

February 8, 2026

Worship 9:30am

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

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 Bethesda. 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-Ingersol

*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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