



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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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?”

Prelude

Pat Anderson

Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion, Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩]one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

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

L: God, our comforter:

C: 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.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word”

Red Worship Book 673

- 1 God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Greeting

Red Worship Book pg. 147

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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

Red Worship Book pg. 147-148

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise

Red Worship Book pg. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Alleluia

Prayer of the Day

C: 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.**

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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus 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."

⁸See, 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.

⁹With 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.

Psalm 126

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

C: then were we like those who dream.

L: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

C: Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

L: The LORD has done great things for us,

C: and we are glad indeed.

L: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,

C: like the watercourses of the Negeb.

L: Those who sowed with tears

C: will reap with songs of joy.

L: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

C: will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;

²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike 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. ²⁸For 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Red Worship Book pg. 151

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 151

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.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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

The Gospel of Our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 151

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Come and Follow Me

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Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and Lord and Savior, Jesus the Son of God, the Messiah.

Amen.

Lutheran World Relief came to mind for me this day as I read the Gospel reading. When women and men around the world make quilts, sent to many different areas and they bring on many aspects of comfort. I remember one picture of beautiful quilts used for tents or shelters along a countryside, some using them against the cold of night, some the only shelter they had. In our area, we use them to send a child to college, a baptism,

for those who have had a hardship or just to send love. Hearing about the blind man that had nothing, but his garment, and threw it off to answer Jesus when he said to the disciples, "Bring him to me."

Our Gospel reading for today has many twists and turns. Jesus is almost to Jerusalem where he has told everyone he will suffer and die, and has just had a conversation with a rich man that wanted eternal life. Jesus said, "Sell all you have and give to the poor" and the man went away sad, as he was very rich. Yet, Jesus loved him. Our reading today has a man that is probably affected by those who have much and those who do not, plus he is blind on the side of the road. Yet, he is on top of things. He cries out what the disciples haven't even cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The disciples and those around him, tell him to be quiet, and he repeats the cry. Jesus then instructs the disciples, involves them in the healing in a way, "Call him here." They tell him, "He is calling you, take heart." Throwing off his cloak, he goes to Jesus. All he had was that cloak. It did not matter, he was going to Jesus. Listening. Running. Trusting. Jesus said, "What do you want from me?" "My teacher let me see again." Wanting to see Jesus, praying to the one he trusted. Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well," or the Greek word, "Your faith has saved you."

Immediately, could see and he immediately followed Jesus. He was happy, made his choice, even if he was still without money and status, still without a home, at the end of Jesus ministry as he is going to Jerusalem where it was dangerous and following Jesus would be difficult, he went. He was able to see, healed where it deems that faith could heal anything, yet not so much the eyesight, but knowing about Jesus and following him.

He was saved. Garment gave status. You could tell the haves and the have nots. The cloak here is not only an aesthetic garment. For individuals living below poverty levels, the cloak is a piece that provides warmth in hostile weather conditions, a valuable piece that would allow them to sleep at night or to throw it in front of them to collect money. The garment is also a sign of status and power.

Although the pericope portrays Bartimaeus as belonging to the lowest echelons of social strata, the garment represents the little power he owns. Jesus' cloak plays a crucial role in the healing of the woman with the flow of blood (5:27-30). In another passage describing Jesus' power to heal, Mark summarizes: "wherever he went, into small towns, or great towns, or into the country, they took those who were ill into the market-places, requesting him that they put their hands even on the edge of his robe: and all of those who did so were made well" (6:56). When Jesus walks in Jerusalem, the crowd lays down their cloaks as a welcoming sign (11:8). The partition of Jesus' cloak in the final episode of the crucifixion culminates the process of torture he has been subjected to (15:24). The cloak plays different functions (source of power, divestment of power, humiliation, reverence, etc.). Still, they all share an understanding of the cloak as a sign of status. Working Preacher, 10-24-2021 Luis Menéndez-Antuña

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus Christ is making disciples and asking us to follow him. The healing, compassion and love will continue through us when we are in Christ. Jesus wants followers of Jesus Christ, and usually that comes with an obstacle, but healing and calling goes hand in hand for each of us. Casting everything aside, even all that you have and seeing Jesus, will bring us with that faith that makes us well, or saves us. May you be sheltered and healed, and may your faith strengthen and move forward on your way.

Hymn "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Red Worship Book 779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Offering Prayer –You may leave your offering as you exit the church, table with offering plates are there.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: 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.

L: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Red Worship Book pg. 152

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Red Worship Book pg. 153

L: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Words of Institution

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 154

**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.

Lamb of God

Red Worship Book pg. 154

L: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

"Here Is Bread"

Red Worship Book 483

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Communion Hymn "Come, Let Us Eat"

Red Worship Book 491

1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,) come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. (Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.

2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,) come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. (Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,) in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. (In the presence of our Lord we gather,) in the presence of our Lord we gather.

4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,) rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. (Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,) Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Prayer after Communion

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn**"O Savior, Precious Savior"****Red Worship Book 820**

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.
- 2 O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought, thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought: we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.
- 4 Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above, in endless adoration and everlasting love; then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring, and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

the worship is ended ... let the service begin...



**The Noisy offering this month is for Blessing Box there will be a bowl as you exit the church.

Next Week's Readings and Psalm**First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm

Psalm 46

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Gospel

John 8:31-36



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil Seegerbarth), David (brother of Colleen Volden), Gracie Edin, Debra Hocum (Kathryn Souer's daughter-in-law's mother), Yvonne Guptill, Bonnie Carlson (friend of Donna Martin), Ken Carlson (brother-in-law of Don Peterson), Joy Burch, Drew (Mindy's brother), Vicki Marks, Colton Thompson, Reverend Norm Belland, Don Storlie (father of Jeremy Storlie), Brie Timms (sister-in-law of Peggy Smith), Kim Reisig (sister-in-law of Amy Tvedt), Tyler (son of Jan Peura), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and John Bassett.

For our members in care facilities ~ Ruta Kalnins and Dorothy Svendsen.

For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke



We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Alice Keck (mother of Donna Wachsmuth.) May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.



Thank you for all the greetings, birthday wishes, cards and phone calls for the few months. They are WONDERFUL! So happy to have caring church family. Thank You.

Dorothy Svenson.

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.

Mon. 6:30 pm All Boards

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

Wed. 5- 6:30 pm Faith in Action-Activity-Trunk or Treat (Confirmation youth are to participate or help volunteer); NO 6:30 pm Worship; 7 pm Youth Group.

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study; Mindy Networking meeting; 5 pm New Member Dinner.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC/ Pastor Kim Mensing preaching.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 3-Noon Staff meeting.

Thursday, November 4-Sunday, November 7-National Youth Leadership Summit.

Friday, November 5-Prep for Soup/Sandwich/Craft Fair

Saturday, November 6-9am-1:30 pm Soup/Sandwich/Craft Fair at First Lutheran.

Sunday, November 7-Daylight Savings Time Ends/All Saints Day