

## WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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To all who know God and all who seek God, to those who are curious, and those steeped in the Christian tradition, to neighbours and strangers, to all who thirst for the water of life, we open wide our doors and bid you welcome.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday. This is the Sacrament, in which Christ is present, in bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and as a foretaste of the feast yet to come. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

We have resumed in-person worship. We ask that if you attend, you will wear a mask at all times and bring a sweater as we will try to keep doors ajar to enable better air circulation.

We are thankful that we are alternatively able to worship together through our streamed services on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbep7VZLulpo9qRvd64p9QQ>



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If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God our helper,**

**We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have been captivated by our possessions, our fears, and ourselves.**

**Lift our burdens, gracious God.**

**Forgive our sin and renew our hearts.**

**Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us  
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

GATHERING HYMN 837 Many and Great, O God

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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**THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

PSALM: Psalm 126

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION pg.188

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

MUSIC MEDITATION

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY 793 BeThou My Vision

APOSTLE'S CREED p.105

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING HYMN 692 We are an Offering

**THE MEAL**

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER (solo) *see insert*

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION (*instrumental only*):

612 Healer of Our Every Ill

779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

639 When We Are Living

BENEDICTION

**SENDING**

SENDING SONG 820:1-3 O Saviour, Precious Saviour

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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**We ask God for strength and healing for:**

Pr. Kathy M, Wes K, Morgan, Rachhpal, Terri & Trevor B, Steven B, Aye C, Christine C, Gladys C, Jennifer & Martin C, Judy F, Sarah F, Kurstyn F, Ian G, Frances H, Emily Katharine H, Ed J, Janice K, Lauris K, Ted K, Mecros L, Roxanne M, Monte P, George P, Jordan P, Billy R, Christian S, Carrie S, Mackenzie S, Andrew W, Jessica, Anders, Theresa.

**We pray for those experiencing the blessings and burdens of age:**

Virgie C, Sheri D, Greg M, Roxanne M, Margaret S, Irene S, Lorraine S, and Edita W.

**Prayers**

Some of you have asked us to pray for friends or loved ones. We would be glad for an update on how they are and whether you wish us to continue to pray for them. Thank you.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Fri 29** Office Closed

**Sun 31** Worship Service, 10:00am  
Reformation Sunday! *(Please wear red)*

**The Flowers in the Chancel today** are given for the glory of God, by Judy H, in loving memory of her brother, David Henry.

**Please sign up to bring flowers,** available dates are Oct 31 (Reformation), Nov 7 (All Saints Sunday), 21, 28 (first Sunday in Advent, Poinsettias if available please)!

**We rejoice** with **Michael T. who welcomed his Eritrean family** (Asmeret, Gebra, and Elyana) on Thursday at YVR.

**Thanksgiving donations-last Sunday to donate**

We are accepting donations of boxed or tinned food for the Food Bank. Cash donations should be indicated on your offering

envelope and they will be forwarded to the Richmond Food Bank as well.

**Gifts of Service volunteers needed!!**

*Please consider* volunteering to be a greeter, usher, offering counter, reader, communion assistant, worship assistant, musicians, media. At this time we are *few* people trying to do *many* jobs. Training provided (*except for musicians, we kind of hope you know how to play your instrument already!*) We would like to have enough volunteers so that no one has to do something every Sunday (*sometimes it's nice to just come and enjoy*)

**Thank you to today's assistants**

Greeter-Bruce McIver, Ushers- Ellen & Wayne T, Reader- Dorothy S, Communion Assistant- Audree R, Communion setup- Eva H, Offering Counting-Ross G & Dale S, Media-Jordan P & Deo S.

**If you are joining our services from home** and would like to borrow a hymn book please call the office to set up a delivery time and date. Pastor will be glad to deliver.

**All Saints Sunday will be celebrated** on November 7<sup>th</sup>. On this Sunday we honour those who were Baptised in the last year and we honour the memory of those that have gone before us. If you would like to have the name of someone read aloud during the prayers at the service, please print their name in the book located on the table in the Narthex.

This year we would like you to bring framed photos of these people so that we may stand them all on the altar for everyone to see. Pictures can be dropped off during the week (contact the office to arrange) or brought on Sunday.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

*Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he 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?"*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<sup>7</sup>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."

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

**PSALM: Psalm 126**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.

**<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great | things for them." R**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great | things for us,  
and we are | glad indeed.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sowed with tears  
will reap with | songs of joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,  
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28**

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

<sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are

subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52**

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

<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.

### **Message for the Day**

#### **Sight Restored and Renewed**

A blind man was making a scene and yelling at Jesus. The crowds tried to quiet him because he was acting out and flouting social customs. The man was a beggar and only supposed to be a spectator, not a participant. That didn't stop the blind man, however; his faith was too strong and his need too great.

Bartimaeus was physically blind, but the crowds could not see, either. Bartimaeus was a beggar, living on the streets, and the

crowds didn't think he should bother Jesus. But Jesus thought otherwise, and not only that, he got the crowds to change their attitudes by having them physically help Bartimaeus and see him as a precious child of God, equally deserving of Jesus' love and healing.

Sometimes we are more like Bartimaeus, in need of healing and eager to follow Jesus. And sometimes we are more like the crowds, at first dismissing those who do not fit into our normal ways of life, but then, through the love of Jesus, seeing that they too are precious, faithful children of God. The amazing thing about this healing is that it involved participation from everyone. Someone from the crowd told Bartimaeus that Jesus was there. Bartimaeus had the courage and faith to ask Jesus for help. Once Jesus became aware of the beggar's need, and the crowd's disdain, he asked the crowd to bring the blind man forward. By involving everyone Jesus was able to restore sight to more than just the beggar.

May we look with restored and renewed sight, seeing those we have previously dismissed because they were different or did not fit our ideas about who is worthy of help, and see them anew as precious, faithful children of God, equally deserving of Christ's love and healing.

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