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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**8:00 A.M. & 9:30 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for god's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

**Prayer:** *Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.*

**PRELUDE (9:30 Service)**

**Christine Oetama**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### WORDS OF INVITATION

We invite to come forward those in Christ who wish to affirm their baptism by uniting with this household of faith.

**Jeff Hackenberger** (transferring from Grace U.C.C., Lancaster)

**Rev. Margaret Rohnacher** (transferring from Christ U.C.C., Elizabethtown)

**John Shelsky** (Re-affirmation of Faith)

Friends, by your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. As you make public confession of your faith in Christ, I now welcome you into the fellowship of this congregation and invite you to participate in all of the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

#### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

#### QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

Friends, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**New Members: I do.**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

**New Members: I promise, with the help of God.**

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

**New Members: I promise, with the help of God.**



## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH & WORDS OF WELCOME**

I invite all who are able to stand. Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Let us, the members of Trinity U.C.C. express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of the risen Savior.**

## **PRAYER**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE FIRST LESSON**      Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

*The sayings in the book of Proverbs impart the collective wisdom of centuries. Speaking of wealth and poverty, these particular verses teach that those who are blessed by God should honor the poor, for they are within God's special care.*

The Word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God!**

**THE PSALTER**

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and for evermore.

**For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous may not stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers.    **Peace be upon Israel!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

James 2: 1-17

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 7: 24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## MEDITATION

"Time For An Adjustment"

Pastor Rankin

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## PEOPLE'S OFFERING

### OFFERING DEDICATION

We give because you have been generous to us, gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

### **COMMUNICATION**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

(You are invited to partake of the elements)

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Especially as we celebrate Labor Day unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation. Guide our preschool staff, students, and families as they begin a new school year this week. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Gracious God, through the gift of this meal you heal our brokenness and strengthen our spirits. Increase our faith in you, that the power of this holy sacrament might bring us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

(9:30 Service)

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai-ly  
2. The task thy wis-dom hath as - signed, O let me  
3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine  
4. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what-e'er thy

la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -  
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy -  
in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at  
boun-teous grace hath given; and run my course with

solved to know in all I think or speak or do.  
pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per-fect will.  
thy com - mand, and of - fer all my works to thee.  
e - ven joy, and close-ly walk with thee to heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749  
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET  
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## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE (9:30 Service)**

**Christine Oetama**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers & Worship Aids are given by Charles & Elizabeth Hamrick-Stowe to the glory of God in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 11.

**Greeting Ushers:** Don Miller, Jerry Richards, Cherie Cataldi, Jane Portser, Dottie Schadt

**Lector:** Jeff Hackenberger

**Building Trustee:** Dave Connor

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 AM-2 PM. The office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.

**THE SEPTEMBER PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**THE 2021 WORSHIP AIDS & CHANCEL FLOWERS:** You can either contact the church office or use the website under resources to sign-up for flowers and worship aids for 2021! Worship Aids dates available are: **September 12.** Chancel Flowers dates available are: **September 19.**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of **George McCune** (friend of Trinity Church), the family of **Ron Burger** (son of Marge Burger/brother of Lori Daly), **Barry Richards**(son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), **Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio), **Joan Kalbach** (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), **John Shelsky** (friend of Trinity Church), **Donna Denlinger**, **Cathy Hoshauer**, **Mike Wagner**, **Pat Miller**, **Nancy Patton**, **Gary Reynolds** (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), **Jackey Hoover**, **Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser**, **Phyllis Zimmerman**, **Donna Zirkel**, **Dave Connor**, **Linda Brown** (sister of Mike Wagner), **Sharon Brown** (sister of Sandy DeLong), **Jose Arroyo** (husband of Sandy & George DeLong's niece), **Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), **Jaimie & Aurora Commero** (friends of Sarah Paulukow), **Mark Zody** (friend of Denise Huggins), **Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), **John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), **Carl Roth** (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), **Scott Summers**, **Ron Rogers** (Jamy Shelly's stepfather), **Rev. Frank Lantz**, **Lainie Christensen**, **Sandra Englert** (niece of Betty Tyndall), **Charles & Betty Booraem**, **Emma Nissley** (sister of Jane Starr, Nancy Patton, and Pat Miller), **Betty Tyndall and family**, **Virginia Schoffstall** (grandmother of Kayla Brennan), **David Potts** (neighbor of the Himelwrights), **Dorothy Fasnacht**, **Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), **Doug & Mary Lou Shaab**, **Bob & Marlyn Wible**, **Lily Kilgore & family**, **Barry Moore** (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), **Sam & Rosemary Minder**, **Jordan Sensenig** (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), **Judy Wisniewski** (sister of Chuck Husted), **Elaine Sturgis** (friend of Sue Husted), **Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman**, **Doris Leaman**, **Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo**, **Judie Bistline**, **Hilma Slechta**, and the **Bonilla-Rodriguez family** (friends of Trinity Church).

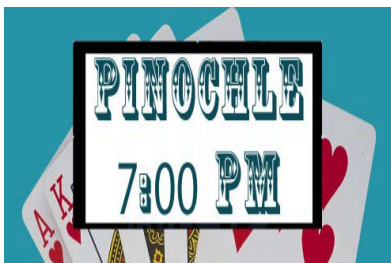
**PRESCHOOL SUB COUPONS:** We have about 20 more S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons to sell for the Trinity Preschool fundraiser. The cost is \$8 per coupon. You can call Carol in the church office or email the preschool at [preschool@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:preschool@trinityeastpete.org) to order your coupons.

## **WORSHIP NEWS**

Beginning September 12, our services will be 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We will also begin weekly communion that day at the 8:00 a.m. service.

We continue to stream the 8:00 a.m. service on the Trinity Facebook page and upload the recording to our website ([www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)).

**PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP:** Mark your calendars now because the Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the September Parish Post. You can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail or on the website under Ministries! Speak with Karen Olley for more information!



**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

**Greeters/Ushers:** To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer

**CROP WALK RALLY:** The Lancaster CROP Walk Planning Committee invited to attend a rally for the 2021 CROP Walk at the Lancaster Food Hub on September 12 at 2 p.m. There will be a special program, tours of the food hub, and CROP Walk t-shirts available. Pastor Rankin and Rev. Bob Hunsicker serve on the planning committee.

The actual walk is on October 17 at the Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster. Mark & Chris Eyer are serving as our walk coordinators.

You can register as a member of the Trinity East Pete team at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/trinity-east-pete>. You can also make donations at this website.

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**KAIROS GRADUATION & REUNION**  
 Sept. 11, 2:00-4:00pm

**A Church Dismantled | A Kingdom Restored**  
 NOV. 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
 Conrad Kanagy

**BECOMING YOUR BEST SELF: INTRO TO THE ENNEAGRAM**  
 Sept. 25, 2021  
 9 am - 4 pm

Ellen Kanagy, LCSW  
 Rhonda Myers, LPC

**Restorative Practices with Children**  
 Nov. 4, 7:00-8:30pm  
 Rob Fennimore

**"The Path Between Us" Conference**  
 the Enneagram and Healthy Relationships  
 with Suzanne Stabile

Oct 8, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Oct 9, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Anticipating Winter: a Silent Retreat**  
 Nov. 6, 9am-4pm  
 Amy Shutt

**Using Intuition in Your Life**  
 Nov. 6, 10-11:30am  
 Annmarie Early  
 PhD, LMFT

**TECHNOLOGY SERIES**  
 OCT. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**Excel 201**  
 Rhoda Shirk

**THE ART OF CHURCH HOSPITALITY**  
 NOV. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM

LED BY MISTY WINTSCH, PASTOR

**Black Religion: A Theology Resurrected from White Oppression**  
 Oct. 21, 7:00-8:30pm | Dr. Larry Covin

**TECHNOLOGY SERIES**  
 NOV. 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

**Google Workspace**  
 Rhoda Shirk

**HOW TO ASK GOOD QUESTIONS**  
 Oct. 26, 7:00-8:30pm  
 Vicki Scheib

**Historic Churches of Lancaster City Bus Tour**  
 April 4, 8:15 am - 1:30 pm  
 Led by Bob Frick



**INSTALLATION OF CONFERENCE MINISTER:** The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, a member of Trinity Church, will be installed as the sixth Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference at Lancaster Theological Seminary on September 12 at 3 p.m. Participants in the service will be at Lancaster Seminary, but the service will be livestreamed <https://www.facebook.com/penncentralconferenceucc>

## STEWARDSHIP SEMINARS

**October 14:** Planning Your Funeral with  
Jeremy DeBord (DeBord-Snyder Funeral Home)  
& Michele DeRosa (Groff Funeral Home)



**All seminars will begin at  
7 p.m. in Isenberg Hall.  
Refreshments will be provided.**



**October 21:** Hospice Care with Gretchen Thomas from  
Hospice & Community Care

**All Seminars are free!**

Please R.S.V. P. to 717-569-1632 or  
email: [secretary@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:secretary@trinityeastpete.org)

**October 28:** Wills & Estates with the  
Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe, Esq.



# A Wrinkle In Time

**By Morgan Gould, from the book by Madeleine L'Engle**

For this year's Rally Day, we are able to make recordings and put them together to create a video of the Rally Day play, "A Wrinkle In Time," (by Morgan Gould, from the book by Madeleine L'Engle), which can be streamed for one day, September 12. Look for the link to find it on the church's website Home Page on Sunday, September 12.

COVID permitting, our intentions are to also have a showing of the recording on a screen at church, in the social hall at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, September 12. Masks and personal distancing will be required, just like at a church service.

## CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to . . .

*Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others.*

*Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces.*

*Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!*

*Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.*

*Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.*

*Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.*

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- Share God's love with our community
- Serve God's children
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study



## MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2021

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit [MtGretnaTabernacle.org](http://MtGretnaTabernacle.org) for any program cancellations.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE** Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page

**MASKS REQUIRED** at all programming in the Tabernacle during the 2021 Season.  
All programs will conform to strict CBC Guidelines. Visit our website for updates.



### October 2

Saturday 2 p.m. Concert

**The Massed Choir** Composer Lloyd Larson will direct over 100 voices in a joyous Saturday afternoon concert. *Sponsored by Losers Music Inc. and Cornwall Manor*



# OUTDOOR MINISTRY EVENTS

*September-October*

*The Wittel Farm (Elizabethtown), Camp Nawakwa (Near Gettysburg), and  
Camp Kirchenwald (Near Mt. Gretna)*

## **THE GROWING PROJECT**



Volunteer for The Growing Project through October at The Wittel Farm! This project reclaims a portion of the acreage for farming. The crops harvested are donated to assist those in need in Lancaster County. To volunteer as an individual, or a multi-generational group, youth group or family, contact Pastor Matt Lenahan at [pastormattl@dejazzd.com](mailto:pastormattl@dejazzd.com)

## **CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR**



**October 3; 3-5:30 p.m. @ Kirchenwald [Free]**

Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance! Invite your friends and family – of all ages! - to join you in this Capture the Flag event. Campfire worship to follow. <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/capture-the-flag-spectacular-2021/>

## **ADULT STUDY RETREAT**

**October 5-7 @ Nawakwa [\$150/person]** All meals (7) are included in the price and



served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Lodging in Zinn-Tozer Lodge.



<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/adult-study-retreat-2021/>

**LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR:** As we continue to resurrect community again in the life of our church, Pastor Rankin is inviting members to have lunch in Isenberg Hall on **Thursday, September 16** from noon-1 p.m. You bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow church members. Hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 18

**FIRST LESSON. Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**SECOND LESSON. James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. (For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.) What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**GOSPEL. Mark 7:24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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