

Old Testament

I Chronicles 29:10-13 NIV David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to You, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O LORD, is the Kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. 12 Wealth and honor come from You; You are the Ruler of all things. In Your Hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 13 Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious Name.

Epistle

I Corinthians 10:6-13 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." 8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did - and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test the LORD, as some of them did - and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did - and were killed by the destroying angel. 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Historic Gospel

Luke 16:1-9 Jesus told His disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' 3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg - 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job

here, people will welcome me into their houses.' 5 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 "'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' 7 "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' 8 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

Mark 6: 45-56 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. 46 After leaving them, He went up on a mountainside to pray. 47 When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and He was alone on land. 48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, 49 but when they saw Him walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost. They cried out, 50 because they all saw Him and were terrified. Immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 51 Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. 53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. 55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever He went - into villages, towns or countryside - they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged Him to let them touch even the edge of His cloak, and all who touched Him were healed.

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

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July 29th, 2018 ✧ Trinity-9 ✧ Christian Stewardship

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 silver liturgy sheets and in (red) Hymnal p.15

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	3 (5v)	LORD Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
<i>Psalm 100</i>	<i>Ps.100 '4v'</i>	<i>We Are His People, the Flock of the LORD</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	422 (4v)	Savior, I Follow On
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	428 (6v)	<i>Sing v.1-2 I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus</i>
Distribution Hymn	442 (5v)	LORD of Glory, Who hast Bought Us
Closing Hymn	428 (6v)	<i>v. 3-6 I am trusting Thee for cleansing...</i>

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 9th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1Kings3:16-28	1Kings 4:22-34	1Kings 5:1-18	2 Chron.3:1-17	1 Kings 8:1-66	1 Kings 7:1-12
2 Cor. 8:1-24	2 Cor. 9:1-15	2 Cor. 10:1-18	2 Cor. 11:1-18	2 Cor. 12:19-13	Galatians 1:1-24

PROPERs FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ☪ ✧ JULY 29TH, 2018

INTROIT Behold, God is my Helper; the LORD is with those who uphold my soul. He shall repay mine enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth, O LORD. Save me, O God, by Your Name, and judge me by Your strength.

...from **Psalm 54**

COLLECT Let Your merciful ears, O LORD, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that we may obtain our petitions, make us ask such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

GRADUAL C: O LORD, our LORD, how glorious is Your Name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the Heavens. Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in His Commandments. Alleluia! ... **Psalms 8 & 112**

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

O.T. **I Chronicles 29:10-13** David praises the LORD for Excellence.

Epi. **I Corinthians 10:6-13** God gives strength for temptation.

Gos. **Luke 16:1-9** (Jesus tells) The Parable of the Shrewd Manager.

SERMON (3-Year Gospel) **Mark 6:45-56** THEME: "RIDING THE WAVES W/ JESUS"

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Jeff Friend	(Elaine's friend Mary's son)	Suffering with COPD, in hospital
Sue Smith	(Bev F flew to MI likely for last time)	Pancreas & liver. Bev visiting
Mary Lou Knigge	Was in and out of hospital in WI (BP). Back in Lakeland(?)	
Dee Kurczewski	(David) Dee had falls. Rehabbing. David broke heel. Recovery	
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon's heart – hopes to resume work. Andrea vertigo(?)	
Sawyer family	Comfort as Martha passed. Prayers and help in time of need	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both at home rehabbing. We miss them	
Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Treaters		

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	21 / (- -)	20 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	10	7
Sunday Offering & Year-To-Date	\$.	YTD Total \$.
Calendar of Events		
Today, July 29 th	8:30 am	Bible Study OT Themes & Keys: <i>Sabbath</i>
<i>Trinity.9 Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>Being Good Stewards</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... <i>Stay!</i>
Tuesday - Friday	Tue.PM-Fri.AM	Pastor at ELS City Camp in Orlando
Sunday, August 5 th	8:30 am	Bible Study OT Themes & Keys: <i>Tithe\$</i>
<i>Trinity.10 Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>Renewed Obedience</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... <i>Stay!</i>

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July 29th ^ ELS Centennial ✧ Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



In observance of the synod's centennial year, the Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) is holding its annual convention in Parkland, Washington. The site was selected because, in 1918, this location was the home of the first president of our reorganized synod. By God's grace, the ELS has endured these one hundred years ... *"Even When Steeples Are Falling."*

Next Sunday 8/5 **Trinity-10 (p.15 L.S.) Hymns: 18 Ps.145 425 416,1,4 316 47**

TRINITY9(Pe.10B) **Mark 6:45-56 "RIDING THE WAVES W/ JESUS" 07.29.18 OS**

WHAT'S THE PLAN? What on earth is Jesus up to, much less thinking here? Let me sketch out this morning's Gospel from St. Mark. **First**, Jesus makes them, that's right, **He insists that His disciples** get into a boat with the sun setting and darkness settling in. **Second**, He insists that they get into this boat as the sun is setting without Him. You heard it correctly. *"You boys just go ahead, I'll catch up with you later. See you, bye."* And as they're pulling away from shore, He dismisses the crowd whom He has just fed with five loaves and two fish (last Sunday) and **He goes off to some mountain to pray**. So there they all are: the disciples packed into a boat pulling oars, Jesus on dry land all alone. **This is a good plan**(?!).

TOLD-YA-SO The four fisherman would have known better. They knew a thing or two about boats and the Sea of Galilee and the winds that kicked up nightly from the surrounding hills making it nearly impossible to row across at night. Sure enough, evening comes, the winds kick up, and the disciples are huffing and puffing against a headwind that slows their progress to a crawl. Nine o'clock comes, and they're still rowing. Midnight, and they are still rowing. Three in morning, and the little boat is bouncing up and down on the waves with the wind blowing in their faces, and they're getting nowhere.

1-2-3 And then comes **weird thing number three**. Jesus comes to them. Yes, that's right, He walks out to them on the water, seemingly **defying Archimedes principles of buoyancy** not to mention all that is reasonable and sensible. And get this: **He intended to pass by them. He wasn't planning on stopping!** Until he heard twelve grown men screaming like a bunch of kids at camp (this week) who've been telling ghost stories all night and now think they've seen one.

SYNOPSIS So to sum it all up, Jesus sends His twelve out on the sea in a boat on their own, has them row for six or so frustrating hours against an impossible headwind, and then comes walking out to them on the water at three in the morning, **scares the living daylight out of them** and says, *"Hey, show a little courage. It's me! Don't be afraid."* He gets in the boat with them, the wind ceases, and the twelve disciples are left staring at each other in utter disbelief with **hearts not only pounding in their chest but hardened** to any semblance of understanding as to what all this is supposed to mean.

IT'S NOT... What this passage is **not about** is the disciples' great faith. There isn't any. They don't get it. They didn't get the business about the loaves and they don't get this thing with Jesus' walking on the water. **Their hearts are hardened**, and hardened hearts in the Scriptures are unbelieving hearts. There are **no faith heroes in this boat**. Just twelve tired, frightened and presumably damp disciples who have just had the wits scared out of them by Jesus passing them by without benefit of a boat.

POWER TEXTS This text certainly **IS about Jesus' Power** as Lord of creation, as the Word who separates sea and dry land and sets the boundaries for the wind and the waves, as **The One who is I AM in the Flesh** come to crush the Serpent's head and redeem not only humanity but all of the creation from the ravages of Sin that has brought death and fear and destruction into a world that was created "very good." These are certainly "power" texts. Jesus' power over the natural forces, over the wind and the waves. Jesus' power over the Deep and Death. Jesus' power over sickness and the whole demonic realm so that even His clothing exuded healing power and all one had to do was touch the very fringe of His robe and you were healed. Now that's power! Divine power. The power of the creative Word in the Flesh.

SEA DEVIL A little background might help us. The sea is symbolic of **"the Deep," of Death itself**. Many ancient people feared the Deep. Some even idolized it. Even today we have these mythical "demons" of the Deep – the Loch Ness Monster, Jaws, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, for example. To some, they are the devil incarnate, the ancient Serpent, **"Sea Satan,"** looking for someone to devour and drag down into the depths of Death.

WALK ALL OVER... Apply that here. Jesus walking on the water in the darkness is a **picture of what He came to do**. To trample Death and Grave. To walk on the back of the ancient Serpent and crush His head. Put an ordinary man out into those rolling waters and he would sink. But put **the Son of Man** out there and He walks confidently. He doesn't simply float or glide, He walks. He marches. He tramples the waves under His feet. He is the LORD whose has all the power of heaven and earth.

(CROSS) ARC **Now make the jump to the Cross**. The same Jesus Who strolled on the waters of the Deep, who stilled the winds, who cast out demons, whose clothing had the power to heal, this **same Jesus hangs dead and helpless and lifeless on a Cross to do what He came to do**, namely, to conquer the darkness, the demons, Death, Hell, the Devil himself all with His solitary death on a Cross. He gives His disciples a 3 AM glimpse of His divine power, and then He buries it deeply under His dark death in the 3 PM darkness of the Cross.

PARADOXES **This is how salvation is done, in the hidden strength of divine weakness**. (What a Divine Paradox [A]!. Here are some more for you.)The Lord uses **death** to accomplish **life**. He exerts **strength** in **weakness**. He overcomes Death with death. He overcomes Sin by becoming Sin. He overcomes the curse by being cursed. His damnation is your salvation. **His weakness your strength. His Cross - your life**.

BABY STEPS Jesus was **training His soon-to-be Apostles** one step at a time. In feeding the five thousand, He taught them to be His instruments, His servants, His waiters. He would feed His flock. They would distribute His food. Here in the boat on the sea, He taught them that **without Him no amount of** their rowing would matter against the headwinds of culture and religion and opposition and persecution. No matter how strong they thought they were, no matter how wise in the ways of the sea they were, **they could do nothing without Him.**

HOSTILE TERRITORY He would send them as His Apostles. His Church and His ministers. He would send them out onto sea of Death and despair. He would send them out into the darkness, into the strong headwinds of opposition. And He would come to them. Though unseen, He **would be with them until** the close of the age. He would care for His Church, a little ark of salvation afloat on a flood of destruction. He would be with them, even when their number was a few as two or three. He would come to them treading the back of devil and Death. He would bring peace and calm to their storms.

SHIP OF THE CHURCH This is what keeps the Church afloat. **Not** its power, its influence, its intelligence, its relevance or ability to negotiate the shifting winds of public opinion. What keeps the Church afloat is the presence of her Lord in Word and Sacrament. The preaching of Jesus, the Body and the Blood, the water of Baptism. At the end of the Flood, God set a rainbow in the heavens as a sign. **“Never again.”** Never again would water be used as an instrument of destruction. **Now it would be an instrument of life and salvation.** Baptism. Water and Word. Water and Jesus.

STAY IN THE BOAT And so also you. You're in the Boat (Church). **In Baptism** Jesus comes to you by way of water, bringing calm to your chaos, bringing peace. He places you in the “Ark of His Church.” And though He may seem absent, and you may feel alone and struggling, pulling your oars against headwinds that are too strong for you, **He comes to you.** He comes to you in the deepest of darkness. **He comes to you at the last watch of the night, just before the break of day.** He comes to meet you just there, when you are at your weakest, overwhelmed by Sin, overcome by Death. He comes to you to say, *“Take heart. It is I. Do not fear.”*

POOR, HUNGRY? Are you feeling poor? Hungry? Jesus personally walk right to you, doesn't pass you by. He gets you through the earthly trials, which are insignificant in the “Big Picture” of your much more important spiritual welfare. And, Hungry? Jesus feeds His Church with the best and infinite Food and Drink. Jesus is the Server and He is the Feast. Come, taste and see that the LORD is good. **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☩ 9th Sunday after Trinity July 29th 2018
As unworthy recipients of our Lord's unfathomable mercy, grace, forgiveness and love, let us pray for ourselves, for the whole Church, for the world and for all people in need. (Possible) Brief silence

For the whole family of God in Christ Jesus, that all His baptized children be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, and that we may be rooted and grounded in love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry; for the president of our Synod, our circuit visitor and our own pastor(s); and for all teachers and church workers, that in the midst of turbulent times, the presence and words of Christ would fill their hearts with courage and drive away all fear, and that they would be filled with the conviction that God is able to do abundantly more than all we could ever ask or think, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an increase in full-time church workers; for the spread of the Gospel, that many may come to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and so be filled with all the fullness of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of our nation, all public servants and all in the armed forces, that they be given grace to fulfill their varied callings with honor, courage, wisdom and integrity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in need: the sick, the sorrowing, the lonely, the injured and the dying, [esp. those we have been asked to remember at this altar: **OSL Prayers.**]

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that Christ Jesus would ever be their health in sickness, their peace in turmoil, their joy in sorrow and their life in death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have**

For all who draw near to the altar today, not merely to touch the fringe of the Savior's garment, but to partake of His very body and blood, that this Eucharist may be to them for the forgiveness of sins, for strength in resisting temptations, for service in Christ's kingdom and finally as a pledge of the glories of the life that has no end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, let us give God all thanks and praise, asking that we may join them in the new heavens and the new earth, where the sign of God's everlasting covenant of peace and the eternal abatement of His wrath through the sacrifice of His Son fills all hearts with unending joy, 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, Lord's Supper p.24**