

Service of the Word and Sacrament
October 24th, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.**

L: 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.

Gathering Song: "God, Whose Almighty Word" #673

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day sheds nots glorious ray,
let there be light.

Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind; ho, now to humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place
let there be light

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity.
Wisdom, Love, Might; boundless as ocean's tide,

rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

Greeting

L: 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.**

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 (read responsively)

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

C: 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."**

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

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

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

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

L: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

L: 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.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"When We Are Living" #639*

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord...
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind;
and when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Apostles' 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.

A brief silence.

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick, especially Cathy Gottschalk, John Schneider, Barb Yeast, Sandy Larson, Jeanette Carlson, Lenore Kaste, Patricia Kuhl, and those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, and Pilgrims, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. We pray especially for these members of the congregation: David, Michelle, Alex, and Anna Larsen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. 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.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering Prayer

L: 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.

C: Amen

The Communion

Dialogue

L: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Words of Institution

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Mystery of the Faith

L: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

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.

Invitation to Communion

L: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Communion

Communion Blessing

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen

Prayer After Communion

L: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: 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.

Sending Song: "Amazing Grace" #779

Amazing grace--
how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did
that grace did appear
the hour I first be believed!

Through many dan—
gers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home

The Lord has prom—
ised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield
and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days
to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Dismissal

L: Sharing God's never-ending love with all people through faith and service!
Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude