

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:46-52

“And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Mk. 10:48). Those in the crowd demanded Bartimaeus to shut up. Perhaps he was an embarrassment to them. After all, a blind beggar sitting in the dust of the roadside isn’t the pinnacle of the social graces. Perhaps his pleas, shrill and insistent, competed with their more sober and dulcet requests or praise. Perhaps they were trying to protect the important personage, Jesus, from the interference of this unimportant beggar. Such a practice, protecting the VIP, may gain you notice and favor by the VIP you’ve protected. Whatever the reason, “many rebuked him.” Those unappointed gatekeepers quickly changed their tune when Jesus stopped and took notice of Bartimaeus. This is the way of sycophants of all times and places. They shift their priorities and allegiances depending on which seems the most favorable at the moment.

Responsive Reading: Psalm

All: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

North: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “*The LORD has done great things for them.*”

South: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

North: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

South: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

All: **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**



Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

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 to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, 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

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “*Son of David, have mercy on me!*” And Jesus stopped and said, “*Call him.*” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “*Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.*” And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, “*What do you want me to do for you?*” And the blind man said to him, “*Rabbi, let me recover my sight.*” And Jesus said to him, “*Go your way; your faith has made you well.*” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Salem's News & Family Events

Happy Autumn!



Last Week



Can't ya just smell the pie? ☺

Salem's Service Leadership Team

Pr. Paul Fiske
Pr. Ellen Erdman
Nicolas Williams
Hans Erdman

Sunday School has started.

We are having 2 classes K-2 and 3-6. The teachers are preparing for fun and learning. These are the dates. Nov. 7th & 21st, & Dec. 5th. Dates will be given out at the end of October for the Christmas Program practice and program.

We are excited to see the kids!!!



- I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- My husband cooks for me like I'm a god—by placing burnt offerings before me every night.
- I dreamed I was rocking a baby to sleep. In the morning, my husband, who is bald, told me I patted his head for 30 minutes while repeating, "Go to sleep, baby."
- Wife: "Our new neighbor always kisses his wife when he leaves for work. Why don't you do that?" Husband: "How can I? I don't even know her."
- Q: If love is "grand," what is divorce? A: A hundred grand, or more.
- Q: What's the difference between love and marriage? A: Love is blind, and marriage is an eye-opener!

