***St. John Lutheran Church***    

October 24, 2021                                                                                       9:30 a.m.

*As Bartimaeus prays, people try to hush him up. Addressing Jesus as "Son of David" 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?"*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING REFLECTION                  Be Our Vision                           Shift Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN  ***Be Thou My Vision #793***

GREETING, LITANY and PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING                                  Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

PSALM Psalm 126

SECOND READING                                  Hebrews 7:23-28

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  ***Alleluia*** ***p. 142***

      The Gospel According to Mark

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON                                                  Mark 10:46-52

      The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE                                        Mercy! Me?            Pastor Steve

**OUR RESPONSE**

HYMN OF THE DAY                      ***O God of Mercy, God of Light*** (vss. 1-2,5-6)  ***#714***

APOSTLES’ CREED **p. 105**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING: THE GENEROSITY PROJECT    Denise Nienow

OFFERTORY                                     ***Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*** (vss. 1,3) ***#691***

**SENDING**

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

SENDING HYMN ***Lead On, O King Eternal*   *#805***

*\*Please allow Sunday school teachers and students first access to the exit aisles after the sending hymn. Thank you!*

POSTLUDE

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LEADERS IN THE SERVICE

*Organist: Kimbra Lau*

*Liturgist: Linda Albrecht*

*Audio-Visual: Erik Magelee, Josh Hengel, Bryan Bennett & Carl Nienow*

*Council: Gary Denn & Paul Osmundson*

*Altar Guild: Dana Wishart & Ann Maslakow*

*Church Staff:*

*Caryl O’Brien, Custodian*

*Steve Berkeland, Pastor*

***Last Week Attendance*:***87*

***Online Viewers:*** *33*

***Offering*:** *$3,695.77*

***Total Budgeted Revenue YTD:*** *$225,000 (just over)*

***To Make Budget YTD:*** *$84,500*

***Building Fund: $16,000*** *(goal is to get to $40,000)*

*Welcome* to St. John Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you on your journey as* your *presence has been a blessing to* us.