

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

*Sunday, October 24, 2021*

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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*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?"*

## Welcome to in-person worship!

Following the latest CDC recommendations for Onondaga County in order to ensure everyone's safety, we are re-instating the pandemic protocol of wearing masks indoors. We are grateful for your compliance, and hope that you are blessed by God's word and by our hospitality for this morning's worship!

- Please use the sanitizer before and after you touch any surfaces, for your protection and the protection of those who follow you.
- **Please wear your face mask for the entire time you are in the sanctuary except when taking communion.**
- Pick up your sealed wafer upon entering the sanctuary.
- Greeters will seat you, either together with household members or 6 feet apart for non-household members.
- Sharing of the peace is contact free with non-household members.
- **Humming the tune and meditating on the words of the hymns are encouraged.**
- Offering may be given upon entering or leaving the building in designated places in the back of the sanctuary.
- Greeters will kindly guide you outside after the service ends.
- You are invited to congregate, visit and catch up with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ outside following worship.

Restrooms (including a changing table) are located downstairs and are accessed through the lift or the stairway door in the narthex.

# GOD GATHERS US

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

*Prelude and Announcements*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

*(please hum along or meditate on the words)*

- 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.
- 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.

## Greeting

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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### 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!**

### Psalm: Psalm 126 *(read in unison)*

<sup>1</sup>**When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup>**Then 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."**

<sup>3</sup>**The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

**<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.**

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## **The Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

see attached file

## **Hymn of the Day**

*O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

*(please hum along or meditate on the words)*

- 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.
- 2 As once you welcomed those cast down  
and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives  
through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep  
that none may weep alone,  
and help us bear another's pain

as though it were our own.

- 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!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

*Individual congregation members are invited to pray aloud on behalf of the congregation one of the following printed prayer petitions:*

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. We pray especially this day for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods of Zambia and Zimbabwe; The Rev. Toppie Bates and St. James' Episcopal; and our congregation of Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick, especially those named on our prayer list, along with all we name here now, either aloud or silently. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

### **And also with you.**

*Unless you are in the same household, please share the peace by either bowing to one another, or placing your hand over your heart as you say the words.*

## **GOD FEEDS US**

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*God invites ALL God's beloved children to be fed at His table of grace. During this time of pandemic, we will share this feast with one another by remaining in our pews. For those who have medical restrictions or other special concerns: the bread is made from wheat flour. We are assured of Christ's full presence in bread alone, as Christ forgives us and strengthens us for the journey ahead.*

## **The 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.**

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

*At this time, all may remove the wafer from its protective cover and partake of the Holy Meal.*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GOD SENDS US

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### Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

*O Savior, Precious Savior*

*(please hum along or meditate on the words)*

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior,  
whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
all other names above:  
we worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,



our holy Lord and King.

- 4 Oh, grant the consummation  
of this our song above,  
in endless adoration  
and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless thee  
where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess thee,  
our Savior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

### Thanks be to God!

*Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.*

*Postlude*



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**Celebrations this week:**

- **Happy Birthday** to TODAY to *Paul Carson* and *Scotty Braun*; *Karen Camp* on October 26

**News:**

1. **Reflections Service at 8am** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** is held in-person. Reflections at 8am will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.
3. **Finance Budget Planning Meeting** on Monday, October 25 at 6pm at the church.
4. **Adult Education** concludes Wednesday, October 27 from 7-8pm via ZOOM. We are using the popular and well-liked Jewish New Testament scholar *Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's* 6 week study on the Sermon on the Mount, which includes a DVD. Synopsis of the study is:  
*The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?*
5. *Gabriel James Gillmore* will receive his **first communion** NEXT Sunday, Reformation Sunday, at 10am worship!
6. Remember to wear **RED** for **Reformation Sunday**, NEXT Sunday, October 31!
7. **OUTREACH – Thank you, thank you** for the generous outpouring of food items for the "Cayuga Cupboard" (Food Pantry) at Cayuga Community College in Auburn!! They are enormously grateful for the spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter and jelly! For the next month or two Holy Trinity Outreach will be collecting **NEW bed pillows** for the *Rescue Mission* project in Auburn which supports families with housing/ apartments and food for those, young and old, in need of food. We are picturing a mountain of NEW bed pillows arising in the back corner of our sanctuary! Thanks for your support.
8. **New Address** for *Jean Jedik!* Her new address is: Apt 408, Stryker Homes, Auburn, NY 13021.
9. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either place your offering in the offering plate before or after worship, or mail it in. Thank you.
10. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** ([www.upstatenysynod.org](http://www.upstatenysynod.org)) for current information throughout our synod.

The **Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry's** regular business hours on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm. Clients need to come alone and wear masks as our space is small. The Pantry is open to residents in the Town, Village or Skaneateles School District. For emergencies other than those hours call 315-685-3512.

**We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...**

**Peace and Comfort** to the Families of: *Donald Brooks* (Julie Corbett's brother); *Tena Becker* (June Vuillemot's sister-in-law); *Marnie* (Sheila Ryder's friend); *Brinker* (Joyce Trickett's friend); *Cheryl* (Sheila Ryder's relative)

**Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness:** *Paul Corbett*; *Mary Scott* (Pastor Paula's neighbor); *Dave*; friend of Jason Ryder; *Jim Bartlett* (Kathryn Carlson's nephew); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy*; *Jenny* (Tom and Gretchen Jeffers' friend); *Ferdie Jedik*; *Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Helen Dobrovosky*; *Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (*Vuillemot's son*); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder*; *Rick Powers*; *Rick Munson*; *Louise Zabel*; *Dawn Matijas-Czolowski*; *Marian Settineri*; *The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry*; *Ann Bader*; *Rose*; *Clara Siefka*; *Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

**Long-term Healing and Comfort to:** *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family*; *Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

**Guidance and Wisdom to:** All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*, *Synod Bishop Bishop Lee Miller, II*; *The Rev. Toppie Bates and St. James' Episcopal*; and *Pastor Paula*, the *Council*, and *lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*.

**Today's Stewards of Worship**

Livestreaming and Recording: *Youngs & Schwenkes*

Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*

Greeter/Ushers: *Arlene Johnston*

Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*

Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*

Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance

Hymn Leader: *Grace Plvan*

Lector: *Kathryn Carlson*

Altar Guild: *Val Schulz*

Counters: *Corbetts*

Custodian: *Sheila Ryder*

**Holy Trinity Council:** Co-Presidents – *Marty Siefka* and *Karen Camp*; Secretary – *Arlene Johnston*; members *Lisa Ryan*, *Janet Schwenke*, *Tim Dobrovosky*, and *Pastor Paula*

