

Sunday, October 25, 2015
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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Reformation Sunday

INTRODUCTION:

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?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OPENING HYMN: “Open Now the Gates of Beauty” #533 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

Amen.

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and saving God,

have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God’s love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Bell Choir

First Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God’s Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

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.

Psalm: Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

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

²Then 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.” R

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

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

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

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

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

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.

SERMON HYMN: "God, Whose Almighty Word" #673 ELW

SERMON: "A Man With No Name"

OFFERTORY SONG: "Jesus Calls Us" #696 ELW

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, join together the many and varied voices of your church into one great voice, so that all the world may hear the good news of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold the expansive network of your creation as birds migrate and animals prepare for hibernation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bend our ears to hear the cries of those who long for justice and inclusion. Teach us to listen and respond. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit to stir up healing and wholeness where there is illness, conflict between neighbors, war, or any kind of suffering. Give relief to all who are in need (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Breathe your reforming Spirit into the church today. Open us to receive the newness ever-present in your ancient gifts, and call us to action by your gracious and freeing word. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have done great things in the lives of the saints. Reveal to us the glorious works you do every day, that we recognize your kingdom when it comes. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #504 ELW

Great to have you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Sunday: Marlys Beavers & Bell Choir
Greeters: Randy & Laurina Tofteland
Ushers: 8:30 am - Cheri Johnson
10:00 am - Marilyn Andrews
Lector: 8:30 am – Lynn Hansen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 18, 2015: 8:30 am 84 10:00 am 57

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

October 26th – November 1st

Monday	10/26	8:30 am	Lefse Making
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/27	8:30 am	Lefse Making
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	10/28	9:30 am	Hardanger
		9:30 am	Mission & Evangelism Mtg.
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		6:15 pm	Cantata Practice
		7:00pm	Praise Team
Thursday	10/29	12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		4:00 pm	Setup Tables for Bazaar
		5:30 pm	Hand Bell Choir Practice
Friday	10/30	9:00-4:00 pm	Bazaar Set Up
Saturday	10/31	9:00-2:00 pm	Holiday Bazaar
Sunday	11/1	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew.

WELCA is in need of a co-chair. This is a 2 year term. The first year s mainly spent observing and the second year as chair. Basically all this involves is making the agenda and leading the meetings. There are only 6 meetings a year. Please consider this opportunity to serve. Without co-chairs WELCA will cease to continue and the organization is a vital part of the functioning of the church. If interested please contact Elsa Carlson 218-678-3408.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD There is a collection shoebox in the narthex for items that can go into shoeboxes that will be sent to needy kids around the world. Items needed are small toys, stuffed animals, balls, cars, trucks, dolls, T-shirts, caps, school supplies, toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, brushes, jewelry and any other new items that children would enjoy receiving. The shoeboxes will be packed on November 8th after the second service. There are empty shoeboxes if you would like to take one home and fill with a special child in your life. Postage fee of \$7 per box is also needed for shipping costs.

WELCA MEETING November 18th at 9:30am our speaker will be Julie Swaggert. She will go into more detail about her trips to Zambia. Reserve the date. Everyone is welcomed.

2015 BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE Our annual holiday bazaar will be from 9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, October 31st. Please note the following:

- * Each family is asked to bring 6 dozen Christmas cookies for the cookie walk. Leave the cookies in the fellowship hall before 4:00 pm on FRIDAY, Oct 30th.
- * Sign-up sheets for bazaar jobs and lefse making will be on a table in the fellowship hall.
- * Table Set Up on Thursday at 4:00pm – Both Men & Women are needed.
- * Bazaar Set Up on Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm

PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE Pastor Jim will be attending a class this week, Monday through Friday, at Luther Seminary. If you have an emergency please call Sandy Pullen at 612-799-7830 and she will assist you.

WORLD HUNGER Our World Hunger coin boxes are still being accepted. Please don't forget the many blessings we have received and the needs in other parts of the world.

CONFIRMATION Pastor Jim is beginning a new confirmation class. If you know of anybody in 7th through 12th grade who would like to study some theology, please talk to

him.

Table service

UNITED STATES
www.ELCA.org/hunger



A free meal, time of prayer and opportunities to serve and be served are what is offered weekly at Shobi's Table – a food truck that serves homeless and near-homeless residents of St. Paul, Minn.

Pastor Margaret Mary Kelley and Noah have both been there from the beginning. Noah, once homeless in the Twin Cities, was keenly aware of the limited dietary options for those living on extreme margins. Together, they worked to find a solution.

Their solution came in the form of a food truck – a vehicle that would allow them to serve freshly prepared meals and bring food to the community at a location that was a natural gathering place for many. Pastor Margaret and Noah have been able to serve around 75-100 neighbors a week since 2014.

“When the church does community well, we do it well,” shared Pastor Margaret. “We come around the table to gather for lunch and God’s meal; people need a lot of both.”

Community is at the heart of Shobi’s Table’s mission. What is Shobi’s Table’s hope for the future? Their long-term goal is to acquire a bus that would offer indoor and outdoor seating to protect their patrons from the cold Minnesota winter months and to expand their offerings to include vocational training. Each plan is designed to lead them one step closer to accomplishing their mission – to provide food, friendship, faith and employment skills to the homeless and near-homeless people of St. Paul.

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