

*Have mercy on me!*

MARK 10:47





+ The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost +

**October 24, 2021**

**AS WE GATHER**

In the first stanza of the hymn “Amazing Grace” we confess, “I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!” (LSB 744). When we say we were lost, we may think of the parable of the prodigal son. We mean that apart from God, like the rest of the world, we do not truly know our real spiritual need. Likewise, the blindness 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 as the “son of David” is the divine agent, the Son of God come to save. He had heard through Isaiah the prophet 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.

*The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weekend (and major festivals).*

**Liturgical Color:**

*Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**Prelude** .....Sheri Mattson

**Welcome**

*(Please rise for the last verse, as indicated by the triangle, in praise of the Trinity.)*

**Gathering Hymn**..... “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” #904



1	Bless - ed	Je - sus,	at	Your Word	We	are	gath - ered
2	All	our knowl - edge,	sense,	and sight	Lie	in	deep - est
3	Gra - cious	Sav - ior,	good	and kind,	Light	of	Light, from
△ 4	Fa - ther,	Son,	and	Spir - it,	Lord,	Praise	to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

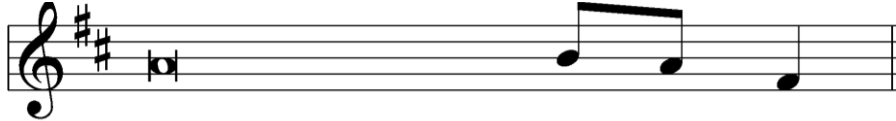
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## Matins

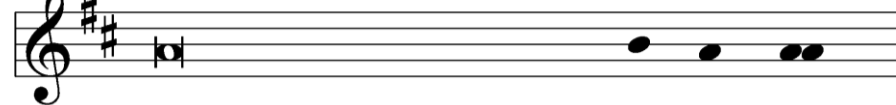
Opening Verses..... *page 219*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody

**Antiphon** (*Common*)..... page 220

**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Venite**..... pages 220-221

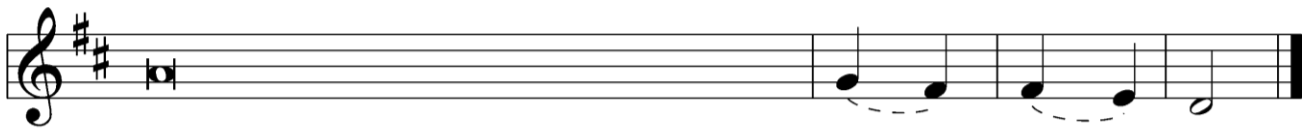
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**Antiphon** (*Common*)..... page 221



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Psalm 126**..... (*spoken in unison*)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
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.  
Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!  
Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.  
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

*Sit*

Office Hymn ..... "I Know My Faith is Founded" #587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

# Readings

## Old Testament Reading ..... Jeremiah 31:7-9

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.’

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.

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.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading ..... Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 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.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 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. 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.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

**Holy Gospel ..... Mark 10:46-52**

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. 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!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 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." 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** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory (Common) .....page 221**



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**Sit**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon..... "Blinded by Sin"**

**Stand**

**Canticle**

**Canticle Hymn..... "How Great Thou Art" #801 (3 & 4)**



3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me  
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -  
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”  
*Refrain*  
 Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou  
 art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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## Offering

*Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.*

*“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)*

## Prayer

**Kyrie**.....page 227



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

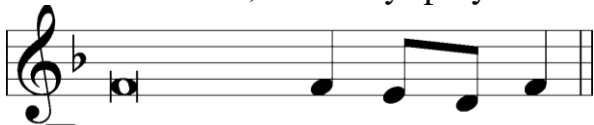
**Lord's Prayer** .....page 227

**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.

**Collects**.....page 227-228



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

**Collect of the Day** (*in unison*)

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. Amen.

**Additional Collects** ending Amen.

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may

be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**.....page 228



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**.....page 228



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

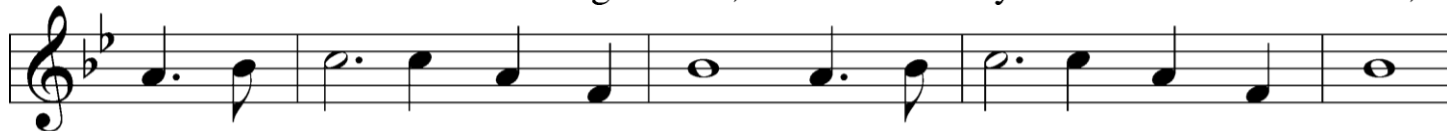


**C** A - men.

**Sending Hymn**..... *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" #761*



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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**Dismissal** ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

**Postlude** ..... Sheri Mattson

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**Next week's readings:**

**1st: Revelation 14:6-7; Epistle: Romans 3:19-28; Gospel: John 8:31-36**

**Attendance Last Saturday: 27**

**Total Offering: \$9,233.21**

**Home Use: \$7,214.57**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 60**

**Missions: \$50.00**

**Benevolences: \$1,968.64**

**Serving us today:**

- Elders/Ushers.....Jeremy VanWey
- Musician..... Sheri Mattson
- Altar Committee..... Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Lisa Gulick,  
Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills, Sheree Moody
- Flower Committee .....Eunice Cobb (Chair), Lori Sloan

**This Week's Schedule**

- Monday-25      9:30 a.m.    Exercise Class
- 10:00 a.m.    Moms and Tots
- 6:30 p.m.    4-H Meeting
- Tuesday-26    9:30 a.m.    Quilting
- 7:15 p.m.    Education Board Meeting
- Wednesday-27 9:30 a.m.    Exercise Class
- 10:30 a.m.    Bible Study
- Thursday-28   9:30 a.m.    Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
- 1:00 p.m.    Games and Cards Group
- Friday-29      9:30 a.m.    Exercise Group

Saturday-30	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
	6:45 p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday-31		<i>Reformation Day</i>
	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at <a href="http://www.blchurch.com">www.blchurch.com</a> , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

## Prayers

**For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision**—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Don Aprill (Cindy Schnell’s Dad), Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Sue Cottrill, Marion & Leona Droege, Paula and Jack Easterwood, Renae Ernesti (Charlene McCarter’s niece), Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Roberta Kohler, Creed Kueker, Marty Lehn, Lynn Lowe, Bertina Markworth, Ron McComas, Johnny Nichol, Ron Niemeyer, and Jim Rudy.

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Gabe Crespo, Chance Hillsman.

**Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care**—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you’re feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don’t hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

## Annual Meeting

**Bethlehem’s Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, November 7, after the church service.** Lunch snacks will be provided. You will be able to attend in person or online via Zoom. **If you would like to attend via Zoom—please notify the office so we can send you the link.**

**Time and Talents**—Church Council is looking for members to use their time and talents to fill numerous positions on the 2022 Council Board. If you are able to serve, please contact Jeremy VanWey or Alan Miller. **Positions include: Council President, Elders, Trustees and Evangelism.**

## Worship Services

**Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m.** You can also watch Sunday's Service live on Facebook and YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com).

## Sunday School and Christian Education

**Sunday School for PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade begins at 9:15 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. These are great opportunities for your children to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in trust toward their Savior!

## Faith Discussion and Bible Study

**Saturday Bible Study** on the Gospel of Matthew follows the evening service (from **6:45 to 7:30 p.m.** in the conference room) if enough people are present to have a class. Consider joining us as we explore the life and ministry of Jesus.

**A New Sunday Bible Study will be starting on October 31<sup>st</sup>** (Reformation Day & All Saints'/Hallows' Eve)—perfect for this ending time of the Church Year & start of the new one when we reflect on “last things.” *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation* will clear up popular misconceptions and root you more firmly in believing and living through Christ's own life, death, and resurrection. Plan on joining us on that Sunday, and beyond, **in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.**

## Zoom Bible Study

**Thursday Zoom Bible Study** will be taking a break until the Advent Season. We will be starting back on a 4-week series on December 2. Look for further details in the bulletins or Tidings as we get closer to starting time.

**Reforesting Faith: What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His Love for Us**—a recent book by medical doctor and conservationist Matthew Sleeth—is the topic of our **Faith Night sessions on the first Wednesday of each month** through December; which makes the next session (“The Fruit of the Tree”) on **November 3rd from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall**. Bring your own dinner and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome!

## Fellowship

**Exercise Class** is being held at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

**The Games and Card Group** meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone, men and women are welcome to come and play board games or cards. Bring a game and a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

**The Quilting Group** meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

### Events & Opportunities

**Holiday Arts and Crafts Show 2021. Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay Street. Co-Sponsored by Mid-Missouri Artists and Warrensburg Parks and Recreation. Some of our members will be having booths at the show.

**Honey Sunday will be held on October 31. Purchase a bottle of honey: Change the life of a child.** Honey sales supports the residential treatment and educational programs for the troubled, complicated, and amazing children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. A suggested donation is \$10 per bottle. A portion of the proceeds will also be given to the BLC Youth Ministry. Buy a bottle of honey and support two worthy ministries! For more information or to order online go to [dakotaranch.org/orderhoney](http://dakotaranch.org/orderhoney). “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” Psalm 119:103.

**Country Kitchen Cards are available!** You can get 10 buy-one, get-one meal **FREE** coupons for just **\$10.00**. All proceeds go towards helping the youth group. See a youth member, or you can stop by the office and purchase one.

### Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate with a prayer of trust for you, or you can give through the online offering called “*Simply Giving*”. You may also place your offering in the plate in the Narthex.

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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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