

Perley Parish
Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 30
October 24, 2021

Gathering Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.



Welcome and Announcements

- Meatball Dinner Bake & Quilt Sale at Kirkebo huge success THANK YOU
- Newsletter going out next week
- No Service next Sunday – service Saturday at Nora
- Halloween Bingo on Sunday at Kirkebo
- October 31st is Reformation Sunday but we will celebrate that day on Nov 7
- 9AM streaming will continue
- Reach out

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our face 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.

Prayer of the Day:

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 126 (read responsively)

P: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

P: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

C: **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

P: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

C: **Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

For 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.” ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:45-52 Glory to you O Lord

⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” ⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus (Bar-tah-mee-us) son of Timaeus (Tee-may-us), a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ 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.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ 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.” ⁵² 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 our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Gifting of Bibles: (*recipients are called forward as a group*)

Evra/Kaia - I give you this bible.

In your hands, you are holding a book that is filled with words and stories which tell us about God and the love God has for us. Some of the stories are funny. Some of the stories are sad. Sometimes the people in the stories do very good things. At other times, they do very bad things. But through it all, in story after story, we read about how God continues to try to bring hope, healing, forgiveness and love into the lives of all the people - even when they don't deserve it!

And most importantly of all, the Bible tells us the story of how God became a human being in the person of Jesus. In Jesus, God came to live among us. In Jesus, God came

to know what it is like to be a person with feelings, with hurts, with hopes and with dreams. In Jesus, God came to live the kind of life God wants all of us to live.

It is with great pleasure and hope that the people of Kirkebo Lutheran Church gives you this Bible.

Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in our church for classes and worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen.

Children's Message

Have any of you seen a baby recently? Do you remember when you were a baby? (Cradle the baby doll.) One thing I know about babies is that they're not shy when it comes to letting you know when they want something. They'll let you know when they're hungry, thirsty, sick, tired, or need a diaper change. Since little babies don't know how to talk, how can they tell you what they need? (Pause for responses.)

Babies let you know what they need by crying. Babies don't care if you're in church, at a movie, or eating dinner in a fine restaurant; if they need something, they'll tell you. As we get older, we learn to be more reserved about making our wants and wishes known. Or do we?

The Bible talks about a man who wasn't scared to let Jesus know he needed something. As Jesus and His disciples were leaving a town called Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus was approaching, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

His crying out disturbed the people around him. "Be quiet!" they yelled at him. But he only shouted louder.

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus crying out, He stopped and said, "Tell him to come to me."

Bartimaeus jumped up, threw aside his coat, and went to Jesus.

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

"I want to see," Bartimaeus answered.

Go," Jesus said. "Your faith has healed you." Instantly, Bartimaeus could see and he followed Jesus down the road.

Like a mother who does whatever she can to find out what her baby wants or needs, God knows we have needs and wants what's best for us. (Cradle the baby doll.) The Bible says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." (Philippians 4:6)

When you have a need in your life, don't be shy. Speak up! Remember Jesus wants you to come to Him.

Heavenly Father, we know that You love Your children and want what's best for them. Help us remember we don't need to worry about anything. All we need to do is to speak up, and ask You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Message

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

If you were able to be with us last week or watch later on, we talked a bit about sight. Remember when I mentioned that I have readers all of the place so I can grab them if needed. Look at my script for Sunday mornings – I blow it up to 18 point font so I don't have to squint. This morning we will be continuing with this theme but let me first ask a few questions about your memory.

So today it is the 24th of October in 2021, try to think back to October of 2018 – can you remember anything about where you were and what you may have been doing? Some may be able to mention things without hesitation, others may need a few minutes to think about, and then some of us may just say they have no idea. Especially with a pandemic in the middle of those three years, right? There are some helping questions though like “Are you working at the same job as you were then? Did you have the same number of kids or grandchildren three years ago? Do you live in the same house? See, some of that you could confidently remember if they were general things like those I mentioned. But now think about what's happened SINCE October of 2018. Experiences you had – and obviously the pandemic is a huge part of this last 3 years but if we don't even consider that what about what projects have you worked on in the last three years, what movies or TV shows have you watched since then, maybe what books have you read and/or places have you gone to? Sure, if you have Facebook or and Apple I Phone you sometimes get pop ups of memories to help you but let's be honest, A LOT of things happen and change in three years.

I ask you about three years because that is about how much time the disciples were able to spend with Jesus. They traveled all over – throughout Israel at Capernaum and Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethany and Jericho. And through all those places and all that time they spent their lives following, listening, learning and watching Jesus do amazing, amazing things. We've talked

about many of the miracles of course, the turning of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana, feeding thousands with very little, Jesus walking on water and calming storms, the dead being raised back to life, turning the blind to see, deaf to hear, and the diseased back to health. What an absolutely amazing and spectacular experience those three years must have been.

Now, however, Jesus time with them is coming to an end. He repeatedly begins to tell him what is coming – and coming soon. He will be betrayed, he will be handed over to those who don't understand, he will suffer and die at their hands and YES, he will raise from the dead three days later. Our Gospel today has Jesus and his followers gathering in Jericho. The crowds are growing and growing there as words has spread that he has not only been doing amazing things but he is actually THERE for them to see! And in and amongst the crowd is Bartimaeus.

The Bible doesn't give us a lot to go on in regards to Bartimaeus other than he is a blind man sitting and begging along the side of the road that Jesus and the crowd are passing through. He obviously has heard of who Jesus is and what he's been doing because we are told that he hollars out "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The crowds are horrified and yelled for him to be quiet and leave them alone but Bartimeaus is not one to give up and cries out again "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And this time Jesus hears! This time Jesus tells those around him to bring Bartimeaus to him. "Take heart, cheer up, rise, he is calling you!" the crowd says as he gathers himself and comes to Jesus.

Now Bartimeaus isn't shy, he comes right out and says EXACTLY what he wants Jesus to do when he's asked. "Master, let me receive my sight." Rabbi I want to see." He didn't doubt – he trusted that Jesus had the power to do what he asked – what he wanted and what no one else could do for him. And Jesus does just what you wanted and tells him to "Go your way, your faith has made you well." Instantly he had his sight and immediately he became a follower of Jesus down that road near Jericho.

Sometimes it can be hard when you hear and read stories like this – times when you really want and need something in your own life and you don't feel like anyone is listening or anything is showing mercy for you or your loved one. It's that's crazy hard question – WHY? Why does a God who loves us and cares for us and has plans for us let something awful happen to us? Why doesn't Jesus show me some mercy too? There is a passage in Psalm 50 that says "call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" so we should just be able to reach out, right? After all we are reaching out to the same Lord that Bartimeaus reached out to. And we therefore know and believe that He has the power to do what we want as well. But Jesus, he may choose to give us immediate results like we asked, like Bartimeaus

asked, and other times he may choose not to, as he did every other day that Bartimeaus has lived his life. WHY?

There's not an easy answer. In fact I can't even give you a definite answer as to why – why some heal and live and others do not. Maybe our difficulty to understand is what keeps us all humble and grounded in God and in need of his strength. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness (as it says in 2 Corinthians 12:9) It is in those times of weakness that we learn to rely upon the Lord. The strength of God to deliver us and carry us through the bad and the hard and the painful. It is these times that help us focus on the eternal, help us to let go of the temporary things we have and hold in this life. We don't know the reason – there are plenty of course – why we aren't delivered always from difficulty or delivered in the timeline we want or ask for, but none of those things can diminish the amazing gift of Lord's mercy at all.

Jesus' mission of mercy wasn't just about giving people the ability to walk, talk, see, hear, cured or raised from the dead simply to die again later on. He had a much bigger mercy in mind – the "ever-lasting" kind of mercy. That mercy that goes on forever and that Jesus came here to provide permanently when he died and rose for us. Jesus is our answer when we pray for mercy. He leaves the glory and the perfection of heaven for only one reason – mercy – to help the helpless, to help us. He lives for us, de died for us, he rose from the dead for us – he is indeed everything that we need him to be for us to live in heaven. Eternal life includes life away from THIS world, away from all of THESE problems – the pain, the suffering and the disappointments – no more ever again.

Jesus came to us on a mission of mercy – a mercy that strengthens us to endure the temporary but oh so real troubles of this world. A mercy that helps us to trust his blessing THROUGH the troubles of this life. A mercy that will one day rescue you and I forever from every trouble. This IS the mercy that Jesus came to show us. Amen!

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Amazing Grace
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Offering Procession: We Give Thee but Thine Own
*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

New Members

We are here this morning to welcome this/these new member/s into the community which is Kirkebo/Nora Lutheran church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

And so I ask, do you desire to join the membership of Kirkebo/Nora Lutheran church? If so please answer....
"I/We do"

I ask the congregation to stand and join in confessing our faith.

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
Christian/catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

Having together confessed our faith in the Triune God, we now welcome you into the family of our congregation and into the ministry of the church. As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread his Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

Congregation:

**We welcome you as children of God, as fellow workers in God's kingdom, as
active participants in this church, as brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank
God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to
whom we all belong equip us for every good work that we do together in his
name.**

Prayers of the people: (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**)

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

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to Red River valley farmlands and bless all who lovingly tend to them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Ruling One, we give our thanks for the leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations that peace extends in every direction. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Risen One, as you called James and John, Simon and Andrew to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us these new members of Kirkebo/Nora Lutheran Church. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them. Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through their interactions with us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with pain and suffering. Send healing relief to all who are sick and fighting to be well. We lift up today Sonya and Roger, Daniel and Terry, Marlis and Whitney, Jaime, Anne and Brent, Emilie and Lynn and all those we name silently now in our own hearts..... Help them to healing and wholeness when the path forward seems so long and often times bleak. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

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. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

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

Meal

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Words of Institution and 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. 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

Invitation Communion: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

After Communion Prayer:

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, hearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Blessing:

People of God you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, +one God, bless you now and forever. Amen

Sending Song: Beautiful Savior
Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man,
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!

Dismissal: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark Your Calendars:

Service Saturday at Nora – 9am on October 30th – looking for projects contact Wayne or Vern
Service Sunday at Kirkebo - Halloween Bingo October 31st at 1pm

Sunday, November 7th – 9am at Nora and 11am at Kirkebo



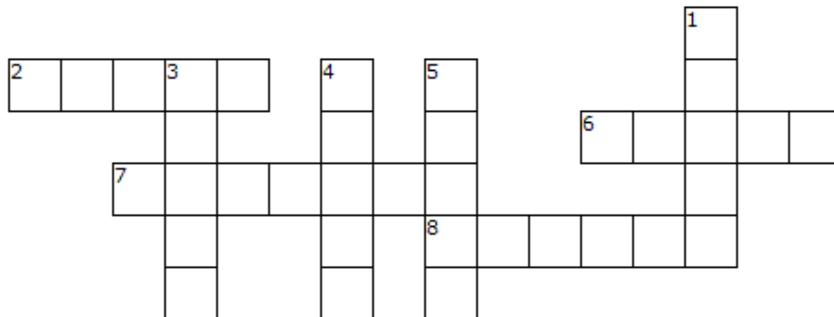
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Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Speak Up!

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Based on Mark 10:46-52



ACROSS

- 2. Kind or compassionate treatment
- 6. Confident belief in the truth
- 7. Making an urgent plea; asking for charity
- 8. To be restored to health; cured

DOWN

- 1. Unable to see
- 3. To make happier or more joyful; a shout of encouragement
- 4. Making little or no noise
- 5. The ability to see

BLIND	FAITH	QUIET	BEGGING
HEALED	SIGHT	MERCY	CHEER

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Unscramble the letters and write the word correctly in the space provided.



1. CEHER _____
2. GEGBING _____
3. GHIST _____
4. TEQUIU _____
5. EDAELH _____
6. ECMYR _____
7. AHFIT _____
8. NBDLI _____

BLIND BEGGING	MERCY QUIET	CHEER FAITH	HEALED SIGHT
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BLIND	BARTIMAEUS	ROADSIDE	FAITH	CHEER
HEALED	JERICHO	MERCY	FEET	JESUS
SIGHT	FOLLOWED	CROWD	DISCIPLES	CITY
BEGGING	JUMPED	QUIET	RABBI	SHOUT