



22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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As We Gather

In the opening verse of the hymn “Amazing Grace” we confess, “I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!” (LSB 744). The blindness that we confess is our condition apart from the enlightenment of God’s word and deliverance. Blind Bartimaeus in today’s Gospel, by the enlightenment of God’s Word, believed that Jesus is the “son of David,” the Son of God come to save. He had heard through the prophet Isaiah that one of the first things the Messiah will do would be to open blind eyes (Isaiah 35:5). With this blind man, we come today with the heartfelt prayer “have mercy on me” and discover more. Our eyes are enlightened to see God’s mercy as we join this man and Jesus’ disciples following Him in the way, on the road to Jerusalem. There we discover the mercy and gracious reign and rule of God in the mighty suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord of life.

Prelude

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

M. Reger

Opening Hymn

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

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| 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand
tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me. | Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker’s praise. |
| 2 O all you pow’rs that He implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has
granted! | 4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart’s devotion,
Help me to sing God’s praises high.
My utmost pow’rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might. |
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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Mark 10:48, 52

We pause to remember and confess our sins before our Heavenly Father...

P Our help is in the name of the LORD.

C Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

P Let us confess to God, our merciful Father, our greatest need—the forgiveness of our sins.

C Merciful God, we confess that we are all in the darkness of this fallen world because of our own sin and our failure to keep Your holy Commandments. We have also failed to do the good that You call us to do. Deliver us from the darkness of death by the light of Your Son’s saving work on the cross and the power of His resurrection. In Your mercy, assure us by Your divine Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation that He has won for us all. Amen.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. “Go your way; your faith has made you well.”

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 131; antiphon: Psalm 130:1–2

P Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

C O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

C I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

P But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

C like a weaned child is my soul within me.

P O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

C 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.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ The Lord Will Turn Mourning to Joy ✠

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, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’ ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Praise Solo

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

arr. M. Pooler

Epistle

✠ The Priesthood of Jesus is Forever ✠

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but [Jesus] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, 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.

Holy Gospel

✠ Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus ✠

Mark 10:46-52

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵²And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according
to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

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| 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine. | 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again. |
| 2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die! | 4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save. |

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

Offertory Meditation

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Hear us now as we pray together in His name,
- C** Our Father who art in heaven...

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

#609

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| <p>1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> <p>2 We deserve but grief and shame,
 Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
 Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> | <p>3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
 No true shepherd e’er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
 Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> <p>4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
 With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
 Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.</p> |
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“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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| <p>1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
 Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
 Ev’rything to God in prayer!</p> <p>2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful</p> | <p> Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.</p> <p>3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.</p> |
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Communion Blessing

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Rise, Shine, You People”

#825

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus’ glory.

2 See how He sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation
His new creation.

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Postlude

“Postlude in F Major”

J. Kindermann



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Altar Care: Sue Lilja

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for today’s Hymn Festival by Ruth's children and grandchildren.

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Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family:

Ruth Diver	Cathy Gleason
Jessica Zickler	Helen Bonder
Janice Przybycien	Kevin Hickey
Mary Ann Colander	Art Hornburg
Melva Smith	Sue Lilja
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Dawn McNicholas	Laverne Abraham
Julie & Larry Gurga	

For those who grieve:

- Megan Fernandez and all the family and friends of her grandfather, Linus Kroll, called from this life on Friday.
- Sandra Mitchell and family on the death of her husband. They are friends through our St. Paul Pantry.

With Thanksgiving:

- For Ruth Sievers, who celebrated a birthday on Oct. 19th, and for all celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other times of joy.
- As we've remembered our Lord's gift of restored sight to Bartimaeus, we give thanks and ask God's continued blessings for the work of the *Lutheran Braille Workers'* organization.

Announcements & Notes:

- The congregation is invited to attend a Hymn Festival performed by Ruth Sievers this afternoon at 2pm.
- Starting today, you will need to dial all 10 digits of any phone number—including the St. Paul office—because of the implementation of a new Suicide Hotline number, which will go into effect in July 2022. Callers needing the Suicide Hotline must continue to dial (800) 273-8255 to reach the Lifeline until then.
- Evening worship services are held every Wednesday at 6PM.

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Al Zirbel	Sandra Mitchell & Fam.
Heather & Josh Turro	Carolyn Moeller
Eugene Marcinkowski	Danielle Pintozzi
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Anthony Krcelic, Jr.	Eric Kessling
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
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