

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

At the heart of Jesus ministry was the ministry of Healing. We read in the gospels that "Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness." (Matthew 9:35). He then gave his disciples power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. (Luke 9:1-2).

In his letter, St. James says: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15).

These and many other scriptures place the ministry of healing at the center of Christian mission; and that is why we at Holy Trinity are committed to Healing Ministry; in its many forms.

It is within that context that, after prayerful consideration, we believe the need for a regularly scheduled service of Public Healing has significantly diminished while the need for more private healing prayers in homes and hospitals has significantly increased. That is why, effective immediately, the regularly scheduled Wednesday Healing Service is suspended until further notice.

Healing ministry will continue to be exercised both privately (in hospitals and homes), and publicly in the context of Sunday Worship. Those who wish to have healing prayers with laying of hands and anointing with oil will be encouraged to remain or return to the altar for healing prayers following the administration of Holy Communion. If you need private prayers for healing in your home, at the hospital, here at church or over the phone, please contact me directly or call the office.

Please pray that, Holy Trinity will continue to be a place of healing and hope for a hurting world.

In Christ our Healer,

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