

Time after Pentecost
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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

PRELUDE

Praise the Almighty

Arr. Manz

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 is kept for reflection.

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.**

HYMN Red hymnal #673

God, Whose Almighty Word

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.**
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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Refrain **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.**
P: Let us pray . . .
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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

It is Well with My Soul Director: Bill Jones
Composer: Horatio G. Spafford;
setting by John Ness Beck

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

P: ⁷For 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."

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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

P: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Mark 10:46-52**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaues, 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: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer . . .

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERING SONG Red hymnal #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

C: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves
abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves
abound!

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.

HYMN Red hymnal #820

O Savior, Precious Savior

PRAYER SHAWLS & BABY BLANKETS BLESSING

P: God, our neighbors in our community are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a
mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts
and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods.
C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

- P: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, yarn and the items collected for the prayer shawls and baby blankets. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these prayer shawls and baby blankets wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these offer dignity and healing.
- C: **Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.**
- P: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into the prayer shawls and baby blankets, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.
- C: **Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.**
- P: God, we ask you to guide this ministry at Zion Lutheran Church. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.
- C: **Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.**
- P: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.
- C: **Amen.**

SENDING

- P: Recognizing God's abundant hope, go and be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far: offering hands to hold, sweet scents of justice, and a feast of God's goodness. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DISMISSAL

- P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?
- C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:
"Serving Christ through serving others."**
- P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Arr. Manz

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jeff Glawe
Reader	Doug Jacobs
Greeters	Jeff & Donna Slyman

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Bob & Wanda Lenehan in celebration of their
62nd wedding anniversary.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
by using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

Total Attendance 10/16 & 10/17: 96

Sunday School: \$2.00

OFFERING: Total Unified: \$3,778.00

Adults: 13

Total Building: \$ 265.00

Children: 10

TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2021

Unified Giving: \$26,451.75

Expenses: \$19,442.99

Building Fund Giving : \$ 2,123.05

Mortgage Payment: \$ 2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$24,148.14

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of August 2021, on the table as you leave worship. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Today we are blessing prayer shawls and baby blankets for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer Shawls are delivered to individuals who are grieving, who have a serious illness or injury, who are having surgery, or who just need a reminder of God's love. Blankets are delivered to new babies. If you would like to have a prayer shawl or baby blanket delivered to someone, please contact Debbie Rudisill or the church office. If you would be interested in making prayer shawls and baby blankets (knit, crochet, or sew), please contact Debbie Rudisill, 1 (937) 335-0230, for more information.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday: November 27

Sunday: November 7 & November 21

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *What is Operation Christmas Child?*

The Samaritan's Purse project *Operation Christmas Child* collects shoeboxes—filled

with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. These gifts not only bring hope they bring the Gospel of Jesus to each child through the Samaritan's Purse organization.

Please pick up a preprinted empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. **Each packed box must include \$9.00 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse placed inside the box for shipping. Do not include: candy, gum, food, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war related items, seeds, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass, aerosol cans. The deadline to return these boxes is Sunday, Nov. 7.**

You may also go online and pay for shipping by credit card at:

<https://www.samaritanspurserg.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> If you pay online you must print the labels with the bar scan and place on your boxes.

****Note:** if you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping. Any questions contact Jackie Glawe, 937-478-3318 or christianed@zionlutherantippcity.org

CALENDARS

Arriving soon: 2022 Wall Calendars / Beautiful sturdy calendars with NIV Bible verses and scenery for \$7.00 each. All proceeds go to the Zion Youth Gathering Fund.

BELL REHEARSALS

We will be holding bell rehearsals on Thursday, Oct. 28, and Nov. 4 at 7:00 pm.

UPCOMING EVENT / Thanksgiving Dinner & Congregational Meeting

We plan to have the dinner and meeting this year on Sunday, November 21 at 5:00 pm. We have made some changes to promote Covid safe fellowship. There are sign up sheets posted: one to indicate the number of members planning to attend and one for those offering to provide either mashed potatoes or dressing and to assist with serving. The menu will be turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, dressing, green beans, roll, pie, water and coffee. The church will provide the turkey, rolls, and pie. Please bring your own silverware; disposable plates and glassware will be provided. We look forward to gathering together for fellowship and to thank God for the many blessings our congregation has received.

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*;

Choir Directors; Bill Jones & Susie Gray

Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*; Linda Short, *Office Manager*;

Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*