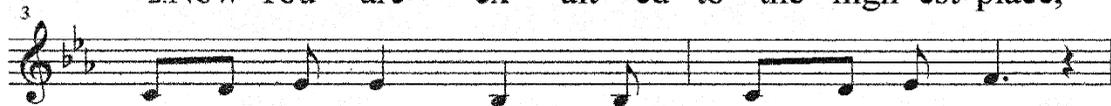
faith - ful - ness nev - er grows old.
love is - n't just for a day.
lov - ing - ly suf - fered for you.

To refrain

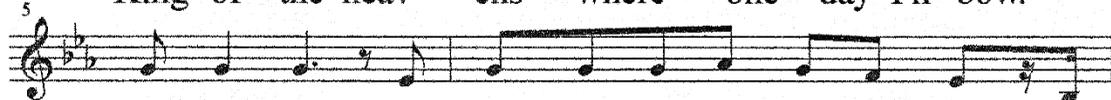
Once Again



1. Je - sus Christ, I think up-on Your sac - ri - fice.
2. Now You are ex - alt - ed to the high - est place,



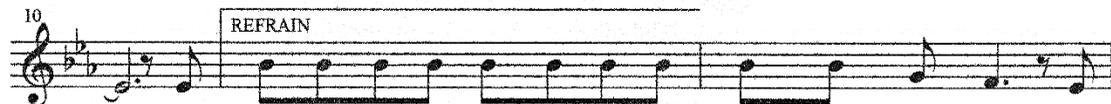
You be - came no - thing_ poured out to death.
King of the heav - ens_ where one day I'll bow.



Man - y times I've won - dered at Your gift of life, and
But for now I mar - vel at this sav - ing grace, and



I'm in that place once a - gain._ I'm in that place once a - gain._
I'm full of praise once a - gain._ I'm full of praise once a - gain._



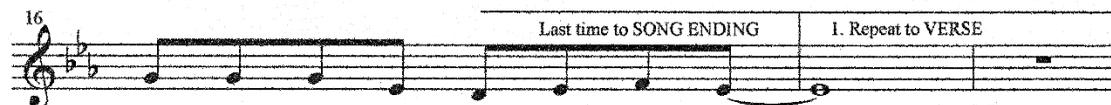
And once a - gain I look up - on the cross where You died. I'm
And



hum - bled by Your mer - cy and I'm



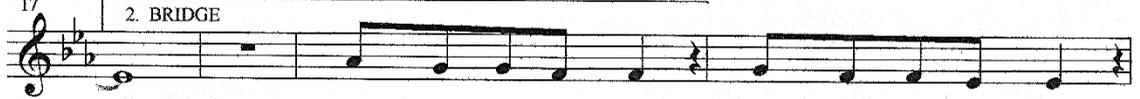
bro - ken in - side. Once a - gain I thank You,



once a - gain I pour out my life._

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2. BRIDGE



Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,

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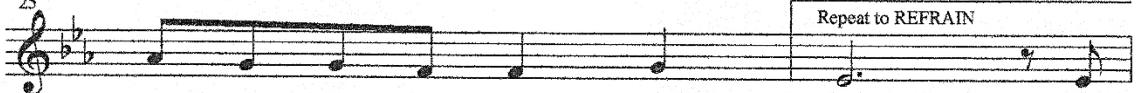
thank You for the cross my Lord.

23



Thank You for the cross, thank-You for the cross,

25



Repeat to REFRAIN

thank-You for the cross my Lord. And

27

SONG ENDING



Once a-gain I thank You, once a-gain I pour out my life.

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His

3



pow-er we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is

6



faith-ful and true, by His mer-cy He proves He is love.

9



Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of glo - ry,

11

Great are you Lord, and wor-thy of glo - ry,

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise.
 Great are you Lord, and wor - thy of praise.

13

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now
 Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I

15

lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!
 lift up my voice:

19

Great is the Lord!

STAND FOR THE BLESSING, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His most precious blood strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND FOR THE CLOSING SONG, IF YOU CAN COMFORTABLY DO SO.

CLOSING SONG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Days of Elijah

Music Team

*Flowers are offered today
by Elois Macdonald
in Memory of Elois' and Mike's
Wedding Anniversary
and for the Glory of God*

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God's Verbs

Through the lens of the gospel, today's texts offer a clear identification of God's work. What is God doing? God is reaching out to the bound-up to proclaim release from captivity. God is lifting up the oppressed. God is satisfying the needs of the afflicted. God raises up foundations. God restores and rebuilds, reconciles and sets free. God, whose word can shake the very foundations of the earth, speaks a better word than we've ever heard, or that we could ever speak. Like yeast that's included in bread dough or the seed of a particularly stubborn weed sown in the garden (Luke 13:18-21), when God speaks, there's no going back. The bread will be leavened; the garden will have a mustard bush; and precious daughters and sons of Abraham will be set free. It is God's work and God's activity that Isaiah calls us to be about. Why is the prophet so confident that light will conquer darkness and needs will be satisfied? Because this is already God's work, or as the prophet says, because "the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

These texts focus us on the *verbs*, the actions, of God. When we're attuned to the verbs of God within passages like these, it might make it easier to see and give witness to God's work and the verbs around us right now.