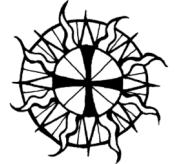


## 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 24, 2021

*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?"*



### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Page numbers are located in the front half of the red worship book.  
Hymns and songs (#) are located in the back half of the book.

Prelude

"Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"

arr. Mulder

Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

Hear the commandments of God:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not make wrongful use  
of the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house,  
or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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

Gathering Song                    "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"                    #520  
*Turn to face the processional cross at the entrance to the church.  
 Turn as the cross passes to the front during the singing.*

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.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9                    Old Testament page 734  
*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.*

*The reading concludes:*  
 The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

### Hope Cannot Be Silenced

Have you ever had to take a break from the news or shut the TV off because the story was just too much to take in? All the reminders of pain, injustice, and misfortune in the world around us can be overwhelming at times. Sometimes the problems feel so insurmountable that we become frustrated, even angry at the constant reminders of our powerlessness. At our worst, we may block out not only the problems but our compassion for the people who are suffering and crying out for help.

In today's gospel, a man who suffers cries out again and again for mercy as Jesus passes by. Yet his cries are too much for others gathered around, who are annoyed by the man and want him to be quiet. In his cries they hear only hopelessness, pain, and misfortune with no remedy; they hear their own powerlessness. But Jesus hears something different: rather than the problem, pain, misfortune, and human weakness, he hears a person in need, hope, and divine strength. Jesus hears the man's faith that his cries will not be in vain, and his trust in God's mercy and power. When Jesus hears the suffering one crying out in hope, it is the beginning of healing.

In Christian assembly, we gather to lift up our own cries and to hear those of others. The peace that comes when the body of Christ gathers is not achieved by shutting out the sounds of a world in pain, but through the hope that wherever they ring forth, God is already present and listening and ready to heal. As you listen in your own life and among those gathered today, what do you hear? And how is God calling you to respond?

### Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
 Psalm 119:1-8  
 Hebrews 9:11-14  
 Mark 12:28-34



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

To Be Your Presence

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you dream might happen in your life?
- Is it easy or hard for you to admit when you need help? Explain.
- At times, faith can feel like pleading to God for help. Give an example from your life.

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 10:46-52.

In Mark 8:22-26 Jesus heals another blind man. However, in that instance, it took a couple of tries and the man is sent away back to his home. With Bartimaeus, Jesus heals the blindness instantly, and, this time, the man joins Jesus immediately. Something is happening. Jesus is now closer to Jerusalem and the real testing of his identity as Savior. Bartimaeus utters words that the church will expand and recite throughout its history. Those words are called the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus acknowledges Bartimaeus' faith. It involves the life experience of need, of hope, of a dream, just like people have expressed through Psalm 126. As Jesus approaches Jerusalem and his trial, suffering, and death, he clarifies what it means to be a disciple. It looks like someone much like Bartimaeus, someone in great need with great hopes and dreams, someone seeing hope realized in Jesus, the Son of David, Lord of lords, King of kings. What do you need from Jesus?

Pray: God of mercy and hope, give us faith to trust in you and joy to follow you all the days of our lives through Christ Jesus, our Savior and God. Amen.

## SERVICE

Statistics from the World Health Organization state that there are at least 2.2 billion people globally who are blind or have a vision impairment. At least one million of them could have been prevented. Used eyeglasses can be donated to a variety of organizations to be recycled and distributed to those in need or uninsured. Do you or someone you know have eyeglasses they no longer use that could be donated to a local organization?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Bartimaeus' plea to Jesus is very close to one of the many historic versions of the Jesus Prayer used for spiritual formation: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Pray this prayer daily before reading Psalm 126, a song of joy. Confessing our need for God is freeing, healing, and meant to be filled with joy, yes, leading us even to laughter.

# taking faith home



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

Psalm 91:9-16

"When God Delivered Israel"

1 When God de - liv - ered Is - rael from bond-age long a - go, they  
2 The god-less na-tions round them could not de - ny that power; they  
3 O God, re-store our na - tion; come, ir - ri - gate dry souls, that

thought that they were dream-ing, but soon they turned to laugh-ing  
cried, "O see this mar - vel!" "God's work," re - plied the peo - ple,  
those who sow in sad - ness may reap their sheaves with glad - ness

1, 2 | 3  
and sang the song of joy, and sang the song of joy.  
and so they sang for joy, and so they sang for joy.  
and sing the song of joy, and sing the song of joy.

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.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

*The gospel is announced:*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn of the Day

"Be Thou My Vision"

#793

Prayers of Intercession

*After each prayer:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

#686

*Our offering is a collection of money for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. Your offering and "Count Me In" may be placed in the basket as you come forward for communion.*

OCTOBER 24, 2021  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

taking  
faith  
home

*Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus
Monday	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Israel will return to its land
Tuesday	Hebrews 7:23-28	Our Lord is a priest
Wednesday	Psalm 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance
Thursday	2 Chronicles 30:1-9	Hezekiah prepares for Passover
Friday	Proverbs 28:10-13	The law of God makes sense
Saturday	Psalm 126	Song of joy
Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbor

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Jesus said to [Bartimaeus], "Go; your faith has made you well."*

*Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.*

**Mark 10:52 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen. (Mark 10:48)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for restoring us in body and soul as you bless us with the gift of this food today. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you a heart to dream and a voice filled with shouts of joy. (Psalm 126:1-2)



### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Ushers: Mary Becklund & Shari Schlagel

Organist: Lynn Seppman

Power Point:

Lector: Desirae Dahlberg

Liturgist:

Acolytes: Alex Flaten & Megan Nelson

Communion Assistants: Teresa Hasbrook & Alissa Zeltinger

Altar Guild: Yvonne Lind & Kathy McDonald

### **Next Week's Worship Leaders**

Ushers: Al & Jean Hoffman

Song & Prayer Leaders: Praise Band

Power Point:

Lector: Cindy Koepp

Acolytes: Alison Baylor & Riley Carlson

Communion Assistants: Colleen Larson & Shari Schlagel

Altar Guild: Yvonne Lind & Kathy McDonald

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

**Philipp Nicolai, died 1608;**

**Johann Heermann, died 1647;**

**Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters**

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

**Simon and Jude, Apostles**

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

Communion

*We celebrate at an open communion table. All who hear our Lord's invitation are welcome to participate. You will be dismissed by row to receive the bread and wine at the altar rail. Children who have received age-appropriate instruction are welcome to commune.*

## Communion Songs

A musical score for four voices (SATB) in common time and G major. The music consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The music features eighth-note patterns and various rests.

## “When We Are Living”

#639

## “Amazing Grace”

#779

## Table Blessing

*Response:* **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Milestones and Announcements

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

## “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

*Turn to face the cross as it passes*

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#722