



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
October 24, 2021  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*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?"*

*\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)*

*Announcements*

### **Gathering**

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

*Prelude....A time for silent reflection*

### **\*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.

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.**

Gathering Hymn “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” **ELW #530**

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.**

**\*KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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P: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Canticle of Praise**                      “This is the Feast”                      ELW p. 149

**\*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**

*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.*

**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 126**

<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 sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

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

### **SECOND READING**

*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.*

### **CALENDAR**

Sun., Oct. 24

Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship	10:15 am
<u>Manna &amp; Mercy Bible Study</u>	~ 11:15 am

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor will be leading a First Communion class, after church, on October 31. The children have been given the reading material in order that they and their parents may review Section 1 prior to the class.

### **Afghanistan Refugee Assistance**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse are the lead agency in providing information with regard to the needs of the refugees at Ft. McCoy. We will collect items each Sunday and deliver them to Ft. McCoy during the following week.

- Winter Coats
- Shoes

“Lamb of God”

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### \*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.^

\*Benediction

Sending Hymn    **ELW #**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Justin Arndt; Communion Servers: Larry & Arlis Ballwahn

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Jerry Nading, Steve Zirk, Gary Von Ruden, Sue Ann Degenhardt, Randy Steinbrink, Annette Udulutch, Braylee Zimmerman

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale

### Hebrews 7:23-28

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

\*Gospel Acclamation

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### \*GOSPEL READING

*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.*

### Mark 10:46-52

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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?” <sub>5</sub>

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.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **ELW #**

### **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 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** (Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great.**)

### **OFFERING**

*Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.*

### 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.**

### **Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ<sup>^</sup>

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW p. 152

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** ELW p. 153

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

#### Words of Institution

P: 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.**

P: All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

#### Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*