

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:23-25 NIV This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "When I bring them back from captivity, the people in the land of Judah and in its towns will once again use these words: 'The LORD bless you, O righteous dwelling, O sacred mountain.' 24 People will live together in Judah and all its towns - farmers and those who move about with their flocks. 25 I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."

Epistle

Romans 6:19-23 I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life in Christ Jesus our LORD.

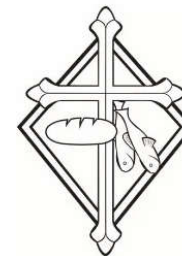
Historic Gospel

Mark 8:1-9 During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, 2 "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with Me

three days and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." 4 His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" 5 "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied. 6 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When He had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, He broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before the people, and they did so. 7 They had a few small fish as well; He gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. 8 The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 9 About four thousand men were present.

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

Mark 6:7-13 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.



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

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July 15th, 2018 ✦ Trinity-7 ✦ God's Providence

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets and in (red) hymnal p.15

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	26 (6v)	Praise the Almighty, my Soul Adore Him
<i>Psalm 100</i>	<i>Ps.100 '4v'</i>	<i>We Are His People, the Flock of the LORD</i>
Hymn of the Day	496 (4v)	Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	<i>648 (3v)</i>	<i>I Am Jesus' Little Lamb</i>
Distribution Hymn	306 (8v)	LORD Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared
Closing Hymn	436 (5v)	The LORD's My Shepherd I'll Not Want

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 7th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Chr. 16:1-43	II Sam. 7:1-29	II Sam. 12:1-23	II Sam. 15:1-15	II Sam. 16:5-35	II Sam. 18:1-13
I Cor. 5:9-6:20	I Cor. 7:1-40	I Cor. 8:1-13	I Cor. 9:1-23	I Cor. 10:14-33	I Cor. 11:1-22

PROPERs for The SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✦ JULY 15TH 2018

INTROIT Oh, clap your hands, all you people! Shout to God with the voice of triumph. For the LORD Most High is awesome. He will subdue all the people under us, and the nations under our feet. ...from Psalm 47

COLLECT O God, whose never-failing Providence orders all things both in Heaven and earth, we humbly beseech You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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 Come, My children, listen to Me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Look to Him and be lightened; and let your faces not be ashamed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh, clap your hands, all you people! Shout to God with the voice of triumph. Alleluia! ...from Psalms 34 & 47

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

O.T. **Jeremiah 31:23-25** The LORD refreshes & satisfies weary & faint.

Epi. **Romans 6:19-23** The gift of God is Eternal Life.

Gos. **Mark 8:1-9** Jesus feeds 4,000 men plus women & children.

Next Sunday 7/22 ✦ **Trinity-8 (p.5 No L.S.) 2 Ps.100 312 393 262 261**

(NEW) **Psalm 100 Refrain C:** ♪ We are His people, – The flock of the LORD.

Verse 1. ♪ Cry out with joy to the LORD, all you lands, all you lands.

Serve the LORD now with gladness, Come before Him singing with joy!

Refrain C: ♪ We are His people, – The flock of the LORD.

Verse 2. ♪ Know that the LORD- is God, Know that the LORD- is God.

He made us, We are His, His people, The sheep of His flock!

Refrain C: ♪ We are His people, – The flock of the LORD.

Verse 3. ♪ Go, now within- His gates, giving thanks, giving thanks.

Enter His courts singing praise, Give Him thanks and bless- His Name!

Refrain C: ♪ We are His people, – The flock of the LORD.

Verse 4. ♪ Indeed, How good is the LORD, His mercy endures forever.

For the LORD, He is faithful, He is faithful from age- to Age!

(Final) Refrain C: ♪ We are His people, – the flock of the LORD!

# 648 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.
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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Treaters	:(We won't go hungry or thirsty)	Bev & Don Wienke

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

Calendar of Events		
Today, July 15th <i>Trinity.7 Providence</i> <i>LORD Cares for All</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 ff...	Bible Study OT Themes & Keys: Lineage Divine Worship (WITH Communion) "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Sunday, 7/22 <i>Trinity.8 - Prophets</i> <i>...Beware False Ones</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 ff...	Bible Study OT Themes & Keys: LORD Divine Worship (NO Communion) "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

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

July 15th ^ ELS Centennial ✦ Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018

The first issue of the Luthersk Tidende (today, Lutheran Sentinel) appeared July 16, 1917, one year prior to the reorganization of the synod. That inaugural issue said, "If there are enough subscribers for the paper, it will come out twice a month with eight or sixteen pages. If not enough favor is gained for that, it will come out as a pamphlet as money to defray publishing expenses comes in. The subscription price in either case is one dollar per year."



TRINITY.7(P8.B) Mark 6:(1-)-7-13 "WHAT U HEAR IS WHAT U GET" 7.15.18 OSL

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT So the saying goes. The closer you get to someone, the more likely you will be disappointed in that person when all your romantic illusions and preconceived notions are dashed to pieces. You get a taste of that when you return to the place where you were born and raised.

CAN'T GO HOME In Jerusalem, they said, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" But the odd thing is not even the people of Nazareth thought the Messiah could come from Nazareth. And certainly not the carpenter who grew up at the end of the block. They stumbled because Jesus was **just too ordinary**. Too much like them. Their kids played with Him in the streets and went to synagogue school with him. Sure, He seemed kind of bright for his age and never got into trouble, but the strange thing is that nothing really stood out to make them take notice. Think about it. This is the Son of God in the Flesh, the eternal Son in human Flesh, and nothing really stands out ... except His wisdom and His ability to work miracles.

JUST A BOY(?) He didn't glow. He didn't have a shiny gold nimbus hovering over His Head that said "Jesus the Christ" like you see in the icons. He was just plain old ordinary Jesus. Mary's Boy. The Carpenter. And that offended the hometown crowd. They were scandalized.

NOT WYSIWYG Do you see a pattern here? Can you connect the dots? **God hides His power**. What you **see** is not what you are getting. **Seeing is not believing**. Faith comes **by hearing** not seeing. In fact, if seeing is believing for you - you will stumble over what you see, whether it's the Carpenter who used to live two doors down from you in Nazareth or the water of Baptism, the Word of Forgiveness, the bread and wine of The Supper, or the Ministry that represents Jesus. You have to stick your eyes in your ears to see things properly.

2X2 Those disciples Jesus sent ahead of him, two by two, on their initial sending, their **internship**, if you will(?) He gave them limited authority to anoint and heal the sick and to cast out demons, unclean spirits. The stuff that Jesus was doing, they got to do too. But notice, He makes provision **for their rejection**, which He says is **inevitable**, when they would get run out of town rather than welcomed. "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 (a rather

strong sign in the Middle East) as a testimony against them. Jesus anticipates their rejection just as He was rejected.

NO GLORY He sends them out as itinerants – no bread, no bag, no money, no change of clothing, living off the generosity of others. Not much to look at, these **six pairs of beggars** who come to crash at your house in the Name of the Lord. **Nor was the Apostle Paul** the picture of strength and success, as he boasts like a fool in his weaknesses. How many preachers have you heard recently who actually brag about how God doesn't answer their prayers? "Three times," Paul says, "three times I pleaded with the Lord about this – this **'thorn in the flesh, this messenger of Satan who was harassing me (Paul)**'" – and three times the Lord said to me, "**No, Paul. No miracles. No displays of power. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**"

CAN BUT NO There's the **key to understanding** this. "My power is made perfect in weakness." The power of God to overcome Sin, Death, devil, the darkness, the power of God to save and raise up and save you is cloaked under the cover of weakness. A Cross. A dark death on a Good Friday. "**It is finished.**" There. Right there under the cover of darkness. That's why Jesus could do no mighty work there in His hometown. It's not that He wasn't able, as though Nazareth had messed with His "Divine Mojo" or something. He could not in the same way that an army capable of destroying an entire nation "could not." It's contrary to orders, it's contrary to the mission. Jesus is not a wonder-working circus sideshow. He knows that **faith (only) in miracles is NO faith at all**. Instead, He went among the villages teaching. They **needed to be catechized - not entertained**.

👁 VS 🦻 It's easy to be scandalized, offended and generally misled if you trust your eyes rather than God's Word when it comes to eternal things. That's what got Eve in trouble, or at least pushed her over the "sin edge." She saw that the forbidden fruit was good for food and a delight to the eyes. **She trusted her eyes over her ears**, her vision rather than the Lord's Word. What she saw was something good and pleasing and delightful. What she **got was sin and death**.

SAME US **We do precisely the same thing**. We trust our eyes over our ears, what we see over what God says. **We question** God's goodness, mercy, power when we encounter our own weaknesses, the insults of others, hardships, calamities, persecutions (just imagine if we had to endure real persecutions for being

Christians – if we had to meet in secret, our ushers had to check everyone for bombs or weapons). Or when our repeated prayers go unanswered and are greeted with, “My grace is sufficient for you.”

P.P. POWER PARADOX “When I am weak, then I am strong.” The **Paradox of the Cross**. I don’t know who the first (artist) person was who decided to put a **dead** Jesus on a Cross and make it the emblem of Christianity, but I’d like to shake his hand one day. He got it right. He understood the glorious hidden power of God, a power made perfect in suffering and weakness, a power that conquers Sin by becoming Sin, that conquers Death by becoming Death, a power that cries out “**My God, My God why have You forsaken Me**” and still pray into the dark silence trusting that His grace is sufficient.

ELEGANT SUFFICIENCY God’s grace in Christ is sufficient for you. It’s all you need. If all the God ever did for you is send His Son to die on a Cross, if all Jesus ever does for you is **baptize** you, **forgive** you, and give you His **Body and Blood**, ...that is sufficient for you. It’s **all you and I need**. (Because) It overcomes your sin, your death, the devil, the world, your own Sin-filled flesh. Yes, the miracles are nice, the little answered prayers are a delight but they can also be a distraction.

(GLASS-EYE) TUNNEL-VISION Keep those **eyes fixed on Jesus**, the Author and Finisher, the Beginning and the Ending of your faith. Faith looks nowhere else. Faith seeks nothing else. Faith knows **nothing else than Jesus Christ and Him crucified**.

ÜBER-CONQUER It’s easy to stumble when you trust your eyes. It’s easy to be scandalized by God when your eyes are wide open but your ears are shut. When it comes to God, what you see is not what you get. **What you see is weakness, what you get is power**. What you **see is death**, what you get is life. What you see is **sin**, what you hear and get is **forgiveness**. What you see is **defeat**, what you get is **victory**. “No, in all these things – in tribulations, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, sword – we are more than conquerors,” you could say we ‘**hyper-conquer**’ through **Him who loved us**.

HEAR(HERE), NOT SEE When it comes to God, it’s not what you see but **what you hear** that counts. **Hear the Word of the Lord**.

*Go in peace to **speak peace**. Go in mercy to **do mercy**. Go forgiven to **forgive**. Go **receiving to give**. Having been served go in peace to **serve the Lord**. (All) **IJ’N, Amen. sbg***

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.

O almighty and eternal God, in the face of opposition You call Your Church to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Give us courage like St. John the Baptist to continue boldly proclaiming Your whole counsel of salvation to a dying world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord of the Church, we commend to You all ministers of Your Word. Make them zealous and faithful, that through their service Your Kingdom would grow. Send the Holy Spirit upon all who hear them to turn hearts from the love of sin to the love of You. Remember in mercy our Synod’s President; our Circuit Visitor and all our pastors. Grant them wisdom in their work and joy in their calling. Grant us an increase in those who prepare to serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry and other church-work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, in the waters of Baptism You severed Your people from any obligation to the old nature, sealed us with Your Spirit of promise and blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Grant that we may live our lives as people brought back from the dead to the praise of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Kind Master, You are near to all who are sick, to all who suffer, to all in grief and pain. Have mercy on those who carry heavy burdens, *[and especially those we have been asked to remember before You **OSL Prayer List**.]*

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that they may rest in Your embrace, look to You for relief and peace, and wait in hope for the final healing of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lover of mankind, as we prepare to come to the altar this day, make us poor sinners ready to **receive the Body and Blood** of Your Son for the forgiveness of our sins and for a share in His unending life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of every time and every place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in great power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. **Amen. Then, LS.**