



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

The True Disciple is the blind beggar who, by Jesus' mercy, follows in his way

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

October 24, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God’s grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- *Please observe silence before worship. Our livestream microphone picks up every conversation.*

WORSHIP THEME

As He did for blind Bartimaeus, so does the Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon you. With His Word of the Gospel, “he is calling you” to Himself, to “take heart,” to rise up and live by faith in His forgiveness. He opens your heart and mind to see and know God rightly in Him and to follow Him “on the way” of the cross and into life everlasting (Mark 10:49–52). “He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him,” because He is the great High Priest, who offered Himself “once for all” as a sacrifice for sins. Since He is risen from the dead and “exalted above the heavens,” He “holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever,” and “he always lives to make intercession” for His people (Heb. 7:24–27). Along with that, He gathers the children of God to Himself by the proclamation of His Gospel, even “from the farthest parts of the earth.” In mercy He calls them, by the waters of Holy Baptism, “in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,” unto life everlasting (Jer. 31:8–9)

MORNING PRAISE

“Morning Praise” is based on the historic service called “Matins”. Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we prepare for the activities of the day.

HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us | CW 916



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



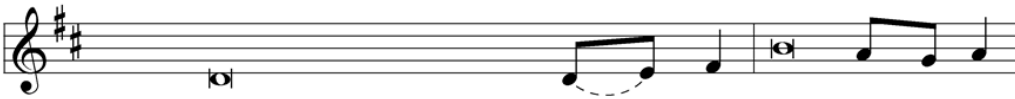
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

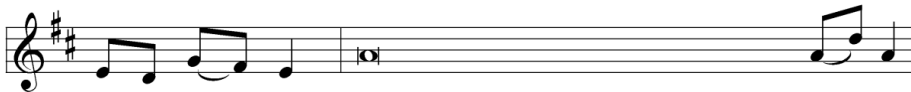


M: Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD – *Venite*



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



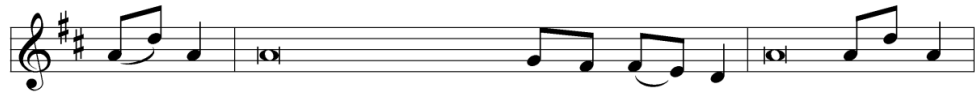
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



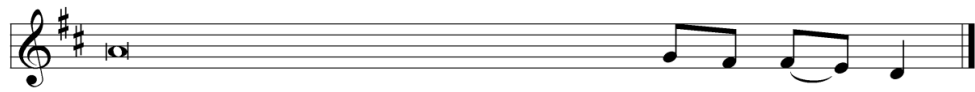
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

be seated

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The LORD speaks of restoration for his people. He will gather us from the ends of the earth.

⁷For this is what the LORD says:

Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations!
Proclaim, praise, and say,
“LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel!”

⁸Watch! I am going to bring them from the northern land.

I will gather them from remote regions of the earth—
the blind and the lame will be with them,
along with those who are pregnant and those about to give birth.

They will return here as a great assembly!
 9 They will come weeping,
 but I will bring them back with consolation.^[a]
 I will lead them to wadis filled with water,
 by a smooth way where they will not stumble,
 for I am Israel's Father,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 126

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm tone

Al - le - lu - ia!

When the LORD brought back the captives from Zion,
 we were like those who dreamed.
 Our mouths were filled with laughter,
 our tongues with songs of joy.
 The LORD has done great things for us,
 and we are filled with joy.

Refrain

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the desert.
 Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.
 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
 will return with joy, carrying sheaves with him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen

Refrain

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.

²³Now many have become Levitical priests, since they are prevented by death from remaining in office. ²⁴But because he remains forever, he holds his priesthood permanently. ²⁵Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.

²⁶For this is the kind of high priest we need: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day, as high priests do—first for their own sins, then for those of the people. He did this once for all time when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak, but the promise of the oath, which came after the law, appoints a Son, who has been perfected forever.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:18

Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.

please stand

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus is a true disciple. He doesn't ask for power or glory, not even his sight. He only asks for mercy and he is ready to receive from the Lord.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many warned him to keep quiet, but he was crying out all the more, "Have mercy on me, Son of David!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called the blind man and said to him, "Have courage! Get up; he's calling for you." ⁵⁰He threw off his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

⁵¹Then Jesus answered him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"*Rabboni,*"^a the blind man said to him, "I want to see."

M: The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spar us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

M: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

C: Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

M: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they love.

C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters to help when we can.

M: Hear us, Lord, as pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C: Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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.

HYMN

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus | CW 546

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we

neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | **CW 520**

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We preach a message of forgiveness, hope and peace
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
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both to grow and to serve.

Our mission statement:

Look what Christ is doing!

He binds us together in fellowship

He gathers us in for worship

He builds us up for service

*“Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.”*

(1 Corinthians 12:27)

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