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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:00 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: 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?"

Prayer: *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.*

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.**

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

**Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you
in the breaking of the bread.**

Let all who seek the gifts of Christ receive the bounty of this meal.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Calling to mind the frailty of our human condition, let us confess our sin to God.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God our comforter, like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn 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. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/DEDICATION OF COMMUNION WARE

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst. Let us pray together as we now dedicate this new communion ware.

Eternal God, creator of all, with joyful hearts we thank you for your everlasting love. For the faithfulness of the saints who have gone before us; for their generosity of spirit which built up this community of faith, with joyful hearts we thank you, O Lord. Remembering their faithfulness, and honoring their generosity, we dedicate this new communion ware to your worship and praise, and to the glory of your name. Almighty God, we thank you for the bread that gives us life and the wine that wells up to eternal joy and for the gift of this cup, paten, and ciborium – vessels which will bring your grace to us in taste and touch. Especially we thank you for The Rev. George & Janice Geisler in whose name and memory these gifts are given. As they blessed us with their love and faith during their time with us we pray you would bless all those who draw near to you in the Eucharist. In the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

After the glorious vision of creation contained in God's speeches at the end of Job, the righteous sufferer proclaims that he has seen God and is humbled. The Lord restores Job's fortunes, and Job dares to live again, fathering more children and giving his daughters an inheritance along with their brothers.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. 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.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Believing, Seeing, Following"

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. 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.

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Joan Cash** in memory of B. Florence Myers.

The Worship Aids are given by **Pastor Rankin's family** in honor of the 17th anniversary of his ordination today!

Money Counters: Lee Bossert, Steve Shenk, Ron & Donna Denlinger

Building Trustee: Hank Fox

Happy Birthday!

Today – Erika Richards

Monday – Kelly Schuessler

Wednesday – Noreen Trostle

Thursday – Shirley Brown, JoAnn Mowrer, Ken Zimmerman

Friday – Kathy McCarty

Attendance for Sun., Oct. 17

8:00–25 10:30–65 **TOTAL – 90**

Sunday School

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This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday	7:00 PM – Virtual Class
Thursday	7:00 PM – Stewardship Seminar
Friday	6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon 8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	8:00 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Eucharist—Rite of Confirmation

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Emma Nissley (sister of Jane Starr, Nancy Patton, and Pat Miller), the family/friends of Kathy Kuzmiak (friend of several Trinity members), the Brennan family, Lee Bossert-Davis (son of Logan & Hillary Bossert Davis) Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Donna Esbenshade (wife of Rev. Jack Esbenshade), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Joyce Becker, Lynn Dull, Jill Otthofer, Paul Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), John Shelsky, Donna Denlinger, Cathy Hoshauer, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Linda Brown (sister of Mike Wagner), 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, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), 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).

STEWARDSHIP SEMINARS

All Seminars are free!

Please R.S.V. P. to 717-569-1632 or
email: secretary@trinityeastpete.org

All seminars will begin at

7 p.m. in Isenberg Hall.

Refreshments will be provided.

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



You can also sign-up on the table across from the church office!!!

VIRTUAL ADULT CLASS: "WORSHIP & THE VITAL CENTER"

The Rev. Dr. Peter Schmiechen, President Emeritus of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will present a three week class on the vital aspects of worship. The class will meet October 25 and November 1 at 7 p.m. via Google Meet. The class schedule is as follows:

October 25: Belonging and Believing

November 1: The Lord's Supper

Contact the church office to sign-up for this class.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes:

1. **Children's Class** will meet in the classroom on the first floor or outside.
2. **Middle School/High School Class** will meet in the classroom on the second floor.

Good Sports Needed

For Sunday, October 31, during the 9:00 AM Sunday School hour, the Middle School/High School Sunday School Class is looking for a few Good Sports - adults who are willing to bring in and share a game (or toy) that they used to play as a youth, which they think the youth of today may never have seen or played. The youth will also have some questions, similar to the ones below, which come from the Sunday School materials. If you are available and willing to help with this, please contact Dina Slechta.

“What did you do for fun when you were a teenager? Where did you play? What did you play?”

3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall.
There will be no Koinonia at this time!

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building.

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

CROP WALK: The total raised so far is \$3,635. You can still support one of our walkers by donating online or giving them money. The following people walked: Mark & Chris Eyer, Diane Rice, Karen Olley, Donna Geisler, Kerry & Caleb Kreider, Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Marianne Gible & Marcel, and the Rankin family. **Checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP.** We would like all contributions in by October 31!

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 are available **December 5, 12, & 19.**

I PROMISE FORMS: It is not too late to submit your I Promise forms for 2022. You can place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church. If you need another copy of the forms, they are on the table across from the church office.

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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 7

We will be remembering Trinity members and friends of our congregation who have died since November 1, 2020. If you have a name of a family member or friend that you would like to include in the service, please submit to the church office the name, date of death, and your relationship to the person. The deadline is November 1.

SAVE THE DATE---ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting will be held **after the 10:30 a.m. service on November 14**. There will be no luncheon this year. The Technology Committee has arranged for a virtual option for the meeting. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins and the November Parish Post.

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 or have been around someone who is waiting the results of a COVID test, 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

CALLING NEW SINGERS AND RINGERS: We invite anyone who is interested in providing a solo as a Musical Offering this fall, in joining the SOT Choir, or in playing bells to email Michael and Dina at Music@Trinityeastpete.org.

OUTDOOR MINISTRY EVENTS

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

SPEAK TO ANNE RANKIN FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!!



There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Trinity United Church of Christ to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

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



**Excel
201**



Rhoda Shirk




**Anticipating Winter:
a Silent Retreat**

Nov. 6,
9am-4pm





Amy Shutt




**Black Religion:
A Theology Resurrected from White Oppression**

Oct. 21, 7:00-8:30pm | Dr. Larry Covin





**Using
Intuition
in Your Life**

Nov. 6,
10-11:30am




Annmarie Early
PhD, LMFT



**HOW TO ASK GOOD
QUESTIONS**

Oct. 26, 7:00-8:30pm



Vicki Scheib



**THE ART OF CHURCH
HOSPITALITY**

NOV. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM

LED BY MISTY WINTSCH,
PASTOR



A Church Dismantled | A Kingdom Restored



NOV. 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM



Conrad Kanagy


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



**Google
Workspace**




Rhoda Shirk



**Restorative Practices
with Children**

Nov. 4, 7:00-8:30pm



Rob Fennimore

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Apple Crumb Pie \$16
10" apple pie with crumb topping
and locally grown apples



Shoofly Pie \$16
10" shoofly pie made from
Grandma Smucker's famous recipe



Pumpkin Pie \$16
10" pumpkin pie made from
our own homegrown pumpkins



Apple Dumplings \$8
Pack of 2 apple dumplings made
from locally grown apples



Apple Cake \$17
52 oz. cake made from
locally grown apples



Pumpkin Bread \$9
20 oz. loaf made from our own
homegrown pumpkins



Whoopie Pies \$16
Pack of 6 chocolate whoopie
pies with white filling

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Ordering Deadline: Oct. 25th

Pickup: Nov. 5th-10:30 AM

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!!!

PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP: Mark your calendars now because the Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on November 12th at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the October 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!



OCTOBER 24, 2021

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 25

FIRST LESSON. Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 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. 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

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 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." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 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." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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