



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GOD'S GLORY AND GRACE
IN JESUS CHRIST!*

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Extended Prelude & Words of Greeting

Opening Song in The Spirit “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Baloche

(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing each song in our service today!)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see you.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy. (repeat)

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You. (repeat)

Litany Seeing & Believing God’s Glory & Grace – written based on Psalm 126

Pastor: Today, we believe and see anew God’s glory and grace, thanks to the One who opens the eyes of our heart, the One who is truly holy, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: People of God: Come, see in new ways once again, what God has done. Come, hear what God is sending us out to do. Come and receive, all the Lord provides. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins, and those times we have failed to trust all we believe and see. *(silence for reflection)* Friends in Christ: Live today in God’s glory and grace in these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. May we trust and rejoice for the Lord continues to restore our sight, our hearts, our hope, and our joy. Believe and see anew; rejoice and sing, thanks to the One who forever opens our eyes!

Song of Trust Anew

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Cull

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus;

To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

Pastor: Friends in faith: The Lord continues to open our hearts and spirits to believe and see all of God’s glory and grace. Let us rejoice and sing, thanks to the One who is forever doing great things, the One who is the Almighty, the One who forever open our eyes!

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Prayer of the Day

All: Loving God, as you restored sight to the blind man, restore our hearts and our faith, restore each of us to believe and see in every place, in new ways, the gifts and presence and power and hope of your glory and grace. By your Holy Spirit, reveal to us what truly matters most. As we explore our true net worth is in you alone; renew our spirit to believe and see anew, all good gifts are sent from heaven above, placed into our care. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message & “Jesus Loves Me”

Percival & Warner

Hearing The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-9

(all read bold print)

For 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.” 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.** 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. (NRSV)

Special Music

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. M. Hayes

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

(all read bold print)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 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.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 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.” Jesus said to him, “**Go; your faith has made you well.**” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (New Revised Standard Version)

Statement of Faith based on Revelation 21:5-7

Pastor: As God's children, we trust God the good steward and God's grace first love us and then fill us with countless blessings. In thanks to God's faithfulness, we believe and we see anew, and we now boldly proclaim our faith, making God and our neighbors first.

All: God who sits upon the throne says, "Behold, I make all things new. Write these words for they are trustworthy and true. It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain the water of life without payment. They who conquer shall have their heritage, and I will be their God, and they will be my children." Amen.

Sermon "Open Eyes, Open Hearts, In Glory And Grace!" Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Hope & Faith Anew "I Love To Tell The Story" Hankey & Fischer

vs. 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

ref: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory,
And tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.

vs. 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat,
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,
The message of salvation, from God's own holy Word. (ref)

vs. 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best,
Seem hungering and thirsting, to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story, that I have loved so long. (ref)

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus, ...

All: Bless us, to believe and to see anew, all your glory and your grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Song During Holy Communion "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

Lowry

vs. 1 **My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though faroff hymn that hails a new creation.**

ref: **No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?**

vs. 2 **Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?**

vs. 3 **What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.**

vs. 4 **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?**

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, this day, and on into life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ, The Lord of life. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, as you believe and see God's glory and grace. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, and serving the Lord of life.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Going Anew In Grace & Hope “My Life Is In You, Lord”

Gardner

**My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.**

**I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.**

**My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You, in You.**

Postlude

There is no Faith Quest today! Faith Quest Sunday School meets again next Sunday!

Join us next Sunday, October 31, as we celebrate Reformation Sunday!

“Glory and Grace Change Everything!”

Worship includes a Children's Message, a Sermon, and Holy Communion!

Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts on our Facebook page, under “videos.”

As we share worship in this way, we are seeking volunteers to assist with greeting, ushering, serving communion, live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!

You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!

All who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion is now offered once again during worship, as we share pre-packaged single servings of communion, including a wafer and grape juice.

*Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you;
then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!*

Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!

For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!

Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the building.

For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.

***From everyone on every level of leadership and service,
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!***
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org

***We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew
God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God's light, love, and grace!***

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“OPEN EYES, OPEN HEARTS, IN GLORY & GRACE?”
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 24, 2021
JEREMIAH 31:7-9; HEBREWS 7:23-28; MARK 10:46-52
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Do you know any “magic words”? Do they work? Not magic words, like, “please” and “thank you;” we know the importance of those magic words, and that those magic words work well. Have you ever had any success with other magic words, a phrase like, “Open Sesame!”? Change of subject. Technology is changing all the time, and yet, do you have any items that when locked or closed, unlock or open on their own, all by themselves? Normally, we need to unlock such items; and in most cases, you better not lose the key. Our reading from Mark tells the story of a blind man having his sight restored; he gets to see again. The magic words: “Have mercy” and “Jesus.” Is the man able to restore his sight on his own? No; he knows he needs Jesus! Jesus is the key. As we continue to explore our net worth is in God’s grace alone, let us call on the One who does what we cannot do on our own, to open our eyes and to open our hearts, to see what we have been missing, to see in new places, in new ways, all of God’s glory and grace!

1. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, all we have been missing in God’s glory and grace! Jeremiah 31:8; Hebrews 7:26; Mark 10:47-48
 - A. There are no magic words needed to believe and to see God’s glory and grace!
 - B. Like the blind man, let us believe and see the One who is right in front of us all the time, and let us forever speak the word, the name, that has all the power and glory and grace we will ever need: Jesus!
2. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, in new places, all of God’s glory and grace! Mark 10:46-49
 - A. Do you have places that captivate you, catch your eye, awe you? Places like this are priceless, and bless us and assure us, to believe and to see God’s glory and grace!
 - B. Our eyes and our hearts are opened to believe and to see God’s glory and grace in each and every place as we take a closer look!
3. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, in new ways, all of God’s glory and grace! Mark 10:51-52
 - A. Technology is changing all the time; helping open what cannot be opened on its own; helping us see all kinds of things more clearly!
 - B. God’s glory and grace are changing us all the time; doing for us what we cannot do on our own, opening our eyes and hearts in new ways; to believe and to see even more!

4. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to spring up, to have our spirits energized, to believe and to see, all of God's glory and grace! Mark 10:49-50
 - A. As we believe and see, our souls and spirits spring up!
 - B. Like the blind man, let us spring up, and jump into God's story!
5. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, to believe and to see, our net worth is in God's grace alone, thanks to all of God's glory and grace! Jeremiah 31:8; Mark 10:49
6. The One who opens our eyes, opens our hearts, does more than restore or renew our sight and our heart; our eyes and our hearts are transformed to believe, to see, glory and grace like never before, thanks to one word, one name: Jesus!
Jeremiah 31:8; Hebrews 7:26; Mark 10:47-48; 51-52