



Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

**Welcome to the House of the Lord**

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost  
October 24, 2021 – 9:00am**

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**OUR MISSION:** We are God forgiven and mission driven.

**OUR VISION:** To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

<b>Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service</b> <b>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson</b> <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon <b>Reader:</b> Ruth Sheldon <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> <b>Sound:</b> Shannon Bruhns <b>Video:</b> Al Skellenger <b>Acolytes:</b> Shannon Bruhns <b>Ushers:</b> Shannon Bruhns <b>Communion Servers:</b> <b>Altar Guild for October:</b> Linda Helgeson & Gloria Kvale	<b>Sunday--9:00am Worship Service</b> <b>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson</b> <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon <b>Readers:</b> Margaret Okland <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> Al Skellenger, Willie Skellenger, Bruce Adams, Nancy Guttormson <b>Sound:</b> Chike Ikefuama <b>Live Stream:</b> Brad Evenson <b>Video:</b> Chike Ikefuama <b>Acolytes:</b> Lyle Thomson <b>Ushers:</b> Lyle and Orloue Thomson <b>Communion Servers:</b> <b>Altar Guild for October:</b> Linda Helgeson & Gloria Kvale
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Thelma's birthday is September 29th.

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## INTRODUCTION

*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?”*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### BELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Tangled and tied up in knots, we sit in our darkness.

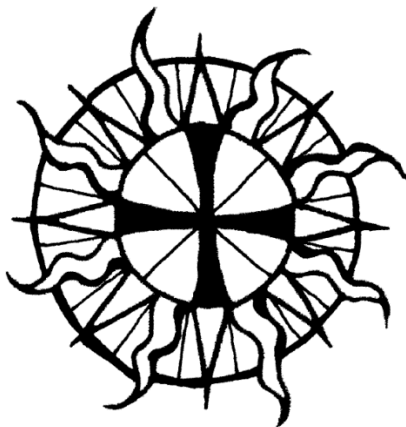
**Shine your light on us, Lord Jesus.**

We weep and wail about our plight.

**Shine your light on us, Lord Jesus.**

Hear our cries. You are our only hope.

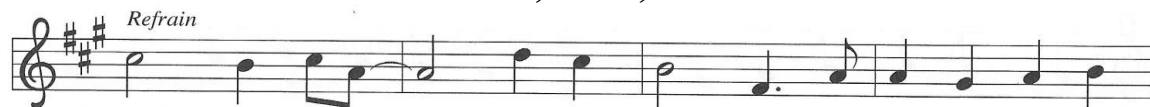
**Shine your light on us, Lord Jesus.**



## GATHERING SONG

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW #671



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



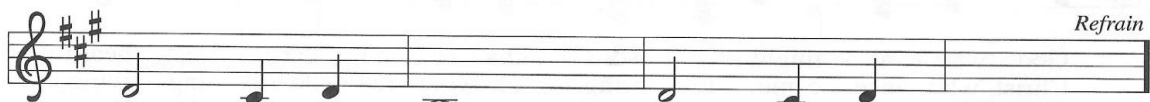
- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

Bring hope to our lives.

**Break the darkness of our souls.**

Bring peace to our troubled spirits.

**Break the bonds of fear that entrap us.**

Bring strength and courage to our spirits.

**Break the chains of doubt that have held us down.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*     ELW #843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*A Noisy Healing*

Whirl Story Bible p.298

## WORD

### FIRST READING

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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY

Psalm 126

*Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the pulpit side.*

<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

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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?* WOV p.31

*We stand for the hearing of the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

**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

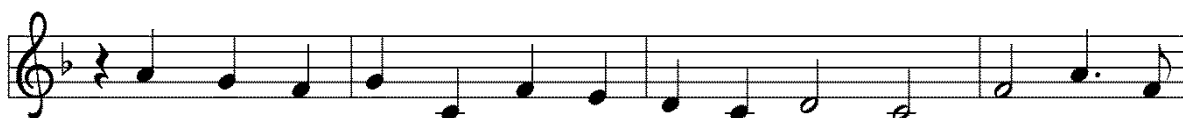
### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW #665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.



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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*All may be seated as the pastor invites us into our time of prayer.*

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

*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* all we love and care for and name before you now (*pause*). 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.**

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 pastor concludes the prayers*

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

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

**GENEROSITY MOMENT**     *Lutheran Disaster Response: Faith in Action*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven.

Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us.

**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.**

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## SENDING

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### 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 HYMN

#### *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

ELW #663



- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
- 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
 let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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