

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** will return to a ZOOM format. We'll begin at 9:45 am. We are starting a study of Deuteronomy. If you would like to be added to the invitation list, please let me know ([Herbert-Burhenn@utc.edu](mailto:Herbert-Burhenn@utc.edu)).

**SACK SUPPER SAINTS** - will resume meeting in the Youth Room, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 6 pm for sack suppers (bring your own) and start the study at 630. If the weather is nice, please bring a camp chair so we can meet outside. Masks are essential.

**SUNDAY SERVICE SERVERS** –Some of the ways of serving are: Helping the **Altar Guild** set up before the service, **Greeting** people as they arrive, **Assisting** the Pastors during the service, **Reading** aloud from the Bible, **Counting** offering after the service, **Cleaning up** the Welcome area & loading the dishwasher after the 11:15 service, **Ushering** and tidying up the sanctuary after services... We can't do it without you. Let us know if you can assist. Contact the office for more information.

**SOCIAL MISSIONS UPDATE!** After a very productive meeting on August 25th our social missions team has some exciting updates for you all! Many city-wide programs have been changing how they serve our community and the food voucher program through the Chattanooga Food Bank is one of them. The biggest change is that they have decided not to hand out vouchers at churches anymore but to do so at the food bank. This change started as a COVID precaution, but it seems like this change will continue.

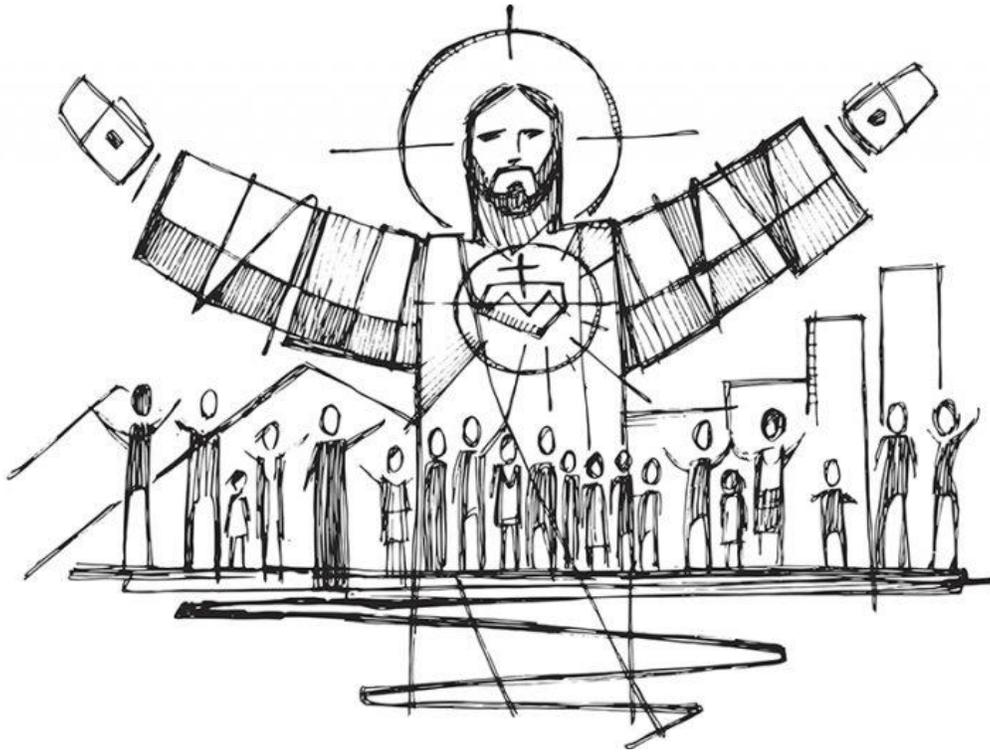
Our food pantry has been an important part of our voucher program for years. It has been a great way to provide those in need with a box of food to tide them over in times of emergency. With our food voucher program changing to being donation based we had to decide what to do with our pantry.

We will continue stocking our pantry to serve those who come to our doors in need of food, but we will also start taking the food directly to those in need! Pastor Elise will start taking volunteers out on Wednesdays to distribute food boxes to the homeless of our city. We'll be calling this ministry "Food Box Wednesdays"! This will change what kinds of items we collect from month to month as well. We will put a list together and publish it in the announcements as well as share a link to an amazon wish list on our Facebook pages.

If you are interested in helping with social missions' projects, including Food Box Wednesday please contact Pastor Elise @803-730-2466 or email her at [pastoreliseanderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastoreliseanderson@gmail.com).

She will be serving as the interim head of social missions while we restructure and rebuild our mission and interaction with our community! New ideas and volunteers are welcomed and encouraged!

**FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM NEEDS HELP!** The social missions' food voucher program helps those in urgent need of food; serving the elderly, disabled, as well as families and individuals who need help to make ends meet. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic Trinity was able to sponsor almost double the usual number of vouchers for people hit hardest by the economic downfall associated with this pandemic. Because of this effort our Neighbors in Need fund has been depleted. We are asking that if you are able, you would consider making a special donation to Social Missions so that we can continue our support of the Food Voucher program and continue to feed and support our neighbors that need it most. Thank you!



**Trinity Lutheran Church  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021  
Contemporary Service**

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

**PRELUDE**

**Your Grace is Enough**

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**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Leader: We gather in the Name of the Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Let us lift our voices in praise and song before the Lord of Hosts!  
**In our hearts we praise Almighty God for every blessing we have received.**

And we open our hearts to the Lord's leading in all we do in life.  
**And we ask God's help that we should use our words for good and not evil.**

*(Kneel or Sit)*

For we have been blessed with an awesome gift in the power of words.

**But we sometimes use those same words for ill.**

We say, "Sticks and stones may break our bones  
**But names will never hurt us."**

But the truth is that names do hurt  
**And our words can cause great pain.**

Forgive us Lord, for the things we have said that have caused pain.  
**Forgive us Lord, for those times when we should have been silent.**

Forgive us Lord, for those things we should have said but didn't.  
**Forgive us Lord, for those times when we should have spoken up for others.**

Forgive us Lord, when we have wrongly acted on our words.  
**Forgive us Lord, when we have not backed up our words with action.**

For the sake of the Word made Flesh, God forgives you all your sins.

**Amen. Such forgiveness is music to our ears.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **GOSPEL READING      Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Stan Combs**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Stan Combs**

**HOD**

**Be Still**

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

With our tongues and voices we bless you O Lord, and praise you for your many gifts, especially for the gift of language. Help us to see the power in words and to choose our words wisely that they might be for good rather than for harm.

Lord Jesus, you are the Word made Flesh. Speak to your Church, its leaders and people that they might strive to make your presence and love manifest among the peoples of the world. Especially do we pray for compassion for those fleeing from Afghanistan.

You speak life and hope into creation. Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service unite the voices of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world.

We pray for the leaders of our nation as well as all the leaders of the world that they would seek justice and peace. Safeguard those dealing with wildfires, storms and their aftermath. Comfort and uphold all those who this day are facing hunger, homelessness, poverty and oppression. Use our voices to speak for those who have no voice that justice might someday prevail.

We lift our voices to pray for the sick and the suffering, travelers by land, by water and by air, as well as all those grieving this day the loss of loved ones. Especially do we lift up to you... **The family of Tom Hamilton** (Gene Haar), **Jaime Raines & Brenda Childers** (Muncy family), **Isaac** (John Szeglin), **Madison & Branson** Bowman (Cathy Muncy), **Regina & Michael** (Marlene Hiltunen), **Steve** Jackson, **Elfie** Owen, **Michael** Pell (Joyce Davis), **Gigi** Penticuff, **Laura** Peucker, **Apryl** Reno (Carol Bell), **Elaine** Schoeller (Anne Cain), **Ida** Seneker, **Karen** Smith, **Leon & Pat** Stonecipher (Joyce Davis), Perry Sullivan (Jackson family), **Maureen** Turner (Carol Bell), **Troy** Varner (Jodi Doss), **Eleonore** Williams... as well as those whom we name in our hearts or out loud before you now...

On this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend of the horrific acts of 9/11, we remember with thanksgiving the first responders and ordinary citizens who acted with courage and heroism – some even to giving their lives for others. May their acts of bravery strengthen us in our own faith journey until that day when we are reunited in our new heavenly Father's home.

**Pastor:** O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught: **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**

All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready. **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

**Messiah**

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#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**AM:** Let us pray together: **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. 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**

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### **BLESSING (stand)**

In the beginning, God spoke and there was life and light. Today God spoke and filled you with grace and hope, go forth now to share the words you've heard with the blessing of Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**SENDING**      **Open the Eyes of My Heart**      ccli 2298355

**DISMISSAL: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Go in peace, Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.**