



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
October 27, 2024  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*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?"*

***\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***  
*Announcements*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**  
**but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**



## CHOIR

For those of you interested in participating in a church choir, please plan to attend practice, immediately following worship.

## BOWLING WITH THE YOUTH, ETC.

We have sent invitations to our youth who are currently in 7th—12th grade. We will go bowling at the Hooter Bowl in Hustler and have pizza and refreshments.

While we are entering a busy time of year, we are looking to finding a date for the “over 65” club as well as meeting with our college students during their semester break after Christmas. We have a new game that comes highly recommended and is lots of fun. We will be in touch!!

## EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE

We have Christmas decorations of all kinds. The sale will be held on Friday, November 7 (8:00AM-4:00PM) and Saturday, November 8 (8:00AM-2:00PM).

We are also going to include a bake sale for the benefit of the N-O-W Safety Patrol. The kids annually make a trip to Washington DC. If you would like to donate cookies, bars, etc., it would be appreciated.

## Word

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

## First Reading

*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.*

### A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-9

<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 126

<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.

### Second Reading

*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.*

### A reading from Hebrews 7:23-28

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike 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. <sup>28</sup> For 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 27	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Choir Practice	11:30 AM
Nov. 3	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Congregational Meeting	11:30 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, immediately following the regular worship service. The agenda items are as follows:

1. Approval to enter into a contract with Access Elevator, Inc., La Crosse, WI for the installation of a Bruno Commercial Curve Stairlift at a cost of \$19,500.00.
  2. Presentation of recommendation by Church Council for replacement of existing front steps.
  3. Approval to enter into a contract with HSR Associates, La Crosse, WI, in the amount of \$40,750.00. (Phase 1: Construction Documents: \$32,750 Lump Sum; Phase 2: Bidding and Construction Administration: \$8,000 Lump Sum; Total \$40,750.00)
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**Sending**

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

**GOSPEL READING**

*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 Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Reverend Karen Sparling  
Synod Authorized Minister

**Hymn “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**ELW#517**

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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,**

**Blessing**

God all mighty,  
God most merciful ☩ bless you,  
keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word” ELW#673**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God’s People; Minister: Karen Sparling;  
Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Carolyn Dougherty; Altar: Bob &  
Louise Buchholz; Communion Server: Justin Arndt

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Laurie Switz Johnson, Heidi  
Stenerson, Dan Paulson, Richie Vlasak, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Bud  
Speicher, Kathy Von Ruden, Lyle Schindler, Florence Dougherty,  
Connie Summerfield, Gordy O’Rourke, Marilyn O’Rourke, David Forbes,  
Mary Ann Arndt, Cole Brandau, Jeremy Munson.

**IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen Roscovious,  
Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

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,

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (God of grace, hear our prayer.)

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

**OFFERING**

**\*Offertory Hymn "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"** ELW # 691  
Vs. 1-2

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

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**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

"Lamb of God"

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**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.