

Season after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

THE BLIND MAN SAID TO HIM,

*"My teacher,
let me see again."*

Mark 10:51, NRSV



HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 733-5056

Worship with Communion: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (in-person & Haven's Facebook 'Live')

(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>)

Ministers: All God's People at Haven Pastor: Linda M. Alessandri

COME LET US WORSHIP

A warm welcome to each of you as we gather for worship today and a special welcome to our guests. As we offer God our praise, may you be richly blessed by God's gracious Word, Meal and community.

Special Worship Notes and Precautions

As of Thursday, Washington Co. was designated as an area of high COVID transmission. The Maryland Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend but do not require that vaccinated persons wear masks during indoor gatherings. At Haven, vaccinated persons are welcome to wear a mask at worship, for their own protection or the protection of the unvaccinated, including our children. As the current Delta variant has caused an upturn in COVID cases, we need to stay vigilant and flexible to respond to unfolding conditions. We ask for your understanding, patience and cooperation as we continue to navigate this unprecedented, continually changing course of events.

At this time, as we continue to be mindful and caring for one another, please:

- use provided hand sanitizer as much as possible (as you enter & leave the building & in the pews);
- pass the peace from your seat for now. (A wave, bow or fist bump are the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home.)
- As you come forward for communion, please leave some space between yourself and any persons in front of you who are from another household.
- Like Jesus, we strive to invite, welcome and include everyone. Thus, practicing good hospitality, PLEASE do not ask or quiz persons about their mask choice OR their vaccination status. Wearing a mask or not, we worship our Lord together with gratitude and joy.
- There will continue to be chairs that allow for social distancing in the narthex (lobby) for any vaccinated or unvaccinated persons who wish to continue to practice social distancing.

We give thanks that God IS with us as we gather to worship.

We give thanks for your presence and your prayers as we worship together as God's beloved children.

*"I was glad when you said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"
Psalm 121:1*

GATHERING

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“God Is Here”

(vs. 4) #526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

(Psalm 95: 1b-2a)

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

Confession & Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

(cont. p. 5) #673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:46-52

A: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(after the reading)

A: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Linda Alessandri

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" (cont. p. 7) #722

- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com-bined in per-fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a-lone,
We are your bod-y, ris-en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser-vant church that walks your ser-vant ways,



to write God's love in hu-man deeds, e-ter-ni-ty in time.
and help us bear an-oth-er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min-is-try your love may be re-vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac-ri-fice of praise!

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: "Hear us, O God." C: "**Your mercy is great.**"

*When the petition is read that includes those serving in the armed forces, the **congregation** is asked to please join in reading the names in bold print:*

... Protect those sent into harm's way for the sake of peace especially **Gavin** Anderson, **Ben** Asbury, **Amanda** Bertucci, **Richard** Collins, **Cole** Conrad, **Nick** Graham, **Michael** McKenzie III, **Travis** Thompson, **Hunter** Wiles.

*When the petition is read that includes those listed in our prayer list, the **congregation** is invited to join in that prayer by reading aloud the names below. Read only the **bold** portion of the names, going down the columns. (*Friends & Family of Haven Members)*

... especially,

Carol Shull
***Virginia** White
***Sandy** Brandon
***Edward** Staley
***Helen** VanderHamm
***Nasrin** Sotoudeh
***Courtney** Belmont
***Caitlyn** Battoe
***Brandi** Allsop
***Seth** Battoe
***Debora** Daniels
Larry & Sharon
Hartsock
***Teresa** Hoover
***Lindsey** Hoover
***Johnny** Wright
***William** Burkley
Harold Rice
***Amanda** Cunningham

***Jim & Ann** Conrad
***Kathy** Amos
***Tara**
***Tally** Uchina
***Penny** Carpenter
***Darcy** Funkhouser
***Ernie** Howe
***Ralph & Marion** Rowe
***Catherine** Keller
***Bobby** Hoffman
***Marci** Dean
***Lois** Fortney
***Stafford** Family
***Dave** Bennett
***Jennifer** Tobin
***Elena** Naylor
***Patrick** Stoneberger
Scott Rhodes
***Maxine** Snowberger

***David**
***Rob** Simon
JoAnn Shankle
***Penny** Richardson
***Miss Dee**
***Christina & Family**
***Marianne** Leatherwood
***Joan** Church
Valerie Wills
***Tom & Ruth** Jesson
***Norton** Family
***Rod & Patty** Bonebrake
***John** Morgan
***Oliver** Hart
***Diana** Grimes
***Jan Reynolds and**
Family

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: We offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*(Pass the peace from your seat for now. A wave, bow or fist bump is the safest.
Include a wave to those participating at home. There is hand sanitizer in the pews.)*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

arr. Koertz

THE OFFERING

P: It's Offering time! **C: Praise God!**

*(May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen.
Thank you for your faithful generosity.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

C: **Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus invites all who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those communing in their homes: Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, "Body of Christ, given for you." Please consume the host. Pastor will say, "Blood of Christ, shed for you."

Please drink the grape juice. As your brothers and sisters in Christ in the church receive communion, please pray for them and/or sing the communion songs on their behalf.

*For those communing in the church: Holy Communion will be offered in bread (wafer or "host") and wine. Grape juice is also available. As your section comes forward, **please leave room between yourself and those in front of you who are from another household.***

First come to the pastor to receive the bread dropped into your hand. Step to the side and consume the host. Second, go to the assisting minister to take a cup of wine or grape juice. Step to the side and consume the wine or grape juice. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket where you can dispose of your empty cup.



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.

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

#614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

“Come, Let Us Eat”

#491

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

#494



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

TABLE BLESSING **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

C: **Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

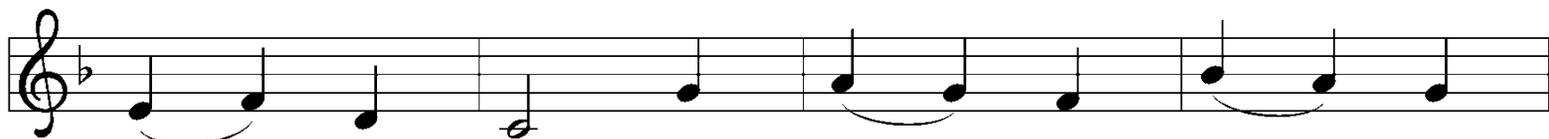
SENDING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

(cont. p. 16) #551



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.

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe”

Robin Dinda

DISMISSAL

A: The living Word dwells in you. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God.**

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Serving God's People this Sunday Morning: October 24, 2021

Presiding Minister Pastor Linda Alessandri

Assisting Minister Marge Cunningham

Organist Stephen Pastena

Acolyte Danny Kiblinger

Ushers Doug & Kathy Wright, Kim Pile
Securing the Building Marge Cunningham, Jim Cannon

We also Remember in Prayer: Our homebound members: *Irene Giffin, Sari Kilheffer, Phyllis Meyers, Inez Winebrenner and Dorothy Zinkand.*

Military personnel serving in harm's way: *Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Amanda Bertucci, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Nick Graham, Michael McKenzie III, Travis Thompson, Hunter Wiles.*

Hospital Admissions: *PLEASE call Haven's church office (301-733-5056) or Pastor Alessandri (301-745-4216) if you or a loved one have a planned or emergency admission to the hospital. We also want to add you or your loved one to our prayer list so our congregation can lift you up in prayer.*

*Prayers for all those who mourn the loss of **Marvin Printz** and **Dorothy Mayer**.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the **Glory of God** in memory of **Emory Odell Deiterich** by Amy & Michael and Rebecca Mason.*

Readings for **October 31, 2021 – REFORMATION SUNDAY** – *Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36*

Serving God's People next Sunday morning: October 31, 2021

Presiding Minister Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister Aura Wiles
Organist Stephen Pastena
Acolyte Austin Suchy
Ushers Amy Mason, Marge Cunningham, Kathleen Kline
Securing the Building Marge Cunningham, Jim Cannon

	Year to Date Actual Ending Sept. 30, 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget)
	\$144,809.15	\$149,999.00	(-\$5,189.85)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date information about church events and worship visit www.havenlc.org.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
WE HAVE REACHED 61.8% OF OUR FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER GOAL!

As October 17, *\$62,305.90 has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Way to go Haven! You are blest and a blessing. (**This includes a \$3,090.90 donation from the Agnita M. Stine Schreiber Fund overseen by the Hagerstown Community Foundation. Agnita was among the "founding/charter" members of Haven Lutheran Church.*)



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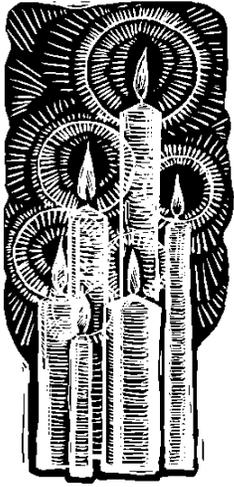
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - LUTHERANISM 101 Pastor Alessandri will lead participants through some of the "basics" of the Lutheran flavor of Christianity. Today, we'll be looking at how Lutheran's worship and understand the sacraments. Whether you are new to the Lutheran Church or a Lutheran "veteran," you will find it interesting and worthy of discussion. Bring your questions and wonders. ALL are WELCOME. Come to the Adult Sunday School room --- a great place for new and long-time members to get to know one another.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- October 25** 6:00 Bell Choir
 7:00 Council
- October 27** 10:00 Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 5)
 7:00 Choir
- October 28** 10:00 Women's Bible Study
- October 31** **REFORMATION SUNDAY – WEAR RED!**
 9:30 Worship (in-person and on Facebook Live)
 10:45 Adult Sunday School

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Women will meet for study and discussion of Scripture on **Thursday, October 28 at 10:00 am** in the Gathering Room. We will be continuing our informative and fascinating study of the Holy Spirit. All women are invited. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. Wear red!
Get your picture with Dr. Martin Luther!



All Saints' Day

Each All Saints Sunday we remember those who have died and joined the Church Triumphant and we give thanks for the unending goodness, mercy and grace of God. During worship, it is a tradition, to read aloud those who died since last All Saints Sunday, who are now in the Lord's eternal presence.

If you have a loved one (family or friend) who has died since November 1, 2020, please call (301-733-5056 ext. 1) or email (havenoffice@havenlc.org) the church office and let us know. We will be sure to lift them up in our All Saints Sunday prayers.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

REACH Overnight Volunteers Needed –Please contact Liz (liz@reachofwc.org) if you're interested in being added to our overnight list. Overnight volunteers typically sleep 11pm-5am in a private lockable room, but some night owls choose to stay up to read, study or chat with the overnight staff.

WOMEN'S CLUB FALL FEST & HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Friday, November 5 & Saturday November 6, 9:00am-1:00pm (each day)

Our traditional Apple Dumplings \$5, Chicken Corn, Vegetable Beef, Vegetarian Minestrone, Ham & Bean Soups \$8 qt, \$5 pt. 8" pan Cookie Bars – Pumpkin, Lemon, Coconut Pecan \$5 ea. pan. Tasty ham sandwiches \$5. Pre-order, pre-pay. Checks to Women's Club Foundation. Credit Cards accepted. Shop our amazing selection of bargain-priced holiday decorations when you pick up your food at 31 S. Prospect St. To place an order, call Linda at 301-739-0870 (9-1 Mon-Fri) or contact Joan Schupp at 301-797-7536. Thanks so much for supporting our mission of providing safe, affordable housing for single women.

Haven Mission Statement:

*“To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community
and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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