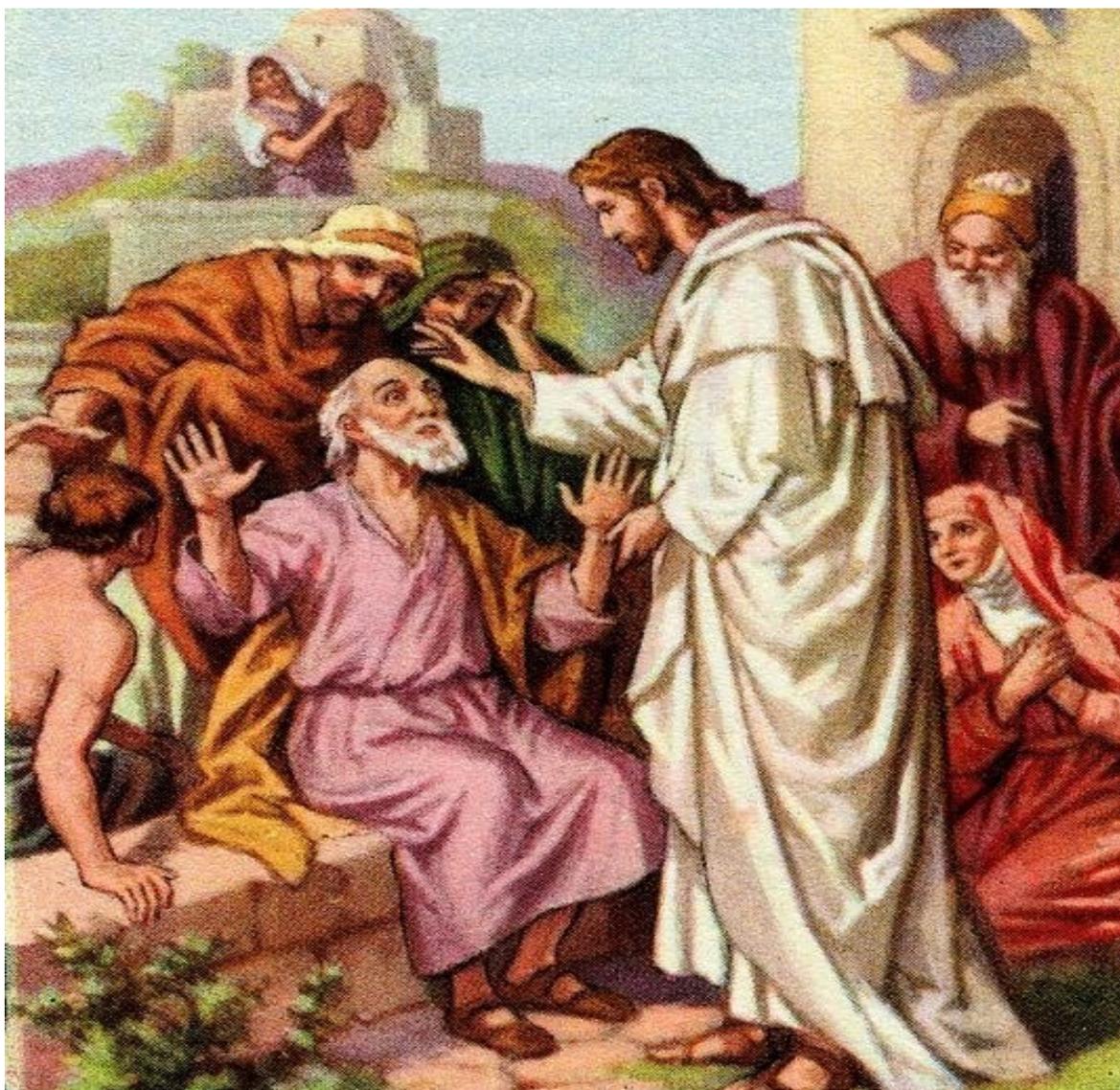


St. Mark 10:52

“And 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.”



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*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Forgive the faults of Your people, O Lord, that our slavery to sin, into which we fell in our weakness, may be overcome by Your liberating work; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**²Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

³Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**⁴The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**⁶Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

(ELW) No. 599

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW) No. 188

*The 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.

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

*The Dismissal (*response*)

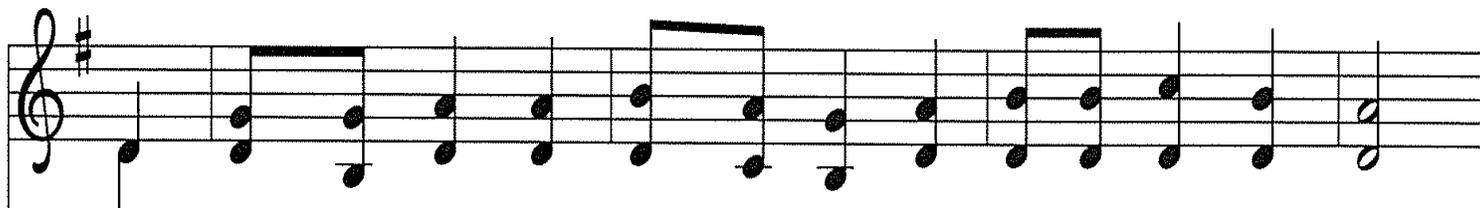
C: Thanks be to God.

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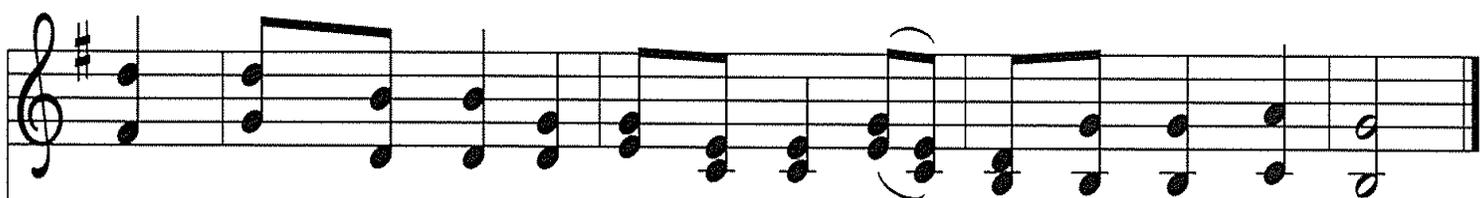
Please join us downstairs for Special Coffee Hour following the service.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

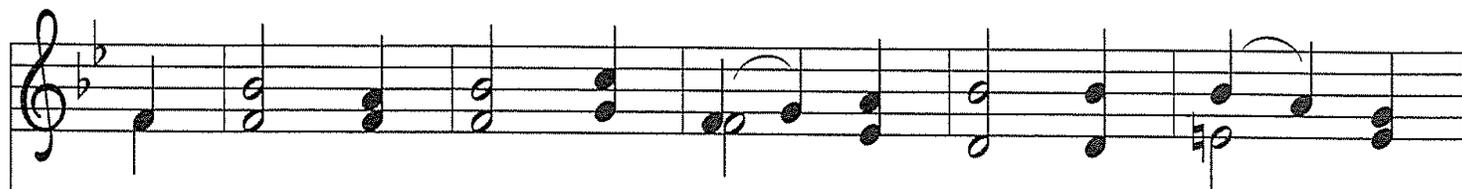


5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

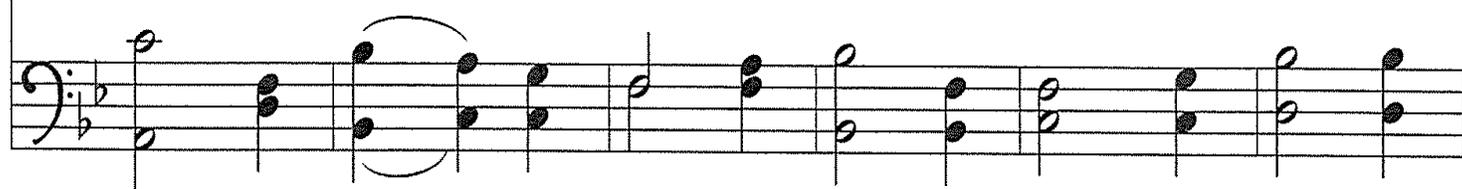
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1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,

from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily composed of chords and dyads, with some eighth-note runs. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

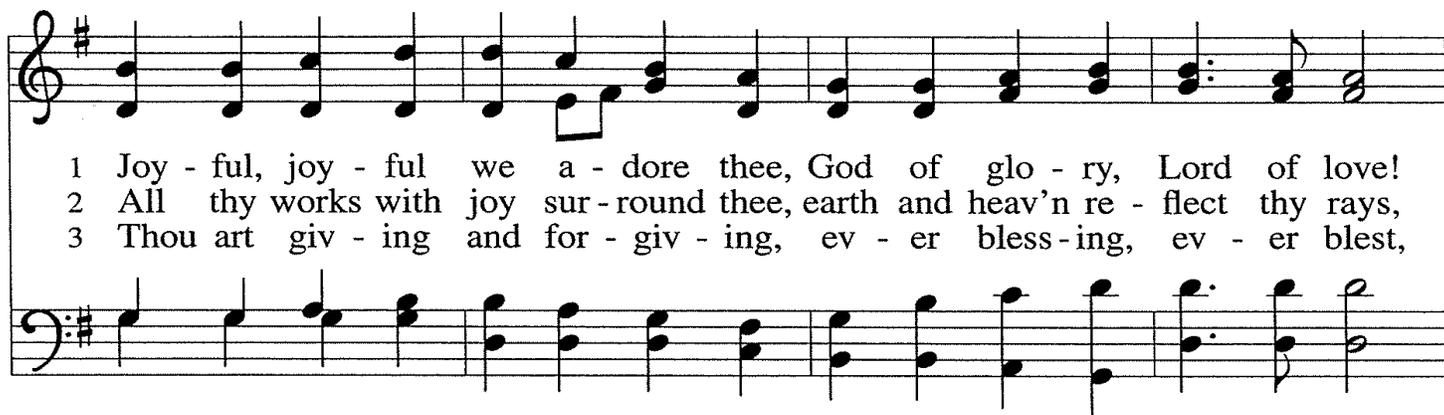
The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

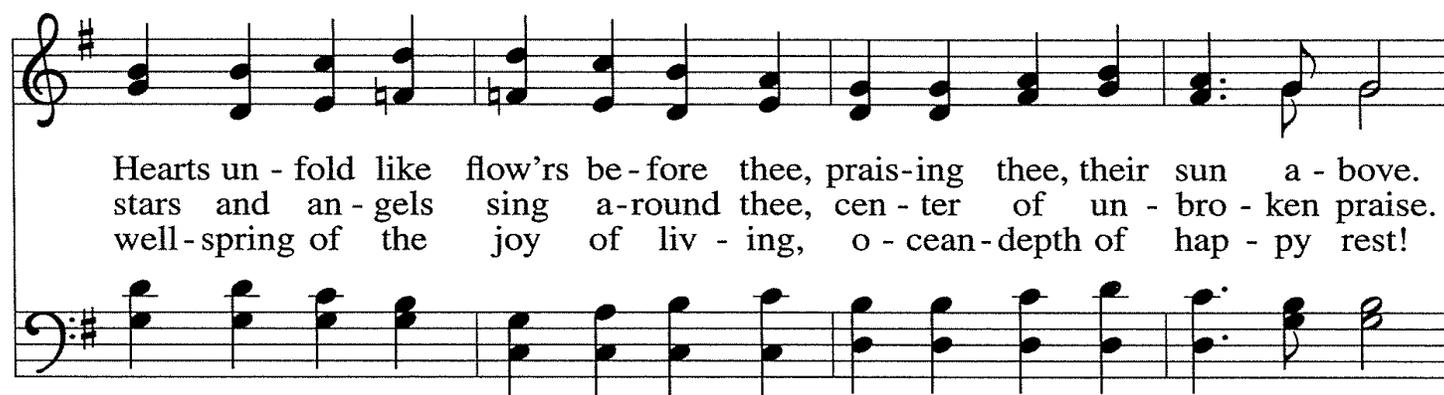
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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

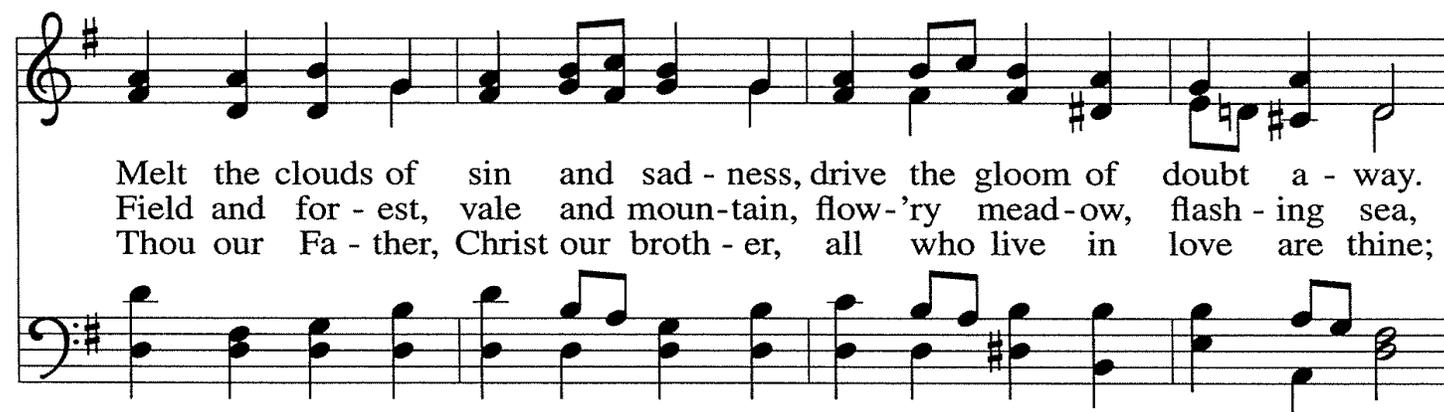
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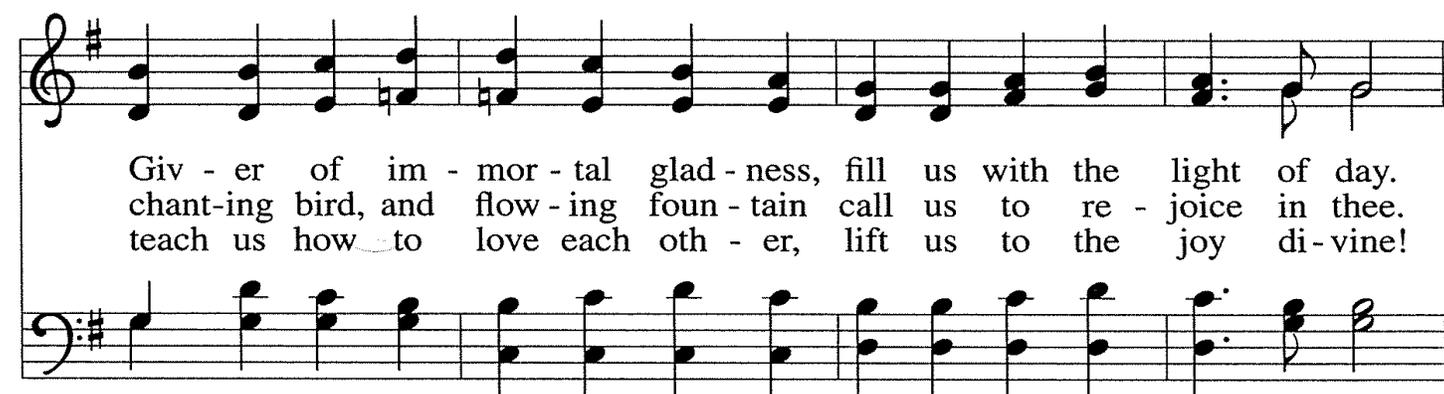
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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Organist and Music Director: Kristina Schuerle

The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God on the 25th wedding anniversary of Heather & Eric Quedenfeld in thanksgiving for all that God has blessed them with.

The Lay Reader is Dennis Schmidt.

Acolytes are Bryce Berry and Collin Berry.

Counters/Greeters today are D. Schmidt and S. Berry.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Dartball on October 26—at Bethlehem Lutheran.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Monday's at 7 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2021 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2021. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2021. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Tillie Shawin, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Jim Lacko, Joanne Reck, Nikki and family, Barbara, Michael Selarud, and Jackie.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

October 24, 2021 — Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

“...followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)

A man is in dire need. As Jesus passes by him the man calls out, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” He is blind and destitute. Jesus has mercy and heals him. Though there are miraculous healings in Mark, Jesus is not here primarily to give us happiness, or to solve our problems, or to meet our needs, wants, or desires.

Jesus tells the beggar, “Go!” That is, go your way, you have suffered long enough, go out and live a happy life. But the man literally disobeyed Jesus and “followed him on the way (vs. 52) and became a disciple.

Perhaps it's not the healing, but rather following Jesus that is the point. Maybe Jesus has come to help and heal us, but also to place a claim on us and call us. When Bartimaeus' eyes were opened, possibly he saw Jesus as the one we are to follow. Sure, Jesus promises to sustain us, help us, heal us, and open our eyes, but mostly Jesus calls us to play a part in his mission for the world.

Jesus has tried to teach his disciples that he is not headed for glory and power. He is on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be betrayed, suffer, and then crucified on a cross. And Bartimaeus walks that way with him.

In your life, you have received many blessings and good things from Jesus. One of the best things you have received is discipleship. Jesus has called out to you like Bartimaeus called out to Jesus. Jesus has broken through to you and said, “Follow me.”

And you have followed. Your eyes have been opened and you “see,” you get the point. You are walking with Jesus. You have come to Jesus with your needs to be met, only to be met by Jesus' claim upon you and his call to you, “Come, follow me, be my disciple.” And like Bartimaeus, you said, “Yes.”

Perhaps Jesus really does want to fix what's wrong with us. But he may have a very strange idea of what's wrong. Maybe he knows that above all our other needs, we need a life worth living, a life with meaning that contributes something in the world of service to our neighbor.

So Jesus puts in us a need for discipleship, a desire for our lives to count for something beyond our own lives. Jesus calls out to us, “Follow me.” Amen.

