

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:19-21 Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve Me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be My spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. 20 I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. 21 "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel."

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His Glory.

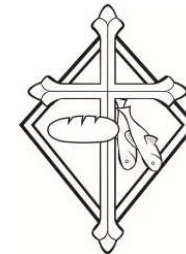
Historic Gospel

Matthew 7:15-23 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'LORD, LORD,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father Who is in Heaven. 22 Many will say to

Me on that day, 'LORD, LORD, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!'

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

Mark 6: 30-44 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." 32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things. 35 By this time it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. 36 Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But He answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to Him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 "How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five - and two fish." 39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to Heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.



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

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July 22nd, 2018 ✧ Trinity-8 ✧ Beware False Prophets

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 TLH) hymnal p.5

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	2 (7v)	To Thy Temple I Repair
Psalm 100	Ps.100 '4v'	We Are His People, the Flock of the LORD ↗
Hymn of the Day	393 (4v)	LORD, Jusus Christ, Thou Living Bread
Offertory Verse	283 (1v)	God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Third Hymn	262 (4v)	(Ein' Festé Burg, aka) A Mighty Fortress
Closing Hymn	261 (3v)	LORD, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 8th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
II Sam. 19:1-23 Chr. .21:1-30	I Chr. .22:1-19	I Chr. .28:1-21	I Chr. .29:1-23	II Chron. 1:1-13	
I Cor. 12:12-31 Cor. 14:1-40	I Cor. 16:1-24	II Cor. 1:1-24	II Cor. .2:1-3:3	II Cor. 6:11-8	

PROPERs for THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ☺ JULY 22ND, 2018

INTROIT We have thought, O God, on Your loving-kindness, in the midst of Your Temple. According to Your Name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth. Your Right Hand is full of righteousness. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

...from Psalm 48

COLLECT Grant to us, LORD, we beseech You, the Spirit to think and do always such things that are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; 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: Be my strong Rock, a House of defense to save me. I put my trust in You, O LORD; let me never be ashamed. Alleluia! Alleluia! O My people, hear My teaching; incline your ears to the Words of My mouth. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 78

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

O.T. **Jeremiah 15:19-21** God's spokesmen speak worthy words.

Epi. **Romans 8:12-17** All led by God's Spirit are His sons & daughters.

Gos. **Matthew 7:15-23** Jesus warns to guard against false prophets.

OFFERTORY 283. God's Word is our great Heritage And shall be ours forever; To spread its Light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.

Through life It guides our way, In death It is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep Its teachings pure. Throughout all generations. A - men.

We sing a Psalm excerpt between O.T. & Epistle lessons. We are singing...

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!

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Volunteers Today Next Sunday

Treaters Bev & Don Wienke

Statistics Last week Year To Date / Avg.

Sunday, Attendance (Communion) 13 / (13) 19 / 17

Bible Class Attendance: Sunday 7 7

Sunday Offering & Year-To-Date \$. YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events

Today, July 15th 8:30 am Bible Study OT Themes & Keys: LORD

Trinity.7 Providence 9:30 am Divine Worship (NO Communion)

LORD Cares for All 10:45 ff... "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

Sunday, 7/22 8:30 am Bible Study OT Themes & Keys: Sabbath

Trinity.8 - Prophets 9:30 am Divine Worship (WITH Communion)

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

July 22nd ▲ ELS Centennial ✧ Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018

During this anniversary year, the *Lutheran Sentinel* continues to be the voice of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Until 1982, the *Lutheran Sentinel* was published in a bi-weekly format. An early editor wrote, "We have tried to live up to both the name and the motto (It Is Written!) of the paper ... We have endeavored to be a faithful sentinel and make use of the weapons the motto indicates."



Next Sunday 7/29 Trinity-9 (p.15 L.S.) #s 3 Ps.100 422 428.1,2 442 428

TRINITY.8(P9B) Mark 6:30-44 "BREAD&FISH & MORE RECEIVING" 7.22.18 OSL

5+2=5/10,000? Five loaves and two fish in the hands of Jesus feed a wilderness party of 5000 men, not counting women and children, with twelve baskets full of leftovers. This is the kind of miracle we can **sink our teeth into. Literally.**

NOW, NOT THEN Jesus refused to do a similar miracle in the **wilderness** when He was being tempted by the Devil. Then the temptation was to turn stones into bread to feed His own empty stomach. But Jesus would not do it, as *"Man lives not by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds from the Mouth of God."* It would not be Jesus' way to use His Power to serve Himself. He came to be the Servant of all and to lay His life down.

THIS WAY That's Jesus' way - to multiply, to take one thing and add to it, to create from nothing or very little in great abundance. He turns water into wine overflowing; He takes five little loaves and two fish and turn them into a feast for five thousand with leftovers, twelve baskets full of leftovers.

R&R Jesus was really just trying to get away from the crowds. Catch a little R&R with His Twelve after they returned from their little mission trip. It was supposed to be a time of rest and relaxation, but the crowds wouldn't leave them alone. Jesus could have politely dismissed them, sent them on their way. **But He had compassion on them.** He looked at the aimless mob of people who followed Him everywhere and it literally **wrenched His guts**. They were like sheep without a Shepherd, and so He began to teach them many things.

LOST SHEEP Sheep without a shepherd. That doesn't mean they were leaderless and in need of organization. They were not a mob in need of an organizer or a leader. They were dependent, vulnerable, wandering sheep in need of the care of a shepherd. **A pastor** (that's what shepherd means). And so He taught them many things. That's what spiritual shepherds do. They teach. **Teaching is spiritual feeding**, because we do not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds from the Mouth of God.

NO McD's Well, the teaching went on well past the dinner hour. They were in a desolate, wilderness area. No food courts. No soup kitchens. No McDonalds. Nothing to feed a crowds of 5000 plus. The disciples' solution is sensible and practical. Dismiss them and send them to the surrounding villages and have them buy something to eat.

INSANE(!) **Jesus' solution is completely insensible and impractical** if not downright **insane**. *"You give them something to eat."* I sometimes wish the Bible came with an accompanying video clips so we

could see the looks on the disciples' faces. Can you imagine it? Twelve guys who were just told to take no money, no bag, no provisions with them but rely on the goodness and mercy of others are now being told, **"Go and feed these 5-10,000 hungry pilgrims."**

"What are you talking about, Jesus? Are we supposed to go into town and buy 200 denarii worth of bread to feed them?" (See what happens when you preach too long? People miss brunch and start to get cranky.)

INVENTORY *"How many loaves do you have,"* Jesus asked them. Five. And a couple of fish we bummed from a kid. Now what?

He had them sit on the green grass. The Shepherd was feeding His flock, leading them to good pasture. And taking the meager offering of five little loaves and two fish, Jesus looked up to Heaven to His Father, **from Whom all blessings flow**, blessed the bread and fish and began breaking them, handing pieces to the twelve who then fed the people.

CHEF & SERVERS He was teaching His Twelve to minister. They would be the church's first pastors, the foundation of apostolic ministry. He was teaching them how it would go. He would be the source, they would do the feeding. He would work the kitchen, they would be the runners and the waiters, bringing His food to the people. And if you are hearing a **hint of the Lord's Supper** going on here, you are quite correct. Jesus is the chef as well as the food; His pastors are the waiters and runners. He takes humble bread and wine and multiplies it, not in quantity but in (spiritual) value. **Something more and greater: His own Body and Blood given and shed for your salvation.**

12 FOR 12 There were twelve baskets full of leftovers, one for each of the Twelve. What was Jesus teaching there? That His **pastors could trust that there would be leftovers** for them to sustain them. That as they preached and fed others, they too would hear and be fed. That His Word preached would find its way into their own ears and have the **same killing and making alive effect** that it does in their hearers. That His Body and Blood would also be given to them as food and drink to sustain them, even as it was at their own hand.

PASTOR IN PEW It's an odd place to be as a pastor. We preach to ourselves. We feed ourselves. (An occupational hazard of sorts?) It's why I enjoy sitting in the pew now and then. I get to be a **hearer and receiver** without worrying about what's next and who's next.

JUST ?DO? IT I think sometimes we take this business of receiving far too lightly. **We want to be busy doing.** It's all the rage these days to talk about participation in worship as though receiving was not the most important thing going on, that **everyone has to be doing something.** Even in receiving there is plenty to do. We have **hymns** to

sing and **creeds** to confess and **Amens** to tack on at the end of the prayers. We have a liturgy that calls for all hands on deck. **Worship is not a spectator sport by any means.** But the most important thing is not what comes out of you but **what goes into you.**

N/ONE W/O OTHER The most important thing that happens is that we **are fed by our Good Shepherd Jesus with His Word and with His Supper. Receiving.** Without receiving there will be no giving.

AMWAY?! There are pastors and churches around today who would view church as a kind of Amway multilevel marketing scheme and **worship as a pep rally for the sales force**, corporate rah-rah to get the sales force pumped up to hit the streets and sell the product. And you're challenged to bring in the numbers. *How many people did you bring to church this morning? How many people did you evangelize this week? How many lives have you transformed lately?* Being challenged, ...and **we like challenges, don't we?** At least some of us do until we're burned out being challenged. You'd be organized and mobilized and put to work building the Kingdom, though it wouldn't be the Kingdom of God you would be building because **man doesn't build God's Kingdom. Jesus does**, with His Incarnation, dying and rising. And He's finished with it.

(STILL) DO IT That doesn't mean there still isn't all sorts of doing to do, but in Kingdom terms it amounts to five loaves and two fish to feed five thousand (plus). **But it's Jesus who multiplies, Jesus who feeds**, *Jesus* who takes what little we have to offer and like a Shepherd feeding His flock gives to us what we could not supply for ourselves.

GET-IT? (NO) **Did the crowds get it? Of course not.** In John's version of this story, the people immediately tried to seize Jesus to make him (bread) king. What better king than one who could multiply bread! Now there's an economic plan that's sure to please the voters! But Jesus is not that sort of king, nor is His Kingdom built on signs and wonders. He had a death to die and a Resurrection to rise. He had a greater Food to give, a greater Meal to prepare. It's the One you receive here (every *other* week at OSL).

ELH 312, Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the soul in mercy shed, By Whom the words of life were spoken, And in Whose death our sins are dead: Look on the heart by sorrow broken; Look on the tears by sinners shed; And by this feast to us the token That by Your grace our souls are fed.
IJ'N, Amen. SDG

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☩ 8th Sunday after Trinity July 22nd 2018

Let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for through Christ we have access to Him in the Holy Spirit. - (Possible) Brief silence.

Holy Father, Your Son builds His Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets and makes Himself the cornerstone that unites us all. Through the peace of His forgiving Blood, put away from Your **baptized children** all that would divide us, that we may be truly joined together and grow together into a **Holy Temple** in the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shepherd of Israel, You promised to set **shepherds over Your flock** to care for them and drive fear away. Continue to send men into the Office of the Holy Ministry to feed the flock that Your Son purchased with His Own Blood. Open our mouths to speak the word of forgiveness that releases from fear and discloses how precious Your own are to You and how You will let nothing separate us from Your love in Christ forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our...**

Ruler of the nations, look in kindness on all who **hold public office** in our land and throughout the world. Strengthen them in every good deed, and make them a blessing of Yours. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One, no need of Your children escapes Your notice or provision. Remember in mercy **the hungry and homeless, the lonely and frightened, the sick and grieving.** [*We especially lift up before You all whom we have been asked to remember at this altar: OSL Prayer List.*]

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Open Your hand, O Lord, and satisfy the desire of each hurting soul and of every living thing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kind Master, Your Son once set a feast in a desolate place, miraculously multiplying five loaves and two fish to feed a multitude. You and Your Son continue to bless, break and **give us a Heavenly Feast:** the gift of His own Body and Blood for our forgiveness. Give us faith every time we meet Him at His Table, that we may ever greet Him as the Lord Who is our righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, in Your Son's Resurrection Victory, death lost its power to separate us from Your love. We praise You for all whom He has joined by His Spirit to Himself in the Church and to whom He has given a life that death will never snatch from them. Bring us to sing with them and all who hope in His steadfast love the new song in the Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our...**

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