

**Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost  
October 24, 2021**



*The following worship service may be used on its own or along with the video found on the Swamp Lutheran YouTube page.*

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?”

**Hymn**     “God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

- 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.
- 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.

**The Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Let us pray:**

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.**

## First Reading: JEREMIAH 31: 7-9

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<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,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, 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.

<sup>9</sup>With 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second 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.*

<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 for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MARK 10: 46-52**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then 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." <sup>52</sup>Jesus 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.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**    The Rev. Kurt S. Strause

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," and the response is "**Hear our prayer.**"

### **Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray together

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done,  
    on earth as is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace;  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Hymn**            "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"            ELW 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"            Donald N. Johnson

**Altar Flowers** given in honor of grandson Brady's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by Pappy and McMaw Habecker.

**Sanctuary Candle** given in memory of loved ones by the congregation.

**NOTE** – Please contact Joyce Stoner if you want to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers – 717 336-7077. Many Sundays available.



Michael A. Crowther  
Margaret Elser  
Clyde Showalter  
Betty Hornberger  
Charles Moyer  
Josie Reitz

Alverta Showalter  
Clarice Haws  
Pastor Jim Miller  
Mary Ann Weitzel  
Ella Shirk

Katie Houck  
 Family of Sue Kittler  
 Susan Levan  
 Nancy Kulp  
 Mary Kring (aunt of Linda Ream)  
 Clair Sweigart  
 Janice Moyer Kelly  
 Josie Reitz  
 Margaret Elser  
 Marie McQuate  
 Janice Ballenger (friend of Connie Taylor)

Sharon Fremont – (friend of Sue Kreitz)  
 Shirley Achey – (neighbor of Sue Kreitz)  
 Hunter Leisey  
 Jean Wolf  
 Ashton Faust  
 John Frantz  
 Edgar Gress  
 Joan Long  
 Debbie Myers



When someone is put on the prayer list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken off unless you make another request to have them put back on.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** – Our distribution of food continues on an ongoing basis. We have a need currently canned soup, Mac & Cheese, Au Gratin Potatoes, ketchup, mustard and paper towels (individually wrapped). Thank you.

Thank you to the congregation for your continued support!

**FLOWER DELIVERY** –The church needs volunteers to deliver flowers to our sick and shut-ins after our worship service each Sunday. The church secretary, Brenda, will coordinate this effort for the worship team. Please call the church or email Brenda at [secretary@swamplutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org) if you are willing to be part of a rotating group of volunteers for this vital outreach. This will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you for volunteering!*

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARIES** - The church would like to recognize those who are celebrating 50+ wedding anniversaries or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of membership. Please notify the church office by email at [secretary@swamplutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org) or by phone at 717-336-2849 if you fall into one of these categories.

### **POINSETTIAS and CYCLAMENS**

It is that time of the year again to consider your holiday orders for poinsettias and cyclamens. Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) will be handling the orders. Pricing will not be known until sometime in October. Jodi or the church office should be contacted with questions. The following information needs to be provided.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_

Cyclamens RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**CELEBRATION of PASTOR KURT AND LOIS STRAUSE** – On Sunday, October 24,



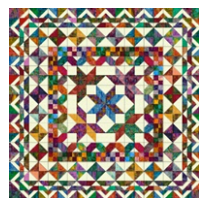
Pastor Strause will preach his last sermon as our Interim Pastor. After church, at 9:30AM we will have a celebration of thanksgiving in the Social Hall. The adult Sunday School will be cancelled that week. The children will be brought over briefly but then will return to their classrooms. Plan on joining us to celebrate, acknowledge and express gratitude for God's work through this couple during our church's transition.

**GIFT CARDS AND PREPAID CARDS** for the holidays are now available.

Order forms will be at the front door. Orders will be due on Sunday, November 14 so that we have enough time to receive cards before the holidays. Any questions, call Missy Regan at 717-314-5658.



**PIG STOMACH DINNER** - We are delighted to advise that we will have our Pig Stomach Dinner on Saturday, October 30. This year it will be for **TAKE OUT** only between the times of 12N –5:00PM or until sold out. Your dinner will include pig stomach, pepper cabbage, green beans, dessert, rolls and butter. \$13.00 per meal. Plan ahead so that you do not miss out. Call the church at 717-336-2849 to Preorder your dinner (\$13.00) and/or a whole cooked stomach (\$22.00)!



**ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION** will be held Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00PM onwards at Camp Nawakwa, 1033 Nawakwa Road, Biglerville, PA 17307. All proceeds from the day benefit the Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come. Please register before November 1st at [LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction](http://LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction). This is a free event and includes an evening meal. Fun for the entire family.

*This Week in the Parish (October 25 – October 31)*

Monday	6:00PM 7:30PM	PACK 95 Den Meeting Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	7:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	12N-5:00PM	Pig Stomach Take Out
Sunday	8:30AM 9:30AM	Worship Sunday School



