



Twenty-Second after Pentecost

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Seeing Discipleship

As We Gather

Today we hear of Jesus healing Bartimaeus, a blind man. Jesus had healed another blind man in the town of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22–26). There the first healing touch of Jesus did not seem to work completely. Strangely, the man's sight was only partially restored. What was missing? It took a second touch to restore his sight fully. With Bartimaeus, there is no second touch of Jesus, not even a touch at all, only His word, "Go your way; your faith has made you well" (Mark 10:52). The metaphor of physical blindness speaks of the spiritual blindness that we with the first disciples need to confront, namely, sin, our separation and alienation from God. Jesus spoke three times between these two healings of His ultimate act and victory over death. True faith sees our ultimate healing only through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Faith follows after Jesus through the cross.

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

- 2 Today Your gate is open,
 And all who enter in
 Shall find a Father's welcome
 And pardon for their sin.
 The past shall be forgotten,
 A present joy be giv'n,
 A future grace be promised,
 A glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us;
 His Holy Spirit waits;
 His blessèd angels gather
 Around the heav'nly gates.
 No question will be asked us
 How often we have come;
 Although we oft have wandered,
 It is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
 O ever-open Door,
 What should we do without You
 When heart and eye run o'er?
 When all things seem against us,
 To drive us to despair,
 We know one gate is open,
 One ear will hear our prayer.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Mark 10:48, 52

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD.
- C** Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!
- P** Let us confess our greatest need to God, our merciful Father.
- C** Merciful God, we confess that we are in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin, our failure to keep Your holy Commandments in our thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from the darkness of death by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Speak now Your divine Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.
- P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Introit

Psalm 131; antiphon: Psalm 130:1-2

C Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

LORD, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

A O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let Me Learn of Jesus

- 1 Let me learn of Jesus;
He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me,
Nailed upon the tree.
- 2 When I go to Jesus,
He will hear me pray,
Make me pure and holy,
Take my sins away.
- 3 Let me think of Jesus;
He is full of love,
Looking down upon me
From His throne above.
- 4 Oh, how good is Jesus!
May He hold my hand
And at last receive me
To a better land.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7–9

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 126

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;

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

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

C Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

P Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

C He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle

Hebrews 7:23–28

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 to save to the uttermost those who draw
near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession
for them.

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Hebrews 12:2a

P Alleluia. [Let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵²And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

841 O Son of God, in Galilee

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee
You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see;
O blessèd Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer
Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care;
Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear
You can restore, O Lord;
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,
Can instant help afford.

4 Meanwhile to them the list'ning ear
Of steadfast faith impart,
And let Your Word bring light and cheer
To ev'ry troubled heart.

5 Then in Your promised happy land
Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst'ries we shall understand,
For You will make them plain.

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Sermon “The Blind Men of Mark’s Gospel”

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

**The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer,
but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

How does God’s kingdom come?

**God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His
Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and
lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

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- Offering Prayer

✠ Installation of a Lutheran School Teacher ✠

867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.
- 2 So make to them His glories known,
His works of pow’r and grace;
And we’ll convey His wonders down
Through ev’ry rising race.
- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, Mrs. Pat Kramer has been properly elected and called to serve as a teacher of St. John Lutheran School. This office has been established in love by the Church to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist and strengthen Christian fathers and mothers in their God-given responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord.

Hear the Word of God concerning this office.

- A** ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Rom 12:3-8)

*The pastor addresses the teacher-elect
with questions of her confession of faith.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the confession and solemn promise of Mrs. Pat Kramer, who has been called to the office of teacher in the Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive her, show her fitting love and honor, and support her by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.
- C** **We will, with the help of God.**
- P** The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The pastor asks the teacher-elect:

- P** Are you ready and willing to assume the work of this office?
- R** *I am.*

The pastor installs the teacher, saying:

- P** Mrs. Kramer, I install you as teacher at St. John Lutheran School in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let us pray.
Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank You for providing faithful men and women in Your Church to assist and support the Office of the Holy Ministry and its work among us. Grant Your Holy Spirit to Mrs. Kramer, and adorn her with wisdom and power from on high. Incline both young and old to godliness and obedience, and let them so benefit by instruction in Your holy Word that they may serve You all their days and finally obtain eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C Amen.

4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.

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Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction

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.

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!

- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.
- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

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Postlude

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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