

Scripture Lessons for the  **Second Sunday after Trinity**
Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV On this Mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this Mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His Salvation."

Epistle

I John 3:13-18 Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. 16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Gospel

Luke 14:16-24 Jesus replied: "A certain Man was preparing a Great Banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet He sent His servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' 19 "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' 20 "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' 21 "The servant came back and reported this to his Master. Then the Owner of the house became angry and ordered His servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 22 "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' 23 "Then the Master told His servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that My house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of My Banquet.'"

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS
The Second Sunday after Trinity  Invitation
Great Heavenly Banquet ✠ June 25th, 2017 ☩ 9:30am




Historic Church Year Symbol  **Trinity-2, Luke 14:16-24** The Great Banquet

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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June 25th, 2017 ✱ Trinity-2 *The Heavenly Banquet*

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **God bless you.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold insert sheets or in red (TLH)Hymnal p.5

Service		
Invocation Hymn	629 (5v)	Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds
Psalm (Hymn)	648 (3v)	I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
Hymn of the Day	628 (5v)	Shepherd of Tender Youth
Offertory Verse	655 (1v)	I Pray Thee Dear Lord Jesus
Third Hymn	457 (3v)	What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Closing Hymn	627 (5v)	Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Judges 7:1-25	Judg.13:1-25	Judg.14:1-20	Judges 15:1-20	Judges16:4-31	I. Sam. 1:1-28
Acts 15:1-41	Acts 16:1-40	Acts 17:1-15	Acts 18:1-28	Acts19:1-41	Acts 20:1-38

PROPERs for The SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  **JUNE 25TH, 2017**

INTROIT The LORD was my Support. He brought me out into a broad place. He delivered me, because He delighted in me. I will love You, O LORD, my Strength. The LORD is my Rock and my Fortress. ...from Psalm 18

COLLECT O LORD, You never fail to help and govern those whom You bring up in Your steadfast fear and love: Make us ever revere and adore Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever, **C: ♪ A---men.**

GRADUAL C: In my distress I cried to the LORD, and He heard me. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips and from a deceitful tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! God judges the righteous and God is angry with the wicked every day. Alleluia! ...Psalm 7

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on the outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Isaiah 25:6-9** On This Mt. The LORD will prepare a Banquet.

Epi. **I John 3:13-18** True love shows itself in deeds.

Gos. **Luke 14:16-24** The Parable of the Great Banquet.

SERMON Text: Mark 10:13-16 **THEME: "KEEPING THE CHILDREN IN THE FAITH"**

We thank **Mr. Adam Pavelchik - Peace Kissimmee** for bringing us this Gospel message.

"PSALM" #644 1. I Am Jesus' Little Lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me, Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

OFFERING HYMN VERSE (sung as the Offering is brought up) **#655 1 verse**

I Pray Thee Dear Lord Jesus My heart to keep and train That I Thy holy temple From youth to age remain.

Turn Thou my thoughts forever From worldly wisdom's lore; If I but learn to know Thee, I shall not want for more. A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Children of our Schools & Congregations	LORD, Keep them in Your Church	
Pastor Burmeister & all ELS	Pr's Call and for a productive synod convention	
Pastor, Gourleys, MaryLou, Joan, Temples, Wienkes...	Safe travel for all	
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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	(Volunteers)	(Volunteers)
Treaters	(Volunteers)	(Volunteers)

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance/(Communion)	17 / (17)	29 / 25
Bible Class Attendance (Sunday)	7	9
Last Sunday Offering	\$. ⁰⁰	YTD Total \$

Calendar of Events		
This Sunday 6/25	8:30 am	Bible Study Welcome Mr.Adam Pavelchik
Trinity-2 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Holy Communion)
(Heaven's Banquet)	10:45 ff...	Fellowship, Coffee ...Please stay & talk
Thursday, 6/29	(sometime)	Pastor should be back from his trip (Pray)
Next Sunday 7/2	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. Ch.9 Jesus, NT Mediator
Trinity-3 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (W/ Holy Communion)
(The Lost Is Found)	10:45 ff...	Fellowship, Coffee ...Please stay & talk

Our Savior Elders: **Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Steven Wendt 858-3611 & Don Wienke 815-8892.** Please contact with concerns.

✱ We heartily thank **Principal Adam Pavelchik of Peace Lutheran School of Kissimmee - MyPeaceKids.org** - today in our time of need. **Big Thanks!**

Next Sun. 7/2 **Trinity-3 Sunday (p.15, L.S.) 277 Ps.104 509 496.1,4 307 47**

TRINITY-2 **Mark 10:13-16** "(INVITATION) **KEEP THE KIDS IN THE FAITH**" 06.25.17 OS

PRAYER *Lord, You have made it quite plain in Your all-embracing Gospel invitation that all are welcome in Your Kingdom. May we at all times receive this invitation wholeheartedly **as children or even newborn babes** and treat it with all seriousness for ourselves and others, through Christ our Lord and to the glory of His Name. Amen.*

INTRODUCTION In the kingdoms of this world, privilege usually comes with age - you can drive, or order a glass of wine at a restaurant, or get a specialized job **when you're old enough**, when you've met all the necessary standards and requirements. But in the **Kingdom of God privilege comes with youth**. What is necessary is that **you're young enough**, before you can even begin to point to any personal merits and accomplishments or try to justify your behavior. *"Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."*

This is something that **our sinful nature despises**. Of course, we like the imagery of little children; we're not so harsh as those disciples, of course. What we don't like, what we rebuke, though, is the idea that our resumé and the entrance application that we've worked up isn't what gains us acceptance into the Kingdom. Our flesh still wants to believe that our own credentials and the status that we've earned must play at least some part in making us suitable to come to the Lord. But Jesus is greatly displeased at this thinking. **Repent of it.**

Hear what Jesus is saying with His words, *"Let the little children come to Me."* It's **not that they're innocent** - parents of little ones know that well enough. It's not even that they'll believe pretty much whatever you tell them. To be as a little child, indeed as a nursing infant, is to be completely dependent on the care and providing of another, to be utterly helpless apart from the Lord, to have nothing to give and everything to receive from Him. For Jesus has everything to give. *"He took them up in His arms and blessed them."* *"To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed(?) but to such little ones, even to those whom the world considers foolish and weak."* (Isaiah 53:1)

This also is how the fruit of the womb is a reward and a gift that is not to be hindered or despised. God helps us to be as little children by giving us little children to teach, raise and to learn from, to see the faith again through their eyes. **The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

Some have wondered **why it is that we Baptize infants before teaching them but teach adult catechumens before Baptizing them**. There is no pretense in an infant at the font; there may be with an adult. We catechize those who are older first, in part, to make sue that they're "young enough," that they **receive the Kingdom of God and the Word of God as if they were a little child**. So it is that **this Gospel reading** is used at a Baptism regardless of whether it is an infant or an adult who is being baptized.

This is also why we all are urged to **return to our Baptisms daily**. That exhortation is nothing else than a call to go **back to being little again before the Lord**, to humble yourself before Him that He may lift you up in His arms and bless you with His mercy and life. To repent is to be turned from your self-indulgence and your self-justifying pride and to be brought to Christ so that He may be all in all for you. It is as **John the Baptizer** said, *"He must increase, I*

must decrease." In decreasing like that, John was declared by Jesus to be the **greatest, for Christ was everything for Him.**

It is only in **becoming small** that one **becomes great** in the Kingdom of Heaven. In fact it is only by becoming **nothing, dying to ourselves** that we truly live. God has chosen the things which are not, Scripture says, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should boast in His presence (**1 Corinthians 1:27-29**). It was out of the barrenness of Sarah's flesh, and Abraham who was as good as dead (100), that God brought forth life and carried on the promise.

The little children of God's Kingdom are those who have been born again by God's doing, from above, by water and the Spirit.

Martin Luther famously said in the **Large Catechism**, *"I am a doctor and preacher, yes, as learned and experienced as all those may be who have such presumption and security; yet I do as a child who is being taught the Catechism, and every morning, and whenever I have time, I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Psalms, etc. And I must still read and study daily, and yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and pupil of the Catechism, and am glad so to remain."*

Keeping our children in the faith, then, has to do with helping them to remain children in the faith. **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.** No matter how much one grows in the faith, this beginning of humility and reverence for the Lord can never be left behind, or there is no growth at all. When we're always going back to the beginning, we're always going back to our dependency on the Lord who made the Beginning, and who is the Beginning and the End, the **Alpha and the Omega**. He alone is the One Who **does the "keeping,"** as we say in the Benediction.

And **Jesus is the** (only) **One Who made Himself "small" for you** - not only when He was a little child in the arms of His mother - He even made Himself nothing, **humbling** Himself to the point of death on a Cross to redeem you as His own. Depending entirely on His Father, entrusting His spirit into the Father's hands, He was **fully confident that He would be vindicated in the Resurrection**. Now the Son is taken up to the Father's Right Hand where He lives to intercede for you. In Him Who is in the bosom of the Father, God blesses you and keeps you.

CONCLUSION It has been observed that as we **near the end of our lives**, there is a **similarity to the beginning of our lives**, when we need to be cared for, when we become more dependent on others. That feels like a curse, and it certainly is a result of the Fall. But in Christ, who tasted death for us, even this is redeemed. The Lord teaches us here once again to **become as little children**, not grasping for control of our own lives, but entrusting ourselves into His hands, like an infant at the Baptismal font. In death we are entirely as little children in the Lord's strong arms, awaiting the blessing of the Resurrection of the body.

Jesus prayed, *"I thank you Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in your sight"* (**Matthew 11:25-26**). So, little children, keep yourselves from idols (**1 John 5:21**). As newborn babes, **long for the pure milk** of the Word that you may grow thereby, now that you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. (**1 Peter 2:2-3**) **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☩ 2nd Sunday after Trinity June 25, 2017

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible) Brief silence

Generous Father, You have redeemed us from sin, death and the devil through the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son on the cross. Grant that, by the Holy Spirit, we may recognize the poverty and blindness of our sins, repent, and gladly hear and obey Your Word. Let us not put off Your gracious invitation to the banquet of the supper of Your Son, but faithfully and eagerly receive His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, the fear of You is the beginning of all wisdom. Bless the churches of the Augsburg Confession throughout the world, that they may ever confess the truth of Your Word in the midst of all adversities. Strengthen and protect all pastors and servants of the Church, especially our Synod president; our pastor; and all delegates **who just met for annual synod convention**, that the Gospel may be faithfully proclaimed among us and the Sacraments administered according to Christ's institution. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our pr...**

Holy Lord, grant wisdom to all those in authority over us and all who make, administer and judge our laws. May they be guided by Your will to walk according to Your commandments, that we may serve and worship You in all blessedness and quietness. Bless and protect all those who serve in our armed forces, that they would fulfill their duties with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, You daily and richly bless us with all things needful for this body and life. Grant that we, thankful for the abundant gifts You have given to us in Your Son, may joyfully share all we have with our neighbor in need. Bless all those who serve the poor, the hungry and the homeless, that their vocations of care may be a reflection of Your Fatherly love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, the Savior of the broken-hearted and Consoler of the crushed in spirit, grant to all those who are suffering in body and soul a sure and certain hope of Your steadfast love for them in Christ Jesus. Look in mercy upon

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that they would be strengthened to trust in You amid all trials and temptations and granted healing according to Your will. May we ever cry to You for help and deliverance and find our refuge in You alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen. Then, "Our Father..."**

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