

Weekly Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Year B, October 27, 2024

Collect of the Day

Beggar God, you call us from the roadside to see ourselves in you: let us take heart and come to you, though your road leads to Calvary and absent sun, to love revealed for lightless eyes; through Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God. **Amen.**

The First Reading— Jeremiah 31:7-9

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.”

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.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, ***
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 **The Lord has done great things for us, ***
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading— Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus 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.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—Mark 10:46-52

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements *(if you have an announcement to share, please contact Rev. Sarah by Wednesday.)*

- **Diocesan Convention-** Next weekend, delegates from Trinity will be in attendance at the Diocesan Convention in Marquette. This is an event that occurs each year to gather the diocese together to worship and make decisions for future of the church in this place. This year, Rev. Sarah will be giving a brief workshop about the Prayground and actively welcoming children into worship. Please hold those attending (Deb Francis, Rick Stanitus, Thomas Schlitt, and Rev. Sarah) in your prayers.
- **Trinity Census-** You may have noticed a Google form in your emails the last few week. This is important for everyone to fill out, particularly as we move towards a season of stewardship during the month of November. Not only do we want to make sure we have appropriate contact information from you, we also want to give an opportunity for Trinity folks to tell us how they are experiencing Trinity. Please make sure to fill it out within the next week, and reach out to Rev. Sarah if you need support in doing so!
- **Fall offerings**
 - **Intergenerational Formation Hour**— We will meet one Sunday a month, from 8:45-9:45. Kids and families particularly welcomed! Remaining dates for this fall are: October 13, November 10, December 15. Coffee and snacks/breakfast will be provided. See weekly email for more details.
 - **Bible Study/Book Group**— We meet every Wednesday morning at 10 am, both in person and on Zoom, to explore Robert Alter's translation of The Book of Job together. Copies of the book are available. Coffee and treats provided!
- **Are you curious about serving on the Trinity Vestry?** We are seeking people who are interested in serving Trinity by being a member of our vestry. You may put your own name forward, or you may nominate someone else (with their permission) for our elections to be held at our January Annual Meeting. If you are interested, speak to Rev. Sarah, or to one of the current vestry members: Deb Francis, Pat Joyce, Rick Stanitus, Val Peyser, Leslie Dukes, and Gorden Hoyem.
- **Who are your saints?** On November 3rd, we will celebrate All Saints Day, and as a way of seeing some of our saints with us on that day, you are invited to bring or share pictures of those whom you consider to be saints. They can be official church saints, or those who have been saintly in your life. Bringing or sending images before the day of the service is strongly encouraged, but not required. If you have pictures to share, please send them to sarahdienerschlitt@gmail.com.

Rev. Sarah's time: Please reach out for pastoral needs or time with me by email at sarahdienerschlitt@gmail.com. Office hours: 10-4 Tuesdays-Thursdays. I observe sabbath on Mondays, and don't typically answer emails on Saturdays and Mondays. If the situation is an emergency, please call or text me at 218-341-0900.

Service Leaders for 10/27

Reader- Val Peyser

Prayers of the People- Andrew Koenigsneckta

Usher- Chris Peyser

Trinity Episcopal Prayer List

Please hold the following people in your prayers. If you have names you would like added to this list, please see your Trinity email or connect with Rev. Sarah.

James Wade; Jim and Linda; Amber; Kat; Evelyn; Gabriela; Chris; Steve; Charlie; George; Jack; Taylor, John and Toni; Alex and John; Lisa; Thomas; Jeanie Cox Jensen; Susan and Jonah; Blade.