



**Zion Lutheran Church
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Service of Healing

Before this service begins, you are encouraged to prepare a small dish of oil. This could be simple olive oil, or a calming and healing oil regularly used in the household, such as an essential oil.

GATHERING

The Service of Healing may be used in a variety of circumstances in the church's ministry of care. Those who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may receive the gifts of prayer and of the laying on of hands, which is accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

INVOCATION OF THE SPIRIT

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.**

WORD

A brief lesson from Scripture:

James 5

7 Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged.

See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

12 Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "Yes" be yes and your "No" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

The Prayer of Faith

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the

*elders of the church and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in
the name of the Lord.*

*15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord
will
raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins
will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one
another, and pray for one another, so that you may be
healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and
effective. 17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he
prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three
years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18
Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and
the earth yielded its harvest.*

HEALING

P: 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 great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Loving God, our source and our final home,
we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth,
for our human bodies and all you have created.
In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are
healed.

Bring your saving health to all people.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of
baptism

and brought us into the communion of saints.

Renew in us the grace of baptism,

by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and
wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to
all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are
discouraged or in despair.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer,
bring hope and peace to all who are in mental,
physical, or spiritual distress.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Almighty God, source of human knowledge,
give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide
medical care.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Loving God, our creator and redeemer,
give gentleness and courage
to family members, friends, and caregivers of those
who suffer.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

*Other petitions may be offered, including particular
needs and requests for healing. The presiding
minister concludes the prayers.*

P: God of great and abundant mercy,
with your presence sustain all for whom we pray.
Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope,
and strengthen their trust in you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Blessing of Oil

Leader (raise hands): We give you thanks, O God,
source of life and health, for in Jesus you became
flesh and came to know the depth of human suffering.

You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick.

Bless the oil each of us has prepared, that all who are
anointed with it may be healed, strengthened, and
renewed by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Leader: The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in
God and with each other.

In the laying on of hands (and anointing), we proclaim
the good news that God desires us to be healthy and
one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer
yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or
body and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in
the name of the triune God.

Each small assembly is invited into this time for
spiritual renewal. Those who wish to receive laying
on of hands (and anointing) turn to each other and, as
conditions permit, they may kneel. Participants lay
both hands on each person's head and following a
brief silence says:

*[Name,] in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, may
you be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that
you may know the healing power of the Spirit.*

Amen.

Then with the oil, say:

*Receive this oil + as a sign of forgiveness and healing
in Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

HYMN

THE PEACE

Go In Peace...

**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.**

Let us pray.
Merciful God, constant source of all healing,
we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and
life,
and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son,
through whom we have health and salvation.
As we wait for that day when there will be no more
pain,
help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your
power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING