



## 22nd Sunday After Pentecost October 24, 2021

Rev. Kelley L. Pedersen, Interim Pastor

*Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"*

(\*please stand as you are able)

(Congregation reads **bold** print)

### Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**  
**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**  
**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**  
**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**  
**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**  
**Listen when we call out to you for help.**  
**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.  
**Amen.**

\*Hymn "God Whose Almighty Word" #673

#### \*Greeting

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**

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 126**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for  
them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who <sup>1</sup>sowed with tears  
will reap with <sup>1</sup>songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation -- p. 102**

\*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord**

## **Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Message**

**Hymn of the Day** "God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" p. 9 (1084 ACS)

## **Apostles' Creed**

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 power of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
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

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

#### *A brief silence.*

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations (*especially*), that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

#### *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

#### **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

**\*Peace**

May the peace of God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Offering and \*Offering Prayer**

God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer** p. 145

**\*Blessing**

People of God, you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** "Oh Savior Precious Savior" #820

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Baptized believers sent into God's world to share God's love and grace.**

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**Welcome!** May you be blessed as we worship together!

Pr. Kelley can be reached at 402-750-9944 (cell).

**Welcome to Sadie Robbins, TLC's new administrative assistant!**

**We are grateful you have joined us!**

**This Week's Events: Oct 24-30**

|       |            |  |
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| Sun.  | 9:00am     | <b>22nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship</b>                   |
|       | 10:00pm    | Congregation Gathering - past, present, future               |
| Mon.  |            | <b>Office Closed</b>   |
| Tues. | 7:00pm     | <b>AA Meeting</b> (Contact person is Larry S., 712-251-4207) |
| Wed.  | 3:30-5pm   | <b>Kid's Zone</b> (through grade 6)                          |
|       | 6:00-7:15p | Confirmation   |

**Upcoming Events:**

\* **Starting in November--Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00am**  
(If another time works better, please share that with Pr. Kelley or a council member)

Sun, Nov 21 TBA                      Community Thanksgiving Service; hosted at Trinity Lutheran

**Worship Assistants for October:**

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| Organist: Ruth Chartier                | Altar Guild: Janna Brandt & Marcia Kuehl     |
| Scripture Reader: Ann Hopp             | Offertory Accountants: Julie Davidson & Nick |
| Tech Assistants: Casey & Jill Stratton | Wahlberg                                     |

**Worship Assistants for November:**

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| Organist: Ruth Chartier                | Altar Guild: Cindy & Gail Ploen                 |
| Scripture Reader: Lisa Rippke          | Offertory Accountants: Kim Steffen & Denny Bain |
| Tech Assistants: Casey & Jill Stratton |   |
| Acolyte: TBA                           | Crucifer: TBA                                   |

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**Prayers**

At Air Guard Tech. School in Biloxi, MI: Blake Morgan

For those battling cancer: **Harry Kloewer-hospice**; Denise Arpino-treatment; Doug Dahlke-PET scan came back clear; Brad Pautsch (Cindy Ploen's brother)-stem cell transplant done; Michelle Stovie (Harry Kloewer's daughter)-chemo, PET scan at the end of October

We also pray for **Norma Thies (in the hospital)**; Talon Penning (Kara Koehn's brother)-life flighted to Sioux Falls with covid pneumonia; Carla Boggs; Jon Kleemeier-rehab at home; Barb Kunkel; Drake Malm; Tucker Malm (10 yrs old)-Crohn's; Kelly Martin; Paula Roling; Kereen Swanger-recovering from stroke; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of COVID-19, extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse.

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**Birthdays:** 25-Stefani Lindgren; 26-Kari Bappe; 28-Sydney Gilles; 29-Jessica Way

**Anniversaries:** 29-Nick & Liz Wahlberg

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**THANK YOU!**

- Thank you to Irv Martin for the freshly painted lines in the parking area!
- Thank you to TLC from Jon & Jodi Kleemeier for the thoughts and noisy offering. It was greatly appreciated!
- Thank you to the TLC women that served lunch after Jo Sparr’s Memorial service – your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged!
- Thank you to Peggy Hopp for coffee and sweets during the congregational gathering last week!
- Thank you to all who gathered to share about the past, present & future last week!

**On Ushers’ Table:**

- Children’s bulletins
- Lutheran Disaster Response - US Wildfires information, Haiti earthquake relief

**Pay the Weigh**  
**Feeding Hungry People in Western Iowa**

Who: Everyone! Church council, ministry teams, men, women, young & old!

When: Now through November 30, 2021

What: Just for fun--

1) weigh yourself, a group, include the dog or a neighbor or two

2) raise/contribute the amount of your total weight or round up...WAY UP!

\*\*It is not your weight, but a fun way to raise dollars and feed our neighbors.

The money will be equally divided to each of the six conferences in Western Iowa. Each conference will disperse the funds to local foodbanks, food pantries, and community meals that all provide food to those who are in need. You know the needs in your community!

**God’s Work. Our gifts. Thank you to all who support our ministry!**

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Electronic giving   | \$ 142.50         |
| Mission Support     | \$ 30.00          |
| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>\$2,415.00</u> |
| Total               | \$2,587.50        |

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# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

## *O Christ, Surround Me*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,  
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:  
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:  
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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