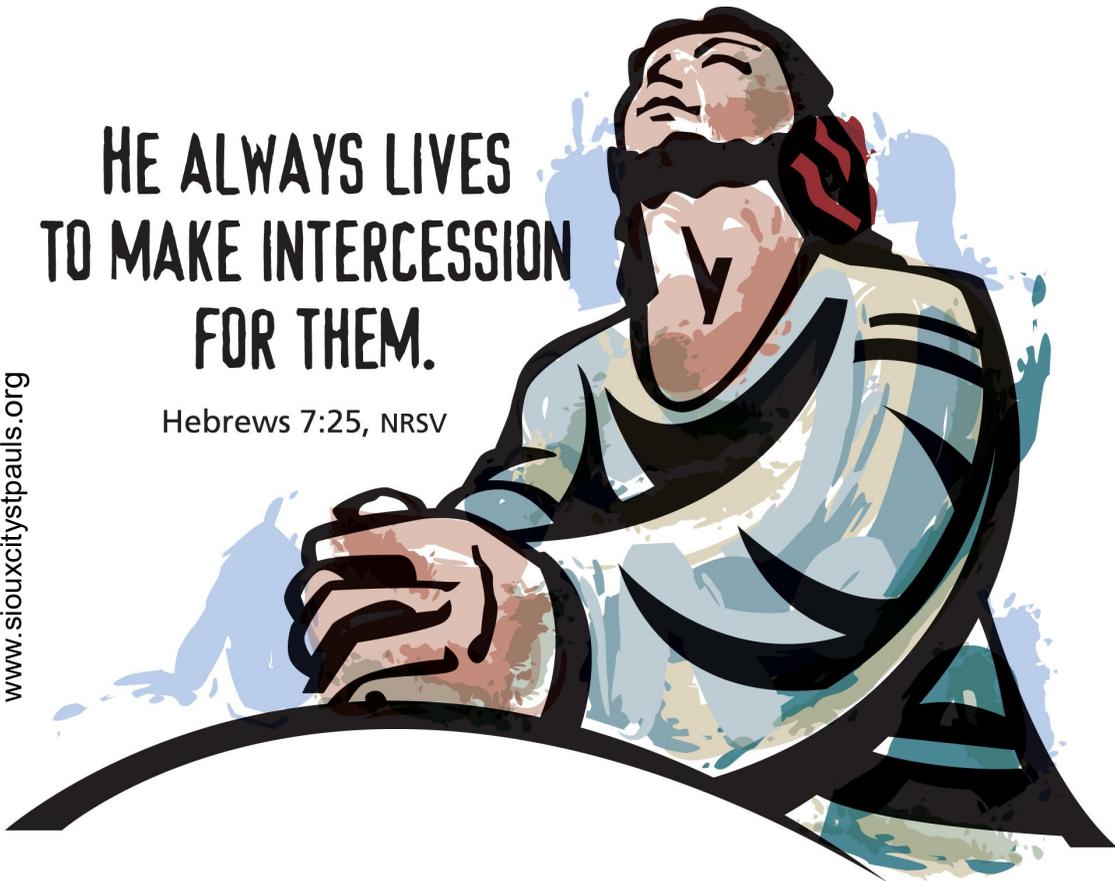


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**HE ALWAYS LIVES
TO MAKE INTERCESSION
FOR THEM.**

Hebrews 7:25, NRSV



6 p.m. Sat., Oct. 23, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., 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

(6 p.m. Sat., October 23 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., October 24, 2021)

Servants of God's House

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

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doril Hill

Ushers: Nick Gunn

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat., Marlis Hilden ;8:15 a.m. Sun. Doug Lehr

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 with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

The Wave of Fellowship

LSB 842

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

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

C: **Amen.**

Confession
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.**

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.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning,**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

The First Reading 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

C: **He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

The Epistle 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and the Verse *Hebrews 12:2a*

C: Alleluia. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel Mark 10:46–52 (Jesus heals Bartimaeus.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St., Mark the 10th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Gospel Reading 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

(on the back cover of the hymnal)

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

LBS 819 vs 1,3,5



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

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

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 Hymn “Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

(stand as you are able)



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

P: Hear our cries and be attentive to the voice of our pleas, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David! Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Send laborers into Your harvest, Lord, and preachers to gather Your elect from the farthest parts of the earth. Sustain all pastors and missionaries faithful in their callings. Bless our schools and teachers, our congregations and their servants. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, You have appointed us as priests in Your kingdom — not to offer dead works out of our own weakness, but to offer prayers and living sacrifices made holy, innocent and unstained by the once-for-all service of Christ, our High Priest. Make every Christian household constant in prayer and good works, since our Savior always lives to make intercession for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strike down the haughty, O Lord of hosts, and every hostile voice that would rebuke the voice of faith with its cries and prayers. Uphold the protection of our nation and its leaders in honest service for the good of the people, especially that the Gospel may be preached and heard without hindrance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, save Your people and be a father to Your Israel, the Holy Christian Church. Give courage to the hearts of all who cry to You for mercy, especially Linda Brinkert, Lowell Chellew and Charles Striegel. Give them steadfast faith and be pleased to grant them recovery, that they may follow You now and into everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Cullen Gomez, Rebecca Granstrom, Jill Orban, Brett Baker, Audrey Hayes, Melissa Kilman, Darlene Allison, Matthew Dodds, John Kamau, Dawn Hindman and Stanley Petersen. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

