

**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. **Historic 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.'"

**3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)**

**Mark 3:20-35** Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that He and His disciples were not even able to eat. 21 When His family heard about this, they went to take charge of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." 22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons He is driving out demons." 23 So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. 27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. 28 I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." 30 He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit." 31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call Him. 32 A crowd was sitting around Him, and they told Him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for You." 33 "Who are My mother and My brothers?" He asked. 34 Then He looked at those seated in a circle around Him and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! 35 Whoever does God's Will is My brother and sister and mother."



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

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## June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ✦ 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 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 your week.**

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On gold liturgy sheets and in (red) hymnal p.5 .

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	494 (4v)	Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire
Psalm 104	Ps.104 "3v"	LORD, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew... 7
Hymn of the Day	372 (4v)	Through Jesus' Blood and Merit
Offertory Verse	644 (1v)	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Third Hymn	457 (3v)	What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Closing Hymn	47 (4v)	Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

✦ Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>TH</sup> 2018

**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 Mountain The LORD will prepare a Banquet.  
Epi. **I John 3:13-18** True love shows itself in deeds.  
Gos. **Luke 14:16-24** (Jesus tells) The Parable of the Great Banquet.

**SERMON** Text: (3-Year Gospel) **Mark 3:20-35** ... 34 Then He looked at those seated in a circle around Him and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! 35 Whoever does God's Will is My brother and sister and mother."

**PSALM 104** ♪ LORD, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;  
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Verse 1. ♪ O bless- the LORD, my soul, – O LORD, how great are Your ways!  
How ma-ny are Your works-, O LORD – The earth is full of Your glory!

**C: ♪ LORD, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)**

Verse 2. ♪ You take back Your Spirit; They die, – Return-ing to- the dust.  
You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, – You-renew the face of the earth.

**C: ♪ LORD, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)**

Verse 3. ♪ May the glory of God be forever, – May the LORD rejoice in His Works!  
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to Him, – I find my joy in the LORD.

**C: ♪ LORD, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)**

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Travelers (OSL members)	Safe travel & family time this summer for all of us	
Pr. Burmeister (ELS)	He & all who travel to MN for the ELS 100 <sup>th</sup> Convention	
Sue Smith (Bev Foster)	Sue battling pancreas & liver growths. Sad but faithful!	
Jim & Elma Hendricks	Jim & Elma are packing and moving to Columbia, SC	
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee was in hospital after falls. Back home, rehabbing	
Jon Sawyer (Andrea)	(Heart) Still recovering at home but able to work	
Jim Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both at home doing rehab programs	
June Weyenberg	June back home (by herself) doing rehab from knee surgery	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Volunteers	Volunteers
Treaters	Ethel & Steve Wendt	Mary Lou Knigge

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	30! / (20)	23 / 20
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	8	7
Sunday Offering & Year-To-Date	\$.	YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events		
Today, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Bible Study Themes & Keys: Circumcision
Trinity-2 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
(Heaven's Banquet)	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Tuesday, 6/12	1:30-3:30	June "Game Time" at Our Savior hall
Thursday, 6/14	11:15 am	Pastor flies from FL to MN (for 3 weeks)
Sunday, 6/17	8:30 am	NO Bible Study (Themes & Keys: Fasting)
Trinity-3 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
(The Lost Is Found)	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

Elders: **Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.**

✦ PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Burmeister will be away the next three weeks and Sundays.

### June 3<sup>rd</sup> ▲ ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



One hundred years ago, over two-hundred pastors and representatives from congregations were preparing to make their journey to Lime Creek Lutheran Church near Lake Mills, Iowa for the synod's reorganizing convention which was to meet Friday, June 14 through Wednesday, June 19, 1918.

Next Sunday 6/17 **Trinity-3 (p.5, No L.S.) Special Song Service – Many Hymns**

**TRINITY.2(P3.B) Mark 3:20-35 "NUTS. LOONY. WEIRD... CRAZY!" 06.10.18 OSL**

**CRAZY** (Euphemisms for being a little **crazy, weird, or eccentric**.) He has a screw loose. He's not the sharpest knife in the drawer. A few clowns short of a circus. A sandwich short of a picnic. Out to lunch. Lost his marbles. Not firing on all cylinders. Not playing with a full deck. Knitting with one needle. The elevator doesn't go to the top floor. The lights are on but no one's at home. *etc.*

**LOST IT** That's what they **were saying about Jesus** in today's Gospel. He was "**beside Himself,**" "**confused,**" "**out of His mind.**" And, that was the opinion **of Jesus' own family!** He didn't seem Himself of late, crammed in by the crowds, unable to think let alone eat, the hordes of crazy demon possessed people clamoring for Jesus' attention. **Mary and the boys** wanted to take Jesus into protective custody. Let Him rest; perhaps a little vacation to get it together.

**& WHY** It's understandable. **It isn't every day** that God appears in the flesh, born of a Virgin. And even the blessed **Virgin who bore Him** sometimes tripped over the craziness of it all. Her Son was the Son of God - True God and True Man in One Person. That didn't happen every day to every mother. And if Jesus hadn't risen from the dead, we'd be reasonable to think Jesus wasn't playing with a full deck either. That's just downright nuts to call God your Father, except in the most symbolic sense. ...Unless, of course, it's **true**.

**DEAL W/ TH' DEVIL?** The religious types, the teachers of the Torah, had a different view. "*He's in league with the devil. Casts out demons by the prince of demons, Beelzebul.*" That's a **harsher assessment** than calling Him crazy. It calls into question everything that Jesus was doing, all those signs that showed He was the Messiah of Israel. All the healings, the exorcisms, everything had a suspicious glaze on it. **What if He cut a deal with the devil?** Remember, He was **tempted** to do just that. What if He actually did? What if Jesus and Satan were in cahoots with each other and all those great miracles were really part of a **grand conspiracy to take over the world?!**

**SAME TODAY** The world does much the same with Jesus today. They either write Him off as a **religious kook**, or marginalize Him to the fringes of history as **some murky figure** "we don't really know very much about." We don't hear the deal with the devil theory much these days. Maybe that's because a large chunk of the world **denies the devil** as much as it **denies God**, the evidence notwithstanding. The people who were saying these things actually saw the miracles Jesus was doing. It shows you that miracles will only get you so far, and they can't create faith in Jesus. The religious saw Jesus' miracles, how He man-handled the demons with a word from His mouth. And their conclusion: **He's** (in a real league-of-his-own;) **in league with Satan**.

**J.B.** They said the same of cousin **John the Baptizer** - "*He has a devil.*" That's how you wrote off someone in those days. You insinuated that he has a **devil in need of exorcism**.

**AGAINST SELF** Jesus nails all of it to the wall with a **little Parable**. "*How can Satan drive out Satan?*" "*Divided kingdoms don't stand. Divided houses fall. And if Satan is actually opposed to himself, then his days are over.*" That would be really crazy. Satan casting out his own demons. Now that's nuts. Nuts even to suggest it.

**GEN.3:15** Actually, just the opposite is true. The devil's met his match in Jesus. Jesus is the promised seed - **promised way back in Genesis**. You heard it. "***I will make enmity between you (i.e. the devil) and the woman, between your seed and hers.***" (Notice it's the woman's seed; **no man** involved. Can you say "**born of the Virgin Mary**"? We celebrate it every **Christmas**, the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us.) "*He will crush your head (a fatal blow), and you will bruise His heel (the cross)*" (Genesis 3:15).

**PROTO-EVANGELIUM** There you have it. **Straight from the mouth of God**. The first promise of salvation, couched as **actually as a curse on the Devil**. God would do what fallen man would not. He's **not** the one in league with the devil; **Adam and Eve were**. And we are as their sons and daughters. (Original Sin) **But** God the Son, the Seed of a woman, would engage the devil in hand to hand combat. In the process, He would be "bruised," (understatement) literally, **death on a Cross**. But in His Cross-bruised heel is the **Victory!!!**

**PLUNDER/ED** You might go so far as to say that the death of Jesus is **the exorcism of the world**. That's how Mark paints it, and the sketched lines are right here in today's Gospel. The work of Jesus is "*bind the strong man*" and then plunder his goods. The divine "Thief" has come in the Flesh to tie up the Devil (**Revelation** speaks of the devil bound for a **figurative thousand years**). You and I aren't strong enough, or willing enough, to pull this off. It takes the Son of God in the flesh to do it. We're the plunder the divine Thief carries off after He's tied up the strong man. We're "plundered goods," snatched from **sin, death, and the devil**; all that Adam's sin and our own sins have done to us.

**HOSTAGE RESCUE** We are carted off **to freedom**. Salvation is a **hostage rescue effort**. We're held captive to sin and death. Christ breaks into our world, overpowers our captors, and takes us along with Him in His Death and Resurrection into a life of freedom. We've been pulled out of an eternal hostage situation by the strong, rescuing hand of the Son of God, reaching out to you from the Cross, **grabbing hold of you** in the water of Baptism, **pulling you along** in the preached Word of Christ, and **clutching on tight to you** at the table of His Body and Blood, tossing out the lifeline of faith, embracing you in His death.

**SATAN BOUND** We sometimes speak of **the Keys** as "binding and loosing." Binding the unrepentant in their sins, and loosing the repentant. (Or) Think of it this way too: whenever sins are **forgiven**, sinners are **loosed, their chains are broken**, they are **freed**, and **the Devil is bound by that same forgiveness**. He **hates it** when you are free and forgiven.

**4-GIVEN?** "*All the sins and blasphemies of man will be forgiven.*" People have been saying some not very nice things about Him. And He says, "*All is forgiven. I died for it all. There isn't one sin that hasn't been answered for in my death.*" That's pretty amazing. Crazy even. Throw your worst at Jesus, and He says, "**Forgiven.**"

**BUT NO 4-GIVENESS 4...** Except for this: "*Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven (or better, never has forgiveness). He is guilty of an eternal sin.*"

**REFUSAL** Hopefully, it's fairly clear what Jesus is saying. He said this because the **religious types were saying that He had an unclean**

**spirit.** They were calling the Holy Spirit unclean and rejecting His work. Imagine receiving a notice that you just won a million dollar prize, and the van with all the balloons and the big check pulls up in front of your house and you slam the door in the guy's face. And he comes back the next day, and you pull a gun on him. And he comes back the third day, and you sick the dog on him. At some point, he's going to stop coming around. You're a millionaire, but you refuse to receive what is yours. **That's the sin against the Holy Spirit - refusing to be forgiven,** refusing to receive what the Spirit wants to deliver to you from Jesus ... **totally free of charge.**

**TRAGIC** The unforgivable sin is **not** unforgivable because it's **so big and bad.** Jesus can deal with big and bad sin, **and big, bad sinners.** The unforgivable sin is unforgivable **because it wants no part of forgiveness.** And that's just downright **crazy, foolish,** and worst of all, (eternally) **tragic.**

**THE FAM** **Jesus' family finally arrives** on the scene. There's a crowd gathered around Jesus in a tight circle, so tight His family is **stuck outside.** "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." And Jesus says a remarkable thing. He looks around at this mostly group of sinners, these losers who have lost their lives in Him, and He sees, "Here. These people gathered around me. These are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

**TOTES CRA-CRA** Did you catch that? That's **totally** crazy. His own mother, the blessed Virgin Mary, is on the outside at that moment. Outside the circle. His family, His mother and sister and brother are those who are gathered around Him, who **trust Him,** who **look to Him** for their life, who **hear His Word.**

**YES, YOU!** (And, Guess what?) **That's you!** You gathered in **Baptism.** You hearing the **Word of God.** You kneeling at the Altar to receive **Jesus' Body and Blood,** the fruits of His sacrifice that frees you. That's you gathered in that great circle we like to call "the **Communion of Saints.**" (Apostles' Creed)

**4 SURE** You say, "But I don't always do the will of God. **How can I be sure?!**" The will of God is that **everyone** be saved and come to the knowledge of truth in Jesus Christ. God's will is to save **YOU,** and to do His will is to receive what He wants to give you - **forgiveness, life, salvation.** You are Jesus' family. It may sound crazy, but your Baptism, the Word, the Body and Blood testify to you. = *the Means of Grace: Word & Sacraments (Baptism & L.S.)*

**CRAZY(?)** Okay, maybe it **is** crazy, you say. Getting up early on a Sunday morning when the rest of the world sleeps in or rushes off to work or play or whatever. Going through ancient rituals that have no correlation with contemporary culture? Calling yourself a sinner and believing that a pastor's word is Christ's Word forgiving your sins. Singing old difficult hymns, praying to a God you can't see or hear directly. Eating a bit of bread, drinking a sip of wine believing they are the sacrificial Body and Blood of Jesus. Trusting Jesus' finished Work instead of your own works for salvation.

**FAITH-FULL** Some will say, "It's of the devil." Most will likely say you've got only one hand on the religious steering wheel, a chip short of a fish-*and\_\_*, you're an oddball, nutty as a fruit cake, on another planet. (Plain) **Crazy.** God calls it "**faith-FULL.**" **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

## **POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church** ☞ **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity June 10, 2018**

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

For all **the baptized,** that the Holy Spirit would free us from the fear that would have us hide from God and blame others when called to account. Give us grace to confess our iniquity, ask for God's mercy and trust His plentiful redemption, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For **thankful lives,** that the Holy Spirit would fill our hearts with gratitude and our mouths with praise that our heavenly Father has kept His promise to send the woman's seed to crush Satan's head and because our Savior allowed His heel to be bruised on His cross, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who cry out of the depths for comfort, **healing or relief,** that our Heavenly Father would hear their voice and care for **[OSL Prayer List]** all who are in need, giving them relief in whatever way He knows to be best, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who blaspheme and live without the comfort of faith in Christ, that they would turn from their rebellion; that God's grace would extend to more and more people; that the Holy Spirit would give each of us zeal to proclaim His promises; and that missionaries and their families would be kept under God's protecting care, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer for confessing Christ, that they would not lose heart but rejoice that though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day; and that our earthly afflictions are preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all marriages, that husbands and wives would be preserved in chastity and freely share the forgiveness that is ours in Christ with one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who struggle because of mental illness, that our Father would care for their needs, provide relief and give them — and all of us — grace to hope for the restoration that He promises to all His children at the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing to work in God's Kingdom, that our Heavenly Father would nurture the faith of every future pastor, teacher, deaconess and church worker; that He would equip them with everything they will need to serve in Christ's Church; and that the Lord of the harvest would continue to raise up workers for His harvest fields, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who receive Christ's Holy Supper, that the Savior's body and blood would be given to us for the forgiveness of our sins, for strength in resisting temptation, for service in His Kingdom and finally for the glories of the life that has no end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have fallen asleep in the saving faith, let us give God our thanks and praise, asking Him to bring us with them to the joy of the feast that has no end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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