

Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-17 NIV And God spoke all these words: 2 "I AM the LORD your God, Who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in Heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 "You shall not misuse the Name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His Name. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the Seventh Day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath Day and made it holy. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. 13 "You shall not murder. 14 "You shall not commit adultery. 15 "You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a

new life. 5 If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His Resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. 10 The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the Life He lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 5:20-26 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. 21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. 25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

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

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July 8th, 2018 ✧ Trinity-6 ✧ Reconcile: Sin & Righteousness

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 .

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	390 (4v)	Drawn to th'Cross which Thou hast Blest
<i>Psalm 104</i>	<i>Ps.104 "3v"</i>	<i>LORD, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew... 7</i>
Hymn of the Day	370 (4v)	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	283 (1v)	<i>God's Word Is Our Great Heritage</i>
Third Hymn	388 (6v)	Just As I Am, without One Plea
Closing Hymn	50 (3v)	LORD, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 6th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Sam. 26:1-25	I Sam. 28:3-25	I Sam. 31:1-13	II Sam. 1:1-27	II Sam. 5:1-25	II Sam. 6:1-23
Rom. 14:1-15:3	Rom. 15:14-33	Rom. 16:1-27	I Cor. 1:10-31	I Cor. 2:1-16	I Cor. 4:6-5:5

PROPERs for THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY JULY 8TH, 2018

INTROIT The LORD is the Strength of His people, He is the saving Strength of His anointed. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance, shepherd them also and bear them up forever. Unto You I will cry, O LORD, my Rock; do not be silent to me, Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down into the pit. ...from Psalm 28

COLLECT LORD of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. C: ♪ A- -men.

GRADUAL c: Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on Your servants. LORD, You have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Alleluia! Alleluia! I put my trust in You, O LORD; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness! Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me quickly. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 90

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

O.T. **Exodus 20:1-17** The Ten Commandments SOS = Show us Our Sins.
Epi. **Romans 6:3-11** We are dead to sin, but alive to God.
Gos. **Matthew 5:20-26** Jesus "sharpens" the Fifth Commandment. (SOS)

Next Sunday 7/15 **Trinity-7 Sunday (p.15 L.S.) 26 Ps.100 368 648 306 436**

3-Year Gospel ✧ Mark 6:1-13 NIV Jesus left there and went to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given Him, that He even does miracles? 3 Isn't this the Carpenter? Isn't this Mary's Son and the Brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. 4 Jesus said to them, "Only in His hometown, among His relatives and in His own house is a prophet without honor." 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay His Hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 And He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. 7 Calling the Twelve to Him, He sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. 8 These were His instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. 9 Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. 10 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them." 12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

PSALM 104 ♪ LORD, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; LORD, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

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...
Sue Smith (Bev Foster)	Sue battling pancreas & liver growths.	Sad but faithful!
Jim & Elma Hendricks	Jim & Elma move to Columbia, SC.	We miss them
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	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Treaters	(Welcome back Rev) Orpha	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	14 / (11)	20 / 18
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	-	7
Sunday Offering & Year-To-Date	\$.	YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events		
Today, July 8 th	8:30 am	Bible Study (OT Themes & Keys: Fasting)
<i>Trinity-6 Reconcile</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
<i>(Pastor AB is back)</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Sunday, 7/16	8:30 am	Bible Study (OT Themes & Keys: Lineage)
<i>Trinity.7 Providence</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>The LORD Cares 4 All</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

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

July 8th ▲ ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018

14 congregations sent representatives to the 1919 constituting convention at Our Savior's Lutheran in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Along with 22 clergy, these congregations are regarded as charter members of the reorganized synod. This constitution stayed 'til 1986.



TRINITY.6(P7.B) Mark 6:1-6-13 "NUTS. LOONY. WEIRD...CRAZY!" 7.8.18 OSL

MARY'S KID Jesus returns home with his growing entourage of disciples. The local boy made good has come to the home congregation to preach to the hometown folks. The place was probably packed. The word had gotten back to Nazareth. He teaches with authority. He heals the diseased, casts out demons. He's the complete messianic package. And who would have thought it? Jesus, Mary's kid. The carpenter from Nazareth.

PUT OFF You would think they would have been impressed, but they weren't. They were scandalized. Offended. Put off. Who does He think He is, anyway? Why I knew Him when He was knee high to a grasshopper? What's this wisdom given to Him? Where did that come from? He certainly didn't pick that up in the carpenter's shop? And what about those miracles? Aren't these His older brothers and sisters here from Joseph's side of the family? James, Joses, Simon, the girls. Who does He think He is anyway?

SCANDAL The Incarnation of God **offends. It scandalizes.** It causes people to stumble over their own expectation of how God is supposed to work. If God comes down to us in the flesh, we hardly expect Him to be a carpenter in a no-place town called Nazareth, in the outskirts of Galilee, the kid half-brother to a bunch of sons and daughters of Joseph who married this pregnant virgin named Mary. Scandalous? You bet! And not just at Christmas time. This offends our sensibilities and religious sensitivities. We want God to be Godlike, at least on our terms. Not some woodworker with splinters under his fingernails and callouses on his hands.

HOMETOWN BOY? *"Familiarity breeds contempt,"* we say. The closer you are, the worse it is. This was Jesus' hometown. His people. The crowd who watched Him grow up along with James and Joses and Simon and the girls. He played with their kids in the streets. And while He probably was a really good kid, there apparently was nothing that made Him stand out in the graduating class of AD 8. No shining nimbus around His head. No shining face or garments as on the Mount of Transfiguration. Just this ordinary kid named Jesus who grew up in a carpenter's shop, learned the trade, and then went off to Judea, got baptized by His cousin John, and came back with a following. The people are naturally suspicious.

(A GOD) LIKE US We succumb to the same thing. We expect God to be like God, not like us. We are the ones who want to be like God. God isn't supposed to be like us. And when God comes in the flesh to be like us, we're offended. Scandalized. It's not supposed to be this way. We're supposed to work our way up to God. God isn't supposed to descend down to us and join us in our work, our life, our wedding parties, our funerals, our laughter and joy, our death. That's so "not like God." If Jesus were to show up here this morning, we'd be thinking things like, *"He's so short."* or *"He looks so Jewish. I thought He had long blonde hair like Fabio. He doesn't look anything like my picture of Him at home."*

NO PRETTYBOY *"A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."* (Again) Familiarity breeds contempt. **We trip over the ordinary because you expect God to be extraordinary.** Above it all. But that's not a God Who can save you. That's a lifeguard who looks great on the beach and in the lifeguard tower but doesn't want to get into the water. And when you're drowning in a riptide of Sin and Death, you don't need a pretty boy on the beach, you need a swimmer who's going to get out into the tide with you and grab hold of you. That's what the Nazareth crowd missed. That's what the religious crowd always misses.

MISS OUT That's what you and I miss too when our old Adam gets the best of us. God is certainly above it all, higher than the highest heavens, outside and beyond this world of ours. But He is also right here, very near, dwelling among us in ways so ordinary you'd walk right by if the Word didn't point you there.

POWERFUL ORDINARY The Nazareth synagogue scandal is a "Sacramental Scandal." They were offended at ordinary Jesus, the kid from around the corner. **We're also offended at ordinary water and words and bread and wine. Same scandal.** They're too everyday, too ordinary to be something God uses. A little distance perhaps. A symbol but not the "real thing." But the Word tells you otherwise. *"This is MY Body, this is MY Blood."* This water is a washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Baptism now saves you. He who hears you, hears me. **Scandalously ordinary, sacramentally powerful.** Jesus for you in that water, those words, that bread and wine. How can that be? Don't ask. Just receive. Faith doesn't question how. Faith simply receives and says, **"Amen."**

UNBELIEF-BLOCKS *"He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them."* Unbelief gets in the way. No power was going out of Jesus in His hometown of Nazareth because no one believed Him. Faith draws on Jesus; unbelief gets in the way of what Jesus has to give. Unbelief isn't simply a passive, *"Gee, I don't know"* but an active refusal to be given to. That's what makes it damning. God wants to give you salvation in Christ, but unbelief says, *"No, I don't want any part of it!"* He could do no mighty work there because there was only unbelief there.

BUT SOME... And yet a few did believe. God always has his little remnant of believers. There were a few who looked beyond the ordinary and familiar face of Jesus and saw the face of God. They trusted Him, they took Him at His Word, they believed Him. And He healed them, all the while marveling at the unbelief of His own home town and synagogue. **The people who knew Him best believed Him least.** The Lord preserve us **from the scandal of familiarity!** I pray we never grow so comfortable and familiar with the holy things and become like Nazareth.

2x2 On the heels of this less than successful visit, Jesus gathers **His twelve and sends them off two by two.** He gives the authority to heal and cast out the demons. In other words, He gives them the permission to do what He's been doing, to be His hands, His feet, His mouth. He's training them to be His Body in the world.

CHURCH=BODY That's what the church is, the body of Christ. Christ is the head, the Church is His body. And it's more than a Bridegroom/Bride metaphor. It's the very nature of the church. **The church is "apostolic" in two senses. It is founded on the teaching of the apostles.** That's what we mean when we say we believe in **one, holy, Christian, and Apostolic church.** It's the church that is founded upon the Apostolic Scriptures, the preaching and doctrine of the Apostles. Christ has **no other church.** But the church is also apostolic in that it is **sent out.** An apostle is one who is sent out with authority, permission to act. The church is sent out to be the body of Christ in this world, to be, **as Luther said, "Little Christs"** to a dark and confused and perverse world.

YOU'RE OPPOSITE You are **light** shining in darkness. **You are sanity amidst insanity.** You are **hope** in the midst of hopelessness. You bring the **comfort** of Christ to those afflicted. You speak forgiveness to the sinner. You do works of mercy to those in need. **Being the Church doesn't begin with the Invocation and**

end with the Benediction. That's where being the church **begins**. It begins by receiving, faith drawing upon the Word of forgiveness. Being strengthened and fortified by the Supper. Being refreshed in our Baptism. But there is also a sending. You go in peace, not simply leave, but go in peace to serve the Lord in serving others. You go in peace to serve the Lord as little Christs in this world.

HOSTILE TERRITORY You go out into a world that doesn't really want the body of Christ. A world whose immune system rejects holiness and spits it out and even tries to kill it. Notice when Jesus sends His Twelve out two by two, He anticipates their rejection. He expects it. *"If any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."* He anticipates their rejection. The world rejected Him. The world rejected them. The **world will reject you too**. It may even want to crucify you.

DUSTY BOTTOMS Shake the dust from your feet as a testimony against them. It's hard for our old natures to walk away from a situation where we've lost. It's hard to let go of an argument when the other person won't be persuaded. We want the world to see it our way, but by and large, the world couldn't care less. Jesus is teaching His disciples not to waste their energy in the face of unbelief. Just keep going. Just keep doing. Just keep being the body of Christ in this fallen, sinful, darkened world. Keep doing the work of Christ. Keep doing the goodness and the mercy of God in this seemingly godless world. We don't need to scream louder. We just need confidently to be who we are in the world – Christ's body. His hands to do mercy. His feet to bring good news. His mouth to speak words of peace.

JUST DO IT There is no failure here. The only failure is to go. Or to circle the wagons and go into hiding. You can't kill the body of Christ. You can crucify it, bury it, and in three days it will rise again. But you can't kill the body of Christ forever.

GONE (HORRIBLY) WRONG? If you would have asked Jesus at the close of the day on Saturday, that Sabbath day in Nazareth, why the mission seemed to go so poorly. He would have said, *"No, you're looking at it the wrong way. The mission didn't go poorly. The mission was a success. I was there. The Word was preached. I long to gather them, but they would not."* I long to receive them, but they reject. I long to bring the light and life, but they prefer darkness and death. There was no failure here. Only a lesson in the hardness of man's heart, that even those closest to Jesus and His family, would not believe Him.

John 1:11 He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. 12 But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

IT'S NOT (IN) US We canNOT by our own reason or strength believe. That is the work of the Spirit through the Word. That requires a birth from above by water and Spirit. We must become new creations. We are all by nature Nazareth neighbors of Jesus. Skeptical, unbelieving. But the Spirit has cracked through the darkness. He said, **"Let there be light"** in our darkened hearts. He has baptized you to follow Jesus. And the Jesus whom you follow sends you as His apostolic church, His sent ones, to do His mercy, to show His love, to speak His forgiveness.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

*Go in peace to **speak peace**. Go in mercy to **do mercy**. Go forgiven to **forgive**. Go **receiving to give**. Go in peace to **serve the Lord**. (All) **IJ'N, Amen. SDG***

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☽ 6th Sunday after Trinity July 8th, 2018

As our God has delivered us from bondage to sin and evil and won for us everlasting life, let us bring our prayers and requests before Him, for He has shown us great and steadfast love. (Possible) Brief silence. -- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, Your ascended Son reigns over all the nations. By His Gospel, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your people. Open our lips to speak Your Word with boldness to one and all. By the mercy we have received in Your Son, wholly shape our lives in love so that all we say, all that we do, may bring You glory and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Kind Father, move all congregations to sound forth the call to repentance without fear. Keep them faithful in their proclamation of Your Word, especially in the face of those who oppose it and refuse to hear You. Raise up new workers for Your harvest fields to speak Your Word as we wait for the coming of our Lord and the final fulfillment of Your every promise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Ruler of the nations, protect and care for our country. Give wisdom to our president, our governor and to all who make, administer or judge our laws. Bless all public servants as they attempt to provide safety and stability to our society. Give them courage to protect the free exercise of religion and to honor and protect every life from conception to natural death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Heavenly Father, Your grace is sufficient for us and Your power is made perfect in weakness. Into Your loving hands, we commend all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit [*especially Your servants **OSL Prayer List***].

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Grant them patience in their afflictions and trust in Your wisdom, and strengthen their hope as they look forward to the final healing that awaits all Your children at the day of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Great I AM, source of all life, send Your Holy Spirit to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the promise of Your Son, that as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear ou...**

Holy One, Your Son invites us to share together at this altar the priceless gift of His body and blood that won our forgiveness on Calvary's tree and promises us a share in His resurrection life. Cast away from us all unbelief and fill us with faith to welcome Him, hear and heed His words, and receive a share in the eternal inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

These things and everything else You know that we need, grant to us, Father, for the sake of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Then, "Our Father Who..."**