

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | October 24, 2021 | 8:00 am

In-Sanctuary & Online at sohsv.org

"...to Reach, Ignite, & Empower people for Jesus."

Hebrews 7:23-28 & Mark 10:46-52

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?"



Words of Welcome & Announcements

Meditative Moment

Passing of the Peace Greeting

Gathering Hymn *God, Whose Almighty Word*

- 1 God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind, let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, 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.
- 4 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.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Most merciful God, **We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

Minister: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Kyrie

ELW s138

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

ELW s140

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain***

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain***

*For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **Refrain***

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Prayer of the Day

Most Gracious God,

All: We pray for this Holy gathering, that it may be pleasing to You and that it may awaken in us Your will for us this week. In You we find what we need to carry on. We ask that You never cease to be our source and driving force to live, work, and love in Your world. Continue to point out places where hate and pain dwell, and give us the tools to step in with Your love. Your name we pray. AMEN!

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

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.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Pastor Brice Bloxham

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As [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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

Oh Christ, Your Heart

- 1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds,
eternity in time.
- 3 O Christ, create new hearts in us
that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart,
become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ;
our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.
- 4 O Love that made the distant stars,
yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross
embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church
that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you,
a sacrifice of praise!

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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.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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 People

*Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer***

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.

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Offering Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Gracious God, **We have received the elements of bread and wine. We have come to the table, and because we are loved, You in Christ receive us and offer to us healing and hope. Forgive our stubbornness. Heal our brokenness. Challenge us to truly live lives of faithfulness and discipleship. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

IN-SANCTUARY WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Keeping Safe During the Service

- Masks required while in the building.
- There will be no nursery but there is an in-sanctuary "Kid's PRAYground." Families are encouraged to bring quiet toys (no busy-bags will be available) and remain together as a family during the service
- Water fountains have been disabled

When You Depart

- Offertory may be left in the basket at the doors or done online on our website
- Take all of your items with you including communion supplies
- Go spread the news of Jesus Christ



End of September Financial Update

While member giving is behind budget by 14.6%, we remain in a financially solid position by keeping expenditures under control and continuing to defer major building maintenance and renewal projects. We are looking forward to a strong financial ending to 2021.

September Results of Activities

Giving

Operating Contributions
Programs & Missions

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Operating Contributions	\$547,570	\$640,900
Programs & Missions	\$316,633	\$282,416
Total Giving	\$864,203	\$923,316

Spending

Operating & Mortgage
Programs & Missions

Operating & Mortgage	\$604,650	\$688,592
Programs & Missions	\$222,735	\$248,735
Total Spending	\$827,385	\$937,327
Net Surplus/ (Usage)	\$36,818	-\$14,011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10 am In-Sanctuary Worship starts next week, October 31st: It is Reformation Sunday and we will be celebrating Confirmation. We will be celebrating worship indoors at 8 am and 10 am during the fall and winter months. We will look forward to worshipping outdoors again when the weather warms up in the spring!

Wednesday Bible Study: The afternoon Bible Study at 1 pm will be in-person outside door G (the door by the garage) or in the Nathex. The evening Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Coffee & Bagels: Come and meet Pastor Brice at the North Oaks Bruegger's on their patio the 1st Thursday of every month and the 3rd Monday of the month at 10-11:30 am. Stop in and grab a coffee and bagel.

October Drive:

Donations needed to support our Confirmation November 10th Service Project making

Ralph Reeder Snack Packs:

- Canned easy to open pasta
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Granola Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Small cereal boxes
- Oatmeal packets
- Small cracker or cookie package
- Fruit snacks

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

Most needed items:

- Pasta Sauce
- Flavored rice mixes
- Boxed Dinner Kits
(Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.)

*Please drop off your items at Shepherd in the grey bin in the hallway by Door G. Thank You!

Trunk 'n Treat: October 31st, 12:30-2:00 pm. We will be in need of many car trunks decorated in fall/kid-friendly Halloween attire and ready to hand out treats to our young friends in the parking lot. Please reach out to Pastor Brice with questions and if you are able to help.

Boy Scout Christmas Wreath Sale: Shepherd's sponsored Boy Scout Troop 200 will be selling wreaths between the services on the front lawn today. Delivery will be Sunday, November 21st.

Music rehearsals: We are beginning **Celebration Choir rehearsals** – 6:30 pm, this Wednesday, October 27, in Mission Chapel. All are welcome – if you have sung in a choir, if you have NOT sung in a choir, if you are looking for an opportunity to join with others, please come! Typical schedule includes rehearsing for two weeks and then singing at both services that following Sunday. All choir members will be masked and socially distanced.

And, if ringing bells is more your style, we will begin **JuBELLation rehearsals** on Wednesday, November 10...again at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Music is a universal language – let's share it more and more!

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Donut Time 9:00 - 10:00 am

All are welcome to enjoy donuts outside door A on the front lawn for fellowship. We will provide the donuts, please bring your own beverage of choice. Please join us!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

TODAY:

8 am Service

Reader: Dan Hagen

Ushers:

Steve Klietz

Lynn Sheff

10 am Parking Lot Service

Reader: Dave Nord

Parking Lot Attendants:

Lisa Vannelli

Chriss Latterell

Dave Nord

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