

Leader Guide Template

Thursday Service of the Word—Healing Service

INTRODUCTION (optional): *<Name>*

If you have a commemoration, a special welcome to guests, or particular instructions about a portion of the service, put them here. Otherwise, this section can be dropped.

NOTE: instructions about the psalm can go here, or they can go immediately before the psalm (see below).

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG: *<Number, Title>*

GREETING - *<Name>*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY - *<Name>*

Please draft an original Prayer of the Day. Do not use the one that is the same as the one for the following Sunday from the ELW.

Before the prayer, say:

Let us pray.

At the conclusion of the prayer, the assembly responds:

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

PSALM: *<Psalm (and verses, if appropriate)>* - *<Name>*

If you did not give instructions at the beginning of the service about how the psalm is to be done, give them here. A suggested form is:

“Our psalm today is Psalm XX, verses Y through Z (if not doing the entire psalm). We will <read/sing> the psalm <responsively/antiphonally> by <whole/half> verse. <I/the cantor/portion of the group> will <read/sing> the odd-numbered verses, followed by <the assembly/other portion of the group> <reading/singing> the even-numbered verses.”

NOTE: Modify the suggested form if you are doing the psalm in a different manner, such as a sung refrain after groups of verses or some other presentation.

After the Psalm is finished, allow 10-15 seconds of silence. Continue with the psalm prayer

The Psalm Prayers can be found in the ELW Leader's Desk Edition following each psalm. The prayers can also be found on the S Drive under Student Groups – Chapel – Worship Resources – ELW Psalm Prayers.

READING: <Book, Chapter and verses> - <Name>

Before the reading, announce:

A reading from <Book>, the <Xth> chapter.

After the reading, say:

Word of God, word of life.

HEALING SERVICE INTRODUCTION

The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words.

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

Prayers of intercession are prayed, including prayers for healing. To each petition the assembly responds with these or similar words.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds
Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God. As you come forward to one of our four stations, please provide your name to the worship leader and kneel as conditions permit.

The minister lays both hands on each person's head and may use one of these forms or similar words. The minister may also anoint the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross.

OPTION A: In the name of our Savior

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

Response:

Amen.

The laying on of hands may be accompanied by the singing of acclamations (#218-221), psalms, hymns, and other music.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [*and anointing*], grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (select Contemporary or Traditional)

Contemporary

"Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us prayer as Jesus taught us..."

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

Traditional

"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.**

BLESSING

The presiding minister concludes the order for healing.

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OR

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

OR

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

OR

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

The people depart in peace, greeting one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.