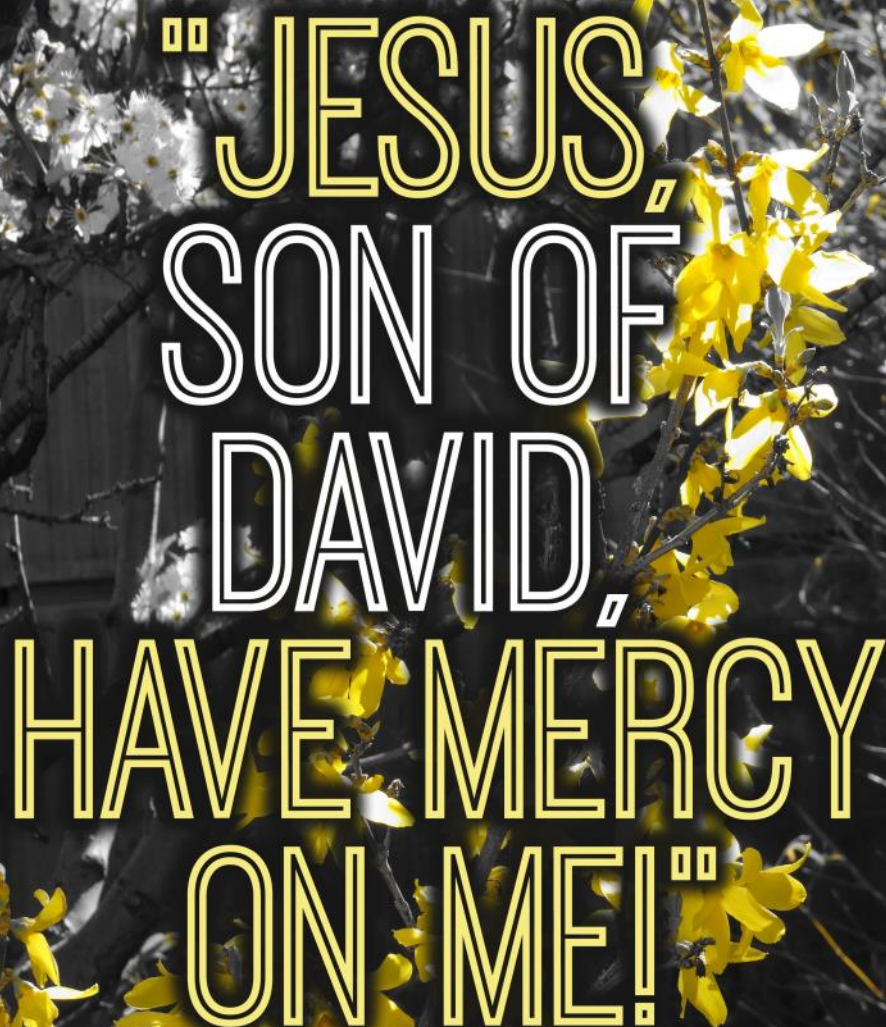


**WELCOME TO GLORIA DEI  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021 9:30 am



"JESUS,  
SON OF  
DAVID,  
HAVE MERCY  
ON ME!"

MARK 10:47

## Green Visual – October 24 – Bobcat



A week ago I was out in my back yard doing some early fall cleanup trying to remove any weeds that I'd prefer would not return in the spring. It was one of those nice sunny warm days, perfect for spending time out in the yard. Anyway, as I carried my bucket back to the big bin for pickup, I heard some rustling of leaves near where I had just been. As I stopped to listen more closely, I noticed some movement of the tall goldenrod flowers. Then I saw her. She was a very big, brown tabby cat. And then her angle to me changed and I saw the bobbed black tail and the pronounced black stripes on the legs. What looked like a big cat at first glance was actually a beautiful bobcat!

If you recall, in one of my spring visuals I wrote of my encounter with a bobcat in the Garden. I wish I knew if this was the same one! I wish I knew if she was the mate to the earlier one! She didn't seem concerned that I was standing there watching her and she just kept walking along the edge of the yards toward Camp St. Then I heard one of my neighbors out in his driveway yelling at her to get out of there, trying to chase her away. So close to the road and possible collision with a car. I freely admit that I couldn't bear to watch, or listen, anymore and left to bring my bucket and clippers into the garage.

A short time later a small crowd had gathered next door and yelled over to me, "Did I see the bobcat?" I walked over and told them, "Yes, and wasn't she beautiful!" They were afraid of her. They thought she might attack them. I asked, why? What followed was a very nice conversation about the wildlife that live so close to us, but we hardly ever see.

They finally agreed. "Yes, she was very beautiful. Do you think we'll see her again?" I sure hope so!

Listen, and watch before you become afraid. You never know what kind of beautiful creature you might miss, who just happened to be walking by as you took a moment to notice.

Peace, Sue

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound  
John Carter

### CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an  
open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you  
righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### 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.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Listen to the Word

(sing as a round)



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

## GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

**L** The Holy Gospel according to Mark

**C** **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.

**L The Gospel of the Lord**  
**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Joanna Hertzog Betkoski

HYMN OF THE DAY 1084 God, Be the Love to Search & Keep Me

APOSTLES CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING PRAYER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S173 Set6

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## COMMUNION

### Lamb of God

S174

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: 469 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me: his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### 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.**



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

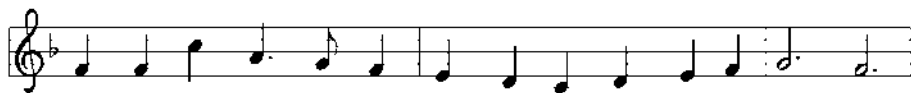
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
John Carter

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## Gathering Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you,  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

# Hymn of the Day: God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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# Sending Hymn : The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace. the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, osh. b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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#### **Team Two: October 24**

- ◆ Leaders: Jean Olson and Josh Jaffe
- ◆ Linel Noble
- ◆ Tina Olson
- ◆ Laurie & Gary Mankus
- ◆ Cheryl Sowers
- ◆ Valerie Holcomb, Communion Assistant/Reader

#### **Team Three: October 31**

- ◆ Leader: Jan Gatzuras
- ◆ Polly Anderson
- ◆ Kathy Smith
- ◆ Tina Olson
- ◆ Noreen Logan
- ◆ Jan Thomas, Communion Assistant/Reader

### **Coffee Hour:**

**(Pre-packaged snacks only, no need to make coffee)**

- ◆ 10/24 Sue Parsons
- ◆ 10/31 Joan Lindquist



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