

## February 8, 2026

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**  
**Learning Hour for all 10:50am**

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### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

Steve Friesen, worship leader

**\*HYMN VT 35**

*Come to the Water*

### **WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

**MOMENT OF WONDER**

Natasha VanDyke

**ANTHEM**

*Alleluia Fugue*

Bach, arr. North

**SCRIPTURE**

John 5:1-18

After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethsaida. It had five covered porches, and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there. A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

The sick man answered him, “Sir, I don’t have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I’m trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me.”

Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

The Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It’s the Sabbath; you aren’t allowed to carry your mat.”

He answered, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

They inquired, “Who is this man who said to you, ‘Pick it up and walk’?” The man who had been cured didn’t know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away from the crowd gathered there.

Later Jesus found him in the temple and said, “See! You have been made well. Don’t sin anymore in case something worse happens to you.” The man went and proclaimed to the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the man who had made him well.

As a result, the Jewish leaders were harassing Jesus, since he had done these things on the Sabbath. Jesus replied, “My Father is still working, and I am working too.” For this reason the Jewish leaders wanted even more to kill him—not only because he was doing away with the Sabbath but also because he called God his own Father, thereby making himself equal with God.

SERMON

*Healing Questions*

Cheryl Somers-Ingwersol

\*HYMN VT 642

*Healing River of the Spirit*



*Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 110), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in Worship.*

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

### SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

*As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.*

### SHARING CONCERNS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

## OFFERING

*If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.*

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

\*HYMN VT 644

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand

Anthem: *Alleluia Fugue*. Music by J.S. Bach, text and arrangement by Jack North.

The piece is an arrangement of an organ solo, the “Little” Fugue in g minor, written by Bach.

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord and sing unto His holy name.

O let us sing a song of joy.

Praise the Lord and let the earth and heaven sing.

Praise the Lord and let the joyful music ring.

Alleluia!

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