



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH



October 24, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Building up God's people through His word for His world

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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?"

Flowers and plants in our sanctuary are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the chancel (area around the altar), uplift the service participants, and remind us all of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under "Flower sponsorships."

PRELUDE "Gather Us In" Marty Haugen/John A. Behnke

WELCOME Pastor James

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN "Praise the Almighty" **Hymn No. 797**

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

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

[C] Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Please kneel/stand.)

[P] 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. Amen.

[P] 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.

(Please stand)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE [Lord, have mercy]

Music in Hymnal, Pages 168–169

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS [Glory to God in the Highest]

Music in Hymnal, Page 170

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Music in Hymnal, Page 172

P 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.

C Amen.

(Please sit)

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.

L 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

L 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA VERSE

Music in Hymnal, Page 173

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46–52

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Music in Hymnal, Page 173

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.

P 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Music in Hymnal, Page 173

(Please sit)

KIDS' MESSAGE

"Jesus Helps us See"

Elizabeth Huang

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace"

Hymn No. 744

MESSAGE

"A Portrait of Christian Love"

Pastor James

(Please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

(Please sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James

INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM

“La Foi (The Faith)”
(Michael Hermann, cello;
Julie Stone, piano)

George Eduard Goltermann

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say “Lord, in your mercy,”

The congregation responds “hear our prayer.”

Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.

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

[P] 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.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

Hymn No. 527

DISMISSAL

[P] Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

[C] Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Praising the Almighty"

Edward Broughton

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Note: Following the service, please join us for coffee fellowship outside of the main entrance.

We hope you will continue to connect with us by liking our Facebook page and following our Instagram account. Find them by searching @gslcva within those social media platforms. We also encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow us on Vimeo so that you don't miss any of our virtual services, kids' messages, and more! If you have any questions, please reach out to jeff@gslcva.org.

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Cantor
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Reader
Ushers

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Jim Micsan
Goodwyn Morgan

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Building Closer

* = worship assistant needed

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CORE MINISTRY AREAS

Worship

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide;

Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir (Laura Owens), traditional, contemporary, physical space, support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes)

Discipleship

Team Leader: Pastor James (temporary)

adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, family ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry

Parish Life

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

Life Groups (Brian Cors), member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion (Melinda DeWan), concerts, public events, picnics, intergenerational events

Administration

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications, contracts, church office, calendar/program management, technology

Mission

Team Leader: John and Debbie Linn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

world missions, synod, outreach, social ministry, community service, evangelism, publicity, media, social media

Congregational Care

Team Leader: Marilyn Voigt; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

member care visits, emergency transportation, maintain roster of the willing, guest follow-up

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Southeastern District
of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

About Good Shepherd...

Our vision

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

Worship

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

Serve

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Look at our Community Service Opportunities listing to find a way to serve.

Grow

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge, we want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

Connect

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows. We build strong ties when we gather for worship as well as for events throughout the week. Look inside for many opportunities for connection.



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