ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Fourth Wednesday in Lent — March 18, 2009
Service of the Word for Healing — 7:30 P.M.

Our Preparation

The Prelude		Enter quietly to worship
*The Confession of Sins		p. 56
†*The Entrance Hymn	(1)	# 453
*The Dialog	(2)	See opposite page
*The Apostles' Creed	(2)	p. 128
*The Prayer of the Day	(4)	p. 18

†Latecomers may be seated

The Word

The First Lesson	(5)	James 5:14–16
The Psalm 146	(7)	p. 287
The Second Lesson	(8)	John 5:1b–9
Silence for Meditation	(11)	
The Sermon	(12)	Mr. Gemma

Our Response to the Word

*The Hymn of the Day	(13)	(Alt. tune) # 292
The Offering	(14)	p. 129
The Offertory	(46)	p. 75

The Order for Healing

*The Prayers for Healing	(15)	
The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil		
*The Prayers of Thanksgiving		
*The Lord's Prayer (either version)		p. 130
*The Benediction	(17)	p. 130
*The Departure Hymn		# 474
*A Moment of Reflection		
*The Postlude		Depart joyfully to serve

*Congregation standing

Lay Assistant: Steve Gemma
Ushers: Ralph and Becky Comeau
Please disable all cell phones upon entering the sanctuary.

The Occasional Service of the Word begins on page 126 in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

The Dialog

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
C: **and his mercy endures forever.**
P: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
C: **and he delivered them from their distress.**
P: He sent forth his Word and healed them,
C: **and saved them from the grave.**
P: The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
C: **and loving in all his works.**
P: The Lord upholds all who fall;
C: **he lifts up those who are bowed down.**
P: The Lord sustains them on their sickbed,
C: **and ministers to them in their illness.**
P: The Lord is my strength and my song,
C: **and he has become my salvation.**
P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
C: **and his mercy endures forever.**

The prayers for healing are a series of brief bidding collects. The congregation will be invited to pray for a specific need, the collect will be prayed, and the congregation is invited to pray "Amen" at the conclusion of each collect.

Following the prayers for healing, everyone present is invited to come forward and kneel at the altar rail, if you desire. In the tradition of the apostles, Pastor Phyles will administer the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil. You are invited to pray "Amen" following each pastoral act. When you are ready, you may return to your place.

We welcome to the pulpit this evening our own Steve Gemma, who always brings a thoughtful and insightful message. We appreciate his ministry of the Word.

Nails are available at the rear of the church to carry with you throughout Lent. They may be hammered into a wooden cross by their bearers at the Maundy Thursday Table of the Lord service.

This coming Sunday we shall celebrate the sacrament of holy communion.

We ask your prayer and concern for these members and friends of St. John this evening and in the days to come.

David Fredricksen	Ellen Hepburn	Sylvia Moynihan
Dorothy Fender	Gary Garaputo	Anna Snow
Bill Henderson	Roland Pelletier, Jr.	