

Living Water Fellowship

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

1ST NOVEMBER 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O Living God of all our days and days yet to come, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace, and craves without knowing your healing and relief. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen

SONG:

All Creatures of our God and King

(On-Line worship – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSFK7UiH5Us>)

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

Matthew 9:18-26 & John 20:30-31

FAITH CHAT:

1. Can you recall a time when God healed or restored something in your life?
2. Where would you like Jesus' healing touch in your life?

THE MESSAGE:

HIS STORY – YOUR LIFE: HIS HEALING

PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes. Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

The Communion: *(on-site)*

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion:

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

***(Name), † child of God,
Christ is your healer!
Amen***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Dreams and Visions (AT 249)*

On-Line worship – Rest My Soul (Tim Timmons)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqOwUhlw3Mc>

SHOW HIS LOVE

MATTHEW 9:18-26

As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. "My daughter has just died," he said, "but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her." So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him.

Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, for she thought, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus arrived at the official's home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music. "Get out!" he told them. "The girl isn't dead; she's only asleep." But the crowd laughed at him. After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up! The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside.

JOHN 20:30-31

The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 9:18-26 & John 20:30-31. What questions immediately come to mind? Does your familiarity with these verses hinder you seeing it with fresh eyes?
2. What is the "sickest" you've ever been? What happened? How was God active in your life at that time? What would you have done to get well?
3. Why was the synagogue leader so passionate for his daughter that he would risk embarrassment & possibly his leadership position, considering the Pharisees' feeling about Jesus at that time? Why did the woman think, *all I have to do is touch His clothes & I can be healed?*
4. What is the relationship between desperation & faith? Why does it often take desperation to allow the possibility of trusting Jesus? What does Jesus' response to both the Jewish leader & the woman reveal about his Kingdom?
5. Why does the synagogue leader persist even after it seems all hope is gone? For the woman, what kinds of doubts or feelings toward God may have arisen in those 12 years? What would her isolation have included & felt like? How do you persist in the face of chronic or on-going difficulties?
6. How do you react when healing doesn't occur or restoration doesn't happen? What assures you to continue trusting in Jesus even when you don't get what you want?
7. In both instances, healing & restoration occurs through direct relationship with Jesus. How is knowing "about" Jesus different from "knowing" Jesus? How does that difference move you to a place where Jesus can transform, strengthen & equip you for his mission? Where are you being transformed by Jesus at this time? How can you share that with someone else & perhaps lead them into a relationship with Christ?