



**“LORD, I WANT
TO SEE.”**

Mark 10:46-52

9:30 a.m. Service October 24th, 2021

We welcome everyone to this house of worship. We are one family, united in our heavenly Father and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

The mission statement of our congregation is:

To bring people to Christ, encouraging relationships with Him and others.

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TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!

- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.

- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Traditional Worship
October 24th, 2021

Meditation/Prelude

Blind Bartimaeus was a beggar. We aren't told if he was born in this condition or if he developed blindness later in his life. As a beggar, his life was seen as pitiful and most likely, embarrassing. So, when Bartimaeus began shouting at the top of his lungs for Jesus to help him, the people around him try to quiet him. But Jesus wasn't ever moved by a person's status quo. He was moved by faith. When Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he desired, the blind man desperately in faith responded, "Rabbi, I want to see!" It was this man's faith that healed him and compelled him to follow Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements

Please Stand

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

We Offer our Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection and examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

We Receive God's Forgiveness

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are
 then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Call to Worship (based on the Psalm of the day)

A: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

C: Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

A: The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

C: Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.

A: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

C: Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Hymn of Praise (sung)

A: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia*

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



C Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gathering Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord, as we read about Bartimaeus we can't help but place ourselves in that noisy crowd. We know people like him, who are suffering, looked down upon, judged for their circumstances, and are rejected. We repent of participating in racism, prejudice, and shushing the needs of our brothers and sisters.

C: Amen.

Please Sit

First Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28 pg. 1037 in Pew Bible

Jesus is our perfect High Priest. He meets our every need, knows our every struggle, thought, and imperfection, and yet chose to sacrificially give His own body over to death for our sake.

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for

their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: *Please stand for the gospel.*

Gospel Acclamation

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52 pg. 869 in Pew Bible

Blind Bartimaeus was a beggar. We aren't told if he was born in this condition or if he developed blindness later in his life. As a beggar, his life was seen as pitiful and most likely, embarrassing. So, when Bartimaeus began shouting at the top of his lungs for Jesus to help him, the people around him try to quiet him. But Jesus wasn't ever moved by a person status quo. He was moved by faith. When Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he desired, the blind man desperately in faith responded, "Rabbi, I want to see!" It was this man's faith that healed him and compelled him to follow Jesus.

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



Please Sit

Children's Sermon

Please Stand

Hymn of the Day

Come As You Are

Words on screen

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
 Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
 Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
 Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
 Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
 All who are broken lift up your face
 O wanderer come home
 You're not too far
 So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
 Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
 And all those who've strayed
 Come sit at the table come taste the grace
 There's rest for the weary
 Rest that endures
 Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Chorus

Message

Please Stand

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bridge

Come as you are
 Fall in His arms
 Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
 Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
 Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

Ending

Come as you are
 Come as you are
 Come as you are

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you!

Worshippers share a sign of peace with one another.

Video and Stewardship Moment

Offering

Offertory

Please Stand

Offering Response

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself

for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Jesus

Lord's Prayer

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

Please Sit

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God



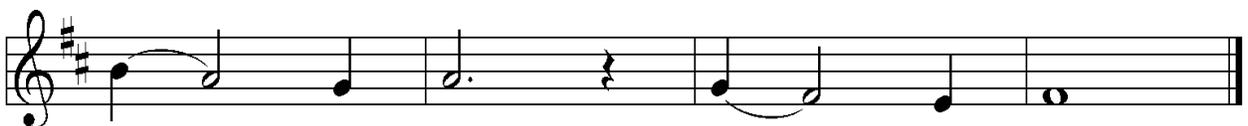
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hal-le - lu - ia for the Lord, our God, the Al-migh - ty reigns. Hal-le -

lu - ia for the Lord, our God, the Al-migh - ty reigns. He is King of _____

kings _____ and He is Lord _____ of _____ lords. He is King of _____

kings _____ and He is Lord _____ of _____ lords

Please Stand

Blessing after the Meal

Prayer after the Meal

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have blessed us with this holy meal. Now, empower and energize us to serve our neighbors in faith toward you and fervent love toward all people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Final Blessing

P: 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.

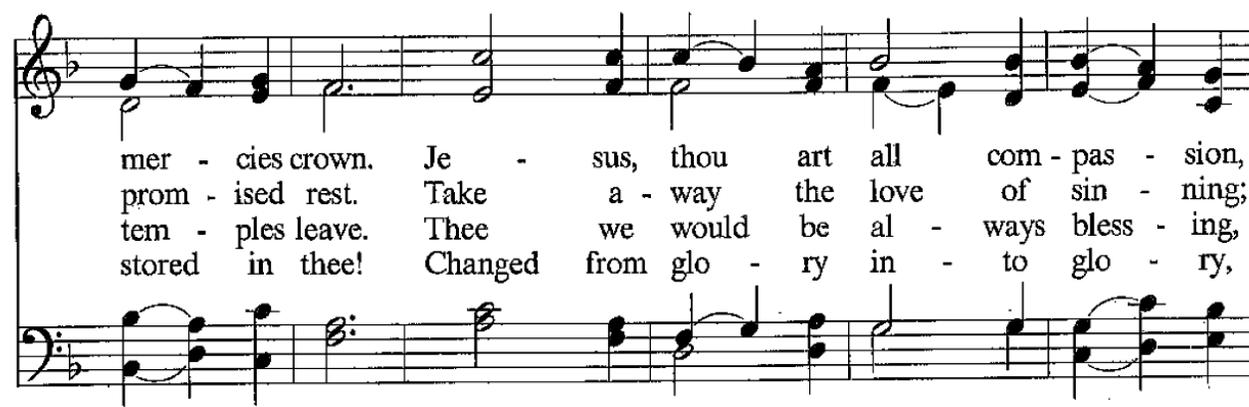
C: Amen



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us



down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -



mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Dismissal

P: Now go and serve the Lord in His peace and love!

C: Amen.

Thank you to Mary Jo Mikulski for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, October 24th	9:30 a.m. Mary Jo Mikulski
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
Lector	Christian Gries
Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten
Greeters	June Gries Jo Cook
Altar Guild	Karen Bell
Communion Assistant	Jeanette Berkshire
Acolyte	Luke Stearns
Sound Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Video Technician	Dan Ivers
Bread Baker	Janet Farrow
Slides	Phil Miller
Children's Sermon	John Browder
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Christian Gries Phil Miller

Next Week, October 31st	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey
Lector	June Gries
Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson
Greeters	Bill Beck Tina Beck
Altar Guild	Karen Bell
Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Luke Soberalski
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Ronald Kissell
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier
Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy
Counters (Monday) Wk5	Ron Westerfeld Marsha Westerfeld