

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

* stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Andante from Grand Piece Symphony Cesar Frank

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the worship leader begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved 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.**

The worship leader announces God's forgiveness with these words.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the
Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREETING

During this time, the worship leader and the assembly greet each other.

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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

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.

⁷Thus 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."

⁸See, 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.

⁹With 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.

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**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."

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

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.

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

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

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.

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.

*** 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.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

*The gospel concludes:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
The assembly is seated.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - *We invite you to reflect on the words as the organist plays the hymn.*
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound" ELW#779

***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.**

OFFERING

An offering is received at the entrance of the sanctuary for the mission of the church, including

the care of those in need.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

The worship leader leads the following prayer

Let us pray.

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 assembly kneels or sits.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Let us pray.

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. 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 (*especially*), 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*). 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.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.

The presiding minister concludes.

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

Amen.

+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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

The worship leader may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Adagio From Fantasie In C Cesar Frank

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Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. Please direct Pastoral care requests in the same way.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

UPDATES! With the COVID rates increasing (Schuylkill County metrics sit in the high risk and still climbing), we are not singing in our service. While Pennsylvania has no mask mandate, we encourage you to wear a mask if you are unvaccinated or are more comfortable doing so. The offering plate will not be passed along the pews but placed at the entrance to the sanctuary to receive the offering. At the appropriate time in the service, the offering will be brought forward to the altar. Please remember to sign in.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Weekly Bulk Mailing of the Bulletin has stopped. The bulletin will continue to be posted on the website and sent via an email blast. If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the bulletin, please call the church office. We'd be more than happy to mail you a copy.

Attendance for October 17, 2021 53 physically present, 86 online views and 2 shares as of October 19, 2021.

Sponsoring bulletins and flowers is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. Many dates are available in 2021

In order that we are able to produce a list of people who were in the church during a certain service, if we are requested to produce one, please remember to sign in upon entering the church prior to a service. Thank you.

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Saturday, October 23rd until Sunday, November 14th. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are taking their mid-term exams. Items to be donated would include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items that the young people could use while studying for their exams. The packages will be sent to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.

The nominating Committee is accepting nominations for open positions on the 2022 Church Council and the Student Loan Committee. Please submit nominees to Karen Curtis or submit to the church office. Please give this matter prayerful thought.

The Bear Creek Campers are selling sub tickets for the rest of this year to cover cost of camping in the summer. Please see Leah (Mullins) Bowman or contact the church office.

On November 7th, All Saints' Sunday, we will remember those saints who have died during the past year. In addition, during the distribution of Holy Communion, we will remember any loved one who has died, no matter what time has passed. If you would like a loved one's name read in remembrance, please call or email the church office or place the name (s) on a piece of paper and put in offering plate by October 31st.

Interested in a 2022 Bread for the Day devotional book? Cost is \$9.00 if we order more than 10 copies.

Holy Communion will be offered the weekend of October 30th and 31st.

Birthday card shower: Connie Klinger will be 90 years young on November 2nd. Please send cards to: Connie Klinger, 160 Red Horse Road Room 227, Pottsville, PA 17901

Please thank Mike Troxell for leading our services this weekend.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$118.75
Local Benevolence	\$147.75
Current	\$1937.04
Capital Building Fund	\$35.00
Plate Offering	\$21.00
Total Received	\$2254.54
Sunday School Attendance: 13	\$13.50

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"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

Today: 8 and 10:30 am Service of the Word
9:15 am Sunday School and Confirmation

Monday: 10 am Prayer Shawl Group

Tuesday: 12:30 pm Jolly Quilters

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 5 pm Service of the Word

Next Sunday: 8 and 10:30 am Service of the Word
9:15 am Sunday School and Confirmation

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 119:17-24; Exodus 4:1-17; 1 Peter 2:1-10

Tues: Psalm 119:17-24; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Acts 9:32-35

Wed: Psalm 119:17-24; Jeremiah 33:1-11; Matthew 20:29-34

Thu: Psalm 119:1-8; Exodus 22:1-15; Hebrews 9:1-12

Fri: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 19:32-37; Romans 3:21-31

Sat Psalm 119:1-8; Numbers 9:9-14; Luke 10:25-37

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Mike Troxell
Greeter: 8 am Pegi Staller
10:30 am Holly Maldonado, Charlene Egan
Lector: 8 am Brian Staller
10:30 am Marlene Troxell
Ushers: 8 am Brian Staller
10:30 am Charlene Egan, Holly Maldonado
Acolyte: 8 am Allie Bright
Counting Team: Karen Curtis, Troy Hollenbach
Council Greeter: 5 pm Janet Pavlick **8:00 am** Charles Hawk **10:30 am** Jennie Raudenbush
Communion Assistants: 5 pm Janet Pavlick **8:00 am** Charles Hawk
10:30 am Jennie Raudenbush
Live Stream: Troy Hollenbach

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Glenn & Linda Curtis, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Helen Miller, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tom Leganza, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, and Brad Renninger.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.