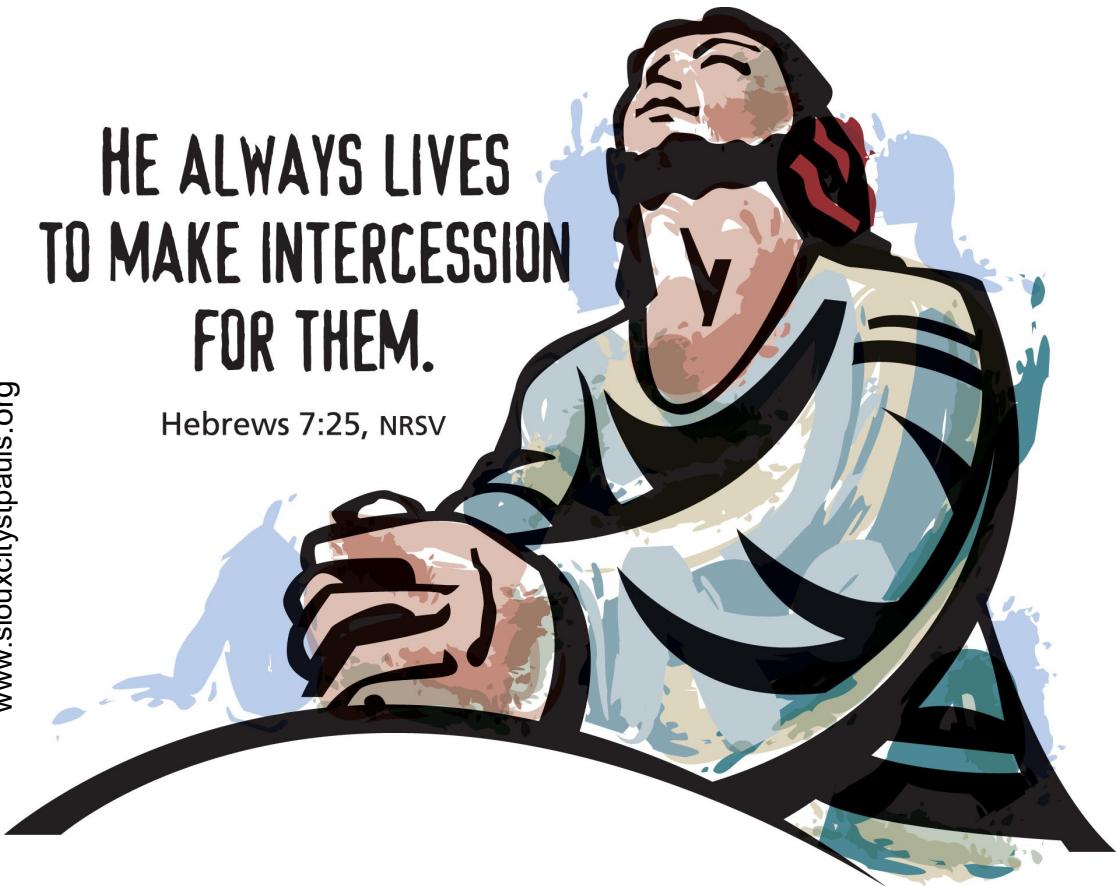


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**HE ALWAYS LIVES
TO MAKE INTERCESSION
FOR THEM.**

Hebrews 7:25, NRSV



10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021
Sermon: "The Perfect High Priest" Hebrews 7:23–28



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill

Ushers: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,

Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Chaney Neff

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER In the first stanza of the hymn "Amazing Grace" we confess, "I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!" (LSB 744). When we say we were lost, we may think of the parable of the prodigal son. We mean that apart from God, like the rest of the world, we do not truly know our real spiritual need. Likewise, the blindness we confess is our condition apart from the enlightenment of God's word and deliverance. Blind Bartimaeus in today's Gospel, by the enlightenment of God's Word, believed that Jesus as the "son of David" is the divine agent, the Son of God come to save. He had heard through Isaiah the prophet that one of the first things the Messiah will do would be to open blind eyes (Isaiah 35:5). With this blind man, we come today with the heartfelt prayer "have mercy on me" and discover more. Our eyes are enlightened to see God's mercy as we join this man and Jesus' disciples following Him in the way, on the road to Jerusalem. There we discover the mercy and gracious reign and rule of God in the mighty suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord of life.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and hear us. Call us to Yourself today, and grant us healing, hope, life, and salvation. Grant us also the strength of faith to take up our cross and follow You, who lives and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

“Great Are You, Lord”

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

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All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will say Great are You, Lord

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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:7–9 (The Lord will turn mourning to joy.)

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.’ ⁸Behold, 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.

⁹With 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.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 7:23–28

(Jesus, our perfect High Priest forever)

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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46–52

(Jesus heals Bartimaeus.)

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And as he 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.

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.**

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction “Above All”

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man; You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has
ever known,

Above all wealth and treasure of the earth; there's no way to measure what You're
worth.

Crucified and laid behind a stone, You lived to die rejected and alone.

Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

(repeat)

Oh, You were crucified and laid behind a stone, You lived to die rejected and alone.

Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

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The Word

“The Perfect High Priest” Hebrews 7:23–28

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Psalm 110:3—Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of Your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

Offertory

“Step by Step”

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

(repeat)

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And I will follow you all of my days.

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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “**Nobody Loves Me Like You**”

Morning, I see You in the sunrise ev'ry morning. It's like a picture that You've painted for me, a love letter in the sky.

Story, I could've had a really diff'rent story, but You came down from heaven to restore me, forever saved my life.

CHORUS:

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true; Nobody loves me like You.

Mountains, You're breaking down the weight of all my mountains. Even when it feels like I'm surrounded,
You never leave my side, oh.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!
Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song my heart keeps singing!

Oh, what a song to sing! Oh, what a song to sing!
Oh, what a song to sing! Jesus, You love me, and I love You, God.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, I will worship You, forever worship You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
I worship You as long as I am breathing. God, You are faithful and true. Nobody loves me like You.

Nobody loves me like You love me, Jesus. I stand in awe of Your amazing ways.
Nobody loves me like You. Nobody loves me like You.

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