

East St. Olaf Lutheran Church

6200 County Road 3 SW – Byron, MN

October 24, 2021: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Paul Thompson Organist: Pat Nelson

INTRODUCTION

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?”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR 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.

GATHERING SONG *You Servants of God* (ELW 825)

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.

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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 LESSON: 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.

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 31:

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

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

²**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.”**

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

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

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

SECOND LESSON: 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.

A reading from Hebrews, chapter 7:

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. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Faith in the Right Thing"

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)

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

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

Risen One, we give you thanks for... 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE VISITING!



If you're visiting, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship times rotate monthly between East & West St. Olaf.

OFFERING: You may place your offering into the offering plate as you leave (*no offering plates are passed, due to Covid*).

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEST 9:00 am Worship (*coffee after church*)

BOTH 10:00 am West Jam, East SS, and coffee hours

EAST 11:00am Worship (*coffee before church*)

[Confirmation is next Sunday, Oct. 31 at both churches]

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

EAST Note: Anyone interested may join Altar Guild

Altar Guild: October - Darlene Myhre & Sonya Mansfield

Deacon: October - Jane Williams

Reader/Helper: Oct. 24 - Bruce Peterson

East Acolytes: Ushers are covering

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTION ON SERVICE TIMES!

Confirmation services next Sunday are:

WEST at 9:00 am - EAST at 11:00 am

Parents of Fall Confirmands: Photo session for fall confirmands will be THIS Wednesday, October 27th, starting at West church at 7:00 pm. >>>There are order forms on the table in the narthex for ordering your confirmation photos. >>> Confirmation is next Sunday.

HAPPENING TODAY & THIS WEEK

Today	9:00 am	West worship
	10:00 am	West JAM / East S.S., and coffee at both churches
	11:00 am	East worship
Monday	9-noon	Pastor at office
Tuesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
Wednesday	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	7:00 pm	<u>ONLY confirmands meet tonight: PHOTO SESSION at WEST for all being confirmed on October 31st</u>
Thursday	9-noon	Pastor at office
	-----	<u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY</u> (9:10-print, 9:30-fold, 9:45-collate)

Friday	-----	Pastor's day off-work
10/31		<u>BOTH: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</u>
	9:00 am	West worship/Holy Communion & Rite of Confirmation
	10:00 am	West JAM / East S.S. and coffee at both churches
	11:00 am	East worship/ Holy Communion & Rite of Confirmation

COMING UP AT EAST & WEST

Nov. 1 (Mon.)	9:00-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 2 (Tue.)		
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch
	6:00 pm	<u>East church council meeting</u>
Nov. 3 (Wed.)	7:00 pm	BOTH-Confirmation class at West
Nov. 4 (Thu.)	9:00-Noon	Pastor at office
Nov. 5 (Fri.)	-----	Pastor's day off-work
Nov. 7 (Sun.)		<u>Parsonage Committee opens bids today - for parsonage farmland for rent</u>
	9:00 am	East worship/communion
	10:00 am	<u>East SS - Cards for a Veteran</u> East coffee hour
	11:00 am	West worship/communion a
	PM	<i>Pastor away- theological conference</i>
Nov. 8 (Mon.)	-----	<i>Pastor away- theological conference</i>
Nov. 9 (Tue.)	-----	<i>Pastor away- theological conference</i>
	9:00 am	West quilting/sack lunch
	10:00 am	East quilting/sack lunch

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

East Prayers: John (*cousin of Pat Nelson*), Peggy Andreason, Bill Fritts, Maryann Schultz, Sylvia Torstenson, Viola Olson, Steve Jensen, Julie Andreason, Heidi Guenius (*cousin of Becky Brakke*), Dale Boelter, David Distad, Sally Iverson, Carol Severson, and John Heydt (*brother of Pat Nelson*).

West Prayers: Martha Beaver, Mike Peterson, Ron Dolezan (*Heather Bamlet's dad*), Marian Larson, Diane Himle, Scott Larsen (*friend of Tina Baudoin*), Darlene Hanson, Kelly Keckhafer, Boyd

Pew, Joann Tiegen, Cindy Senjem, Philip Senjem, and Matt Miller (*nephew of Carma Bjornson*). Those serving in our military: Erika Smith - (*granddaughter of Carma & Ardean Bjornson*), and Tully Hovda (*son of Todd & Cathy Hovda*).

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VISITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

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