



***“Faith & Help”***  
***Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:00AM***  
***Worship Service***

**AS WE GATHER**

Today we hear of Jesus healing Bartimaeus, a blind man. Jesus had healed another blind man in the town of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22–26). There the first healing touch of Jesus did not seem to work completely. Strangely, the man’s sight was only partially restored. What was missing? It took a second touch to restore his sight fully. With Bartimaeus, there is no second touch of Jesus, not even a touch at all, only His word, “Go your way; your faith has made you well” (Mark 10:52). The metaphor of physical blindness speaks of the spiritual blindness that we with the first disciples need to confront, namely, sin, our separation and alienation from God. Jesus spoke three times between these two healings of His ultimate act and victory over death. True faith sees our ultimate healing only through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Faith follows after Jesus through the cross.

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**LSB 905**

- 1    Come, Thou almighty King,  
       Help us Thy name to sing;  
       Help us to praise;  
       Father all-glorious,  
       O’er all victorious,  
       Come and reign over us,  
       Ancient of Days.
  
- 2    Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
       Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
       Our prayer attend.  
       Come and Thy people bless,  
       And give Thy Word success,  
       And let Thy righteousness  
       On us descend.
  
- 3    Come, holy Comforter,  
       Thy sacred witness bear  
       In this glad hour!  
       Thou, who almighty art,  
       Now rule in ev’ry heart,  
       And ne’er from us depart,  
       Spirit of pow’r.
  
- △ 4    To Thee, great One in Three,  
       Eternal praises be  
       Hence evermore!  
       Thy sov’rein majesty  
       May we in glory see,

And to eternity  
Love and adore.

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*Stand*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

**C** Amen.

## INTROIT

**Psalm 126**

**P** When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**C** **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

**P** then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

**C** **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!**

**P** Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**C** **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

**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.**

## KYRIE (LSB 186)

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB 187)

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.
- 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.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Jeremiah 31:7–9**

- <sup>7</sup> Thus 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.’  
<sup>8</sup> Behold, 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.  
<sup>9</sup> With 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.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 7:23–28

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently, 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.

<sup>26</sup>For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>He 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. <sup>28</sup>For 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

ALLELUIA (LSB 190)

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46–52

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>They 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. <sup>47</sup>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>And 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.” <sup>52</sup>And 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN of the DAY**

**“O God of Mercy, God of Might”**

**LSB 852**

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might,  
In love and pity infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,  
To live our lives in Thee.
- 2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die  
That our lost world might live thereby,  
O hear us; for to Thee we cry,  
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught:  
To feel for those Thy blood hath bought,  
That ev'ry word and deed and thought  
May work a work for Thee.
- 4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,  
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.  
Grant us the will and grace provide  
To love them all in Thee!
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as unto Thee!
- 6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
All those who live in Thee.

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**SERMON**

**“Faith & Help”**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks that You have restored our spiritual sight in the salvation You have given to the whole world through the blessed and glorious death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to fix our eyes continually upon Him as He comes to us here in the preaching of Your Holy Word and the faithful administration of Your Holy Sacraments. Enable us to follow Him in the way that leads to the eternal vision of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Guide and defend Your whole Church. Bless *[name]*, our synodical president, and *[name]*, our district president. Grant wisdom and grace to all pastors, and send the light of Your truth into all the earth that many may come to receive Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Today we thank You especially for Lutheran Braille Workers, who serve those with vision impairments with religious and spiritual materials. Bless the many volunteers in their service to blind and low-vision people worldwide. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Guard and protect also all who serve in the armed forces of our country, *[especially . . .]*. Grant them faithfulness and success in their service, and grant that their homecomings be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, *[especially . . .]*. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near, *[especially . . .]*. Sustain and bless all who care for those that suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . .]*. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## 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.**

## BENEDICAMUS (LSB 202)

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION (LSB 202)

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**LSB 770**

- 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!
- 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  
     Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—  
     Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 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.

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