

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Larimore, ND
June 11, 2023
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

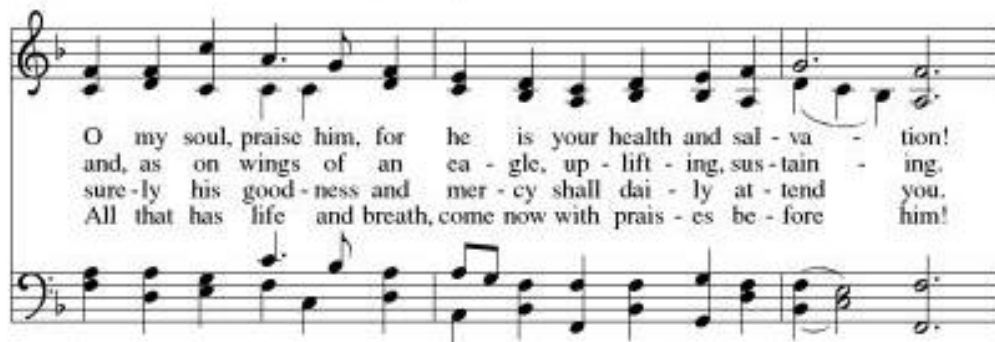
Gracious God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

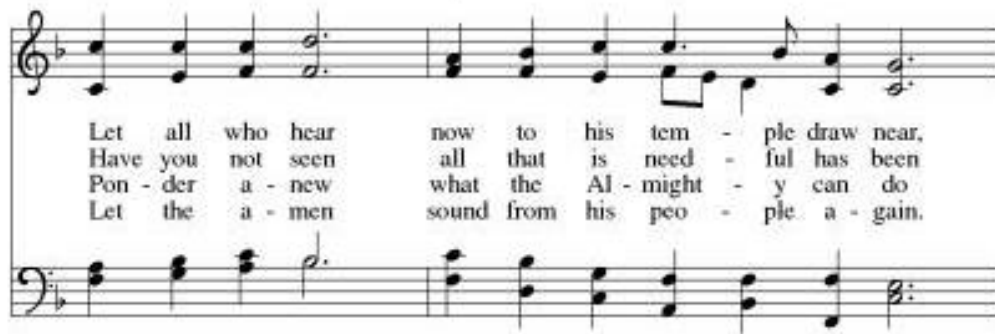
***GATHERING HYMN** *"Praise to the Lord..."* #858 vs.1,3-4



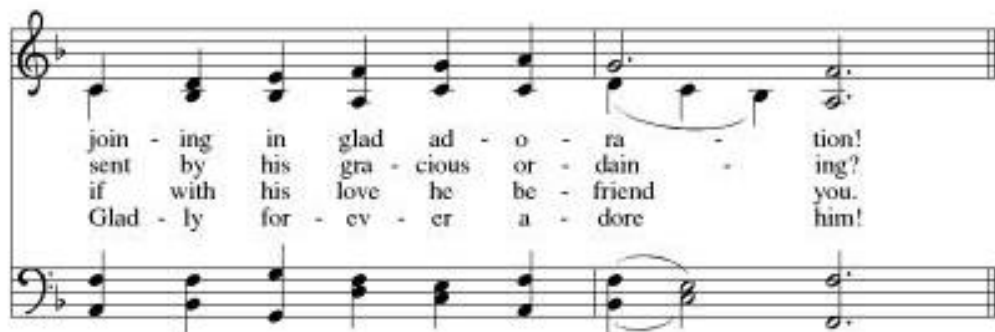
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6 PB 733

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my^[a] judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-15 PB 451-452 (read responsively, verse by verse)

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.** ³ Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him. ⁴ **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:** ⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!” ⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah** ⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸ **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.** ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰ **For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.** ¹¹ I know all the

birds of the air,^[a] and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹² **“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,^[b] and pay your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25 PB 916

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed,^[c] who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already^[d] as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe^[e] in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. **WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “O Savior, Precious Savior” #820 vs.2



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:9-26* PB 790

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner^[a] in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting^[b] with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” ¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often,^[c] but

your disciples do not fast?”¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, “The wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.”¹⁶ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made.¹⁷ Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”¹⁸ **While** he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.”²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment.²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him.²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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***APOSTLE'S CREED** pg.105

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

***OFFERING** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* ELW 686 vs.1

We give Thee but thine own, what e'er thy gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. AMEN.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

SING: *"What a Friend We Have a in Jesus"* #742 vs.2

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.

We pray, O God, a prayer of thankfulness. For your great and beautiful creation—for the animals of the earth, for the oceans, rivers, and lakes.

We pray, O God, for farmers and ranchers—that they receive rain, where needed desperately; and Sunshine to help the crops, grass, and gardens to grow abundantly.

We pray, O God, not only for our own nation, but all nations. We pray for our leaders and the leaders around the world—that they seek You for guidance, and truth.

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain *especially* those we name in our hearts and on our prayer lists.

We pray, O God, that your spirit of life continues to dwell in our congregation. Be with us, and guide us, as we fervently seek you for wisdom and discernment in the path we should take. Give us clarity of mind; open hearts; and the courage, strength, and faith to follow where you lead.

SING: *“What a Friend We Have a in Jesus” #742 vs.2*

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray the prayer He taught us... 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.

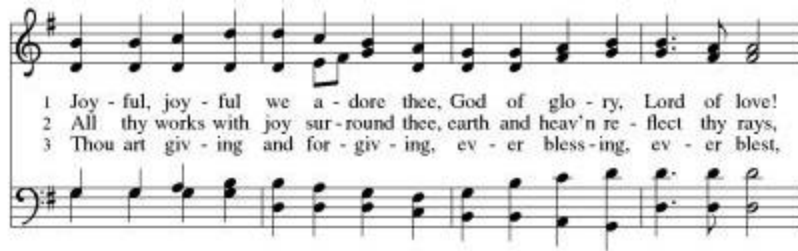
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

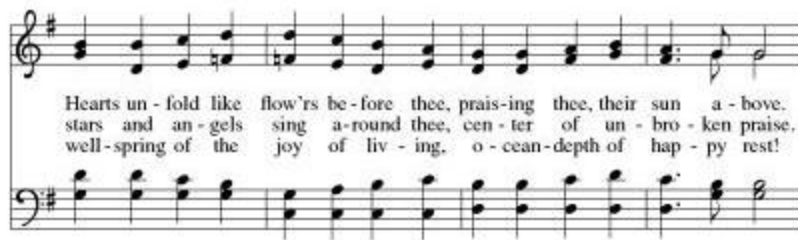
***BLESSING**

May the God of all comfort surround you with His tender mercies and strength. May He breathe fresh life into your soul and put a new song in your heart. May He broaden the path beneath your feet and make your footsteps firm. And may He lead you to a spacious place and answer your heartfelt prayers. Amen.

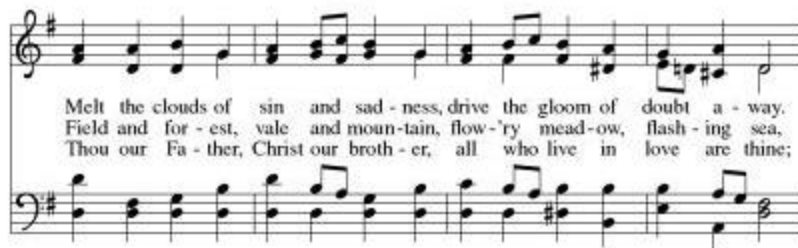
***SENDING HYMN** “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*” #836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee,
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

***DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, be a warrior of prayer and a light in a darkened world!

We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

"Excited by faith, we are called to *serve all*; gathered to WORSHIP, inspired to teach, we are our Savior's!"

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: ??

Reader: ??

Prayer: ??

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: up for grabs—coffee only

Serving Next Sunday (6/18/23)

Ushers: ??

Reader: ??

Prayer: ??

Communion: N/A

Fellowship:

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Olson, Family of Sandy Lein, Dillon Norman (USM), Family of Rita Carew (Julie Mutch's mom), Ashley Johnson (daughter in-law to Mike & Stephanie Johnson), Pr. Rena Peterson, OSLC Call Committee, Cindy Olson, Bonnie Olson, Marv Jemtrud, Clint & Sandie Lein, David Barnett (relative of Robert Stover), Arlene Lilja, Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson), LaVonne Jacobson, David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover), Robbie Leake

CALENDAR

Today, 6/11/2023—2nd Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 6/14/2023

7:00pm—Church Council Meeting

Next Sunday, 6/18/2023—Father's Day/3rd Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

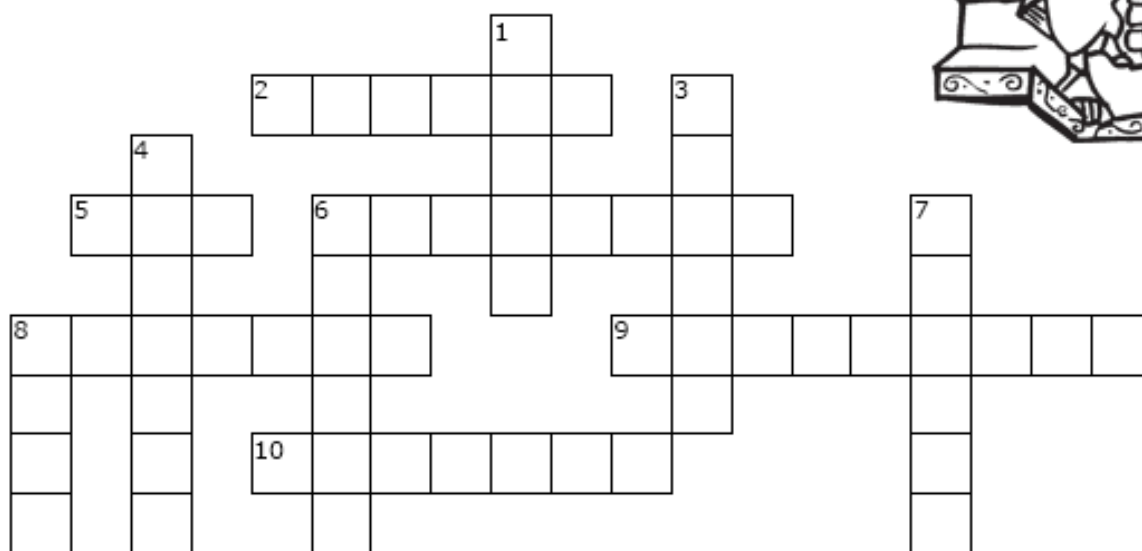
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: May-June:** Grounds
- **Noisy offering:**
Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Father's Day:**
Sunday, June 18th
- **Larimore Days:**
Mon., July 10th – Sun., July 16th
- **OSLC VBS (Vacation Bible School):** July 18-20.

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9:13b (NIV)

Based on Genesis Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. One who refuses to obey God's laws
5. An amount of money paid to the government
6. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
8. The opposite of standing
9. A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
10. Strong and free from illness and disease

DOWN

1. Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
3. To walk behind someone
4. The first book of the New Testament
6. The main meal of the day
7. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
8. To be affected with disease or ill health

DISCIPLE
SICK
SITTING

DINNER
MERCY
MATTHEW

DOCTOR
SINNER
HEALTHY

COLLECTOR
FOLLOW
TAX