

### Old Testament

**Isaiah 29:18-21 NIV** In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. 19 Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. 20 The ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down – 21 those who with a word make a man out to be guilty, who ensnare the defender in court and with false testimony deprive the innocent of justice.

### Epistle

**II Corinthians 3:4-11** Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. 5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6 He has made us competent as ministers of a New Covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 9 If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings Righteousness! 10 For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing Glory. 11 And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the Glory of that which lasts!

### Historic Gospel

**Mark 7:31-37** Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and

into the region of the Decapolis. 32 There some people brought to Him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Him to place His hand on the man. 33 After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears. Then He spit and touched the man's tongue. 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to Him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!") 35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. 36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more He did so, the more they kept talking about it. 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

### 3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

**John 6:51-58** I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever. This Bread is My Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." 52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this Man give us His Flesh to eat?" 53 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life, and I will raise Him up at the last day. 55 For My Flesh is real food and My Blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in Me, and I in him. 57 Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This is the Bread that came down from Heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this Bread will live forever."

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

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## August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 \* Trinity-12 \* Jesus Heals Us

**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	34 (4v)	My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker
Psalm 145	Ps.145 '4v'	I Will Praise Your Name, My King & God ↗
Hymn of the Day	98 (5v)	Of the Father's Love Begotten
Offertory Verse	230 (1v)	Holy Spirit, God of Love, Who Our Night...
Distribution Hymn	314 (5v)	LORD, Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
Closing Hymn	39 (5v)	Praise to the LORD, The Almighty...

**Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
II Kings 4:1-44	II Kings 5:1-27	II Kings 6:1-23	II Ki. 6:24-7:20	II Kings 8:1-15	II Kings 9:1-37
Colos. 2:1-23	Col. 3:18-4:18	I Thess. 1:1-10	I Thess. 2:1-20	I Thess. 3:1-13	I Thess. 4:8-12

**PROPERs for the TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ☪ \* AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**INTROIT** Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD! Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life. Let them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. ...from Psalm 79

**COLLECT** Almighty and everlasting God, only by Your gift it comes that Your faithful people perform true and praiseworthy service: Grant, we beseech You, that we may faithfully serve You in this life and not fail to finally attain Your heavenly promises; 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:** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; the humble will hear and rejoice. Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing out loud to God, our Strength; make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob! Alleluia! ...from Psalm 34

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

O.T. <b>Isaiah 29:18-21</b>	The deaf will hear and blind will see.
Epi. <b>II Corinthians 3:4-11</b>	Ministry of the New Covenant = More glory.
Gos. <b>Mark 7:31-37</b>	Jesus heals a deaf and dumb man.

**Psalm 145 C:** ♪ I Will Praise Your Name; My King- and My God. (Twice)

Verse 1. ♪ I will give you glo-ry my God and King, and I will bless\_ Your Name for-e-ver\_ Ev'ry day I will bless and praise Your name fore-ver.\_

**Refrain C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (← Repeat)

Verse 2. ♪ The Lord is full of grace and mer-cy, He is kind\_ and slow to anger. He is good in all His works and full- of compassion.\_ **Refrain C:** ♪ I will...

Verse 3. ♪ Let all our works give You thanks O LORD, and let- all the faithful bless You. Let them speak of Your might O LORD, the glory of Your Kingdom.

**Refrain C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (← Repeat)

Verse 4. ♪ The LORD is faith-ful in all His Words, and always near,\_ His Name is Holy.\_ He lifts up all those who fall, He raises up the lowly.\_

**(Final) Refrain C:** ♪ I will praise Your Name; My King- and my God. (Twice)

**#230 C:** ♪ 1. Holy Spirit, God of love, Who our night dost bright-en, Shed on us from Heav'n above, Now our faith enlight-en.

In Thy light we gather here; Show us that Christ's promise clear Is Amen forev-er. / Jesus, our ascended Lord, -

Oh, fulfill Thy gracious Word: / Bless us with Thy fav-or! A--men.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** (Member or Relation) Pray for...

**School Students** Students are back in school. Blessed schoolyear & teachers  
**Robert Gourley** (Alex' brother) Robert tumor diagnosed cancer. Chemo, Rad.  
**Dee Kurczewski** (David) Dee - falls. Rehabbing. David flipped van. Working  
**David Thomas** (Helen Pomeranz son-in-law) Comfort. Helen laid to rest Tue.  
**Jon & Andrea Sawyer** Jon's heart, hopes to resume work. Andrea starts work  
**James Vanesky & Delores Platt** Both at home rehabbing. We miss them

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Treaters	Mary Lou Knigge	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
<b>Sunday, Attendance</b> (Communion)	18 / (-)	20 / 17
<b>Bible Class Attendance:</b> Sunday	9	8
<b>Sunday Offering &amp; Year-To-Date</b>	\$.	YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events		
<b>Today, August 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Bible Study NT Themes &amp; Keys: Apostles</b>
<i>Trinity. 12 Healing</i>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship (WITH Communion)</b>
<i>Jesus Heals (Spirit'ly)</i>	<b>10:45 ff...</b>	<b>"FFF" = Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship ...Stay!</b>
<b>Next Sunday, 8/26</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Bible Study Themes, Keys: Body of Christ</b>
<i>Trinity. 13 Charity</i>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship (NO Communion)</b>
<i>The Good Samaritan</i>	<b>10:45 ff...</b>	<b>"FFF" = Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship ...Stay!</b>

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

**August 19<sup>th</sup> ^ ELS 100 Years \* Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018**



A sermon preached at the 1918 reorganizing convention of the ELS reminded the faithful few that their purpose was to extend God's Kingdom and they "should not weary in this work." Since its reorganization in 1918, the ELS has participated in foreign mission work in fifteen nations. Working through the synods of the Synodical Conference, early missionaries served in China, India and Nigeria.

Next Sunday 8/26 Trinity-13 (p.5 No L.S.) 250 Ps.145 442 283 473 35

**TRINITY12(P13B) John 6:51-58 "LS = LORD'S LOVEFEAST 4 US!" 8.19.18 OSL**  
(MORE BREAD?!) How can this man give us his flesh to eat? The folks in Capernaum didn't understand what Jesus was saying. And who really could blame them? *"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."* **Has Jesus taken leave of His senses?** Or is He just speaking "metaphorically," a little over the top shock-talk to get the attention of dull ears just to see if they're (we're) listening?

**FAITH 2 MOUTH** **Jesus takes us from faith to mouth.** Up until now it has been all faith talk. To eat of the Bread of Life is to believe in Jesus. Faith, like eating, draws upon all that Jesus has to give, like a grain of wheat to the eater. His vitalities, His energies, His forgiveness, His obedience and righteousness, all are yours through faith in Him. So far, so good. **Eating as metaphor for faith, bread as figure of speech for Jesus.** That much we can swallow without giving our reason or senses a case of indigestion.

**FAITH PLUS!** But Jesus doesn't stop at faith. Faith tends to be too abstract and squishy. You have met people who believe in their believing. Such great faith they have! Surely God is pleased with them. Perhaps you have said as much yourself. Faith is nothing but given to. As the eye receives light, so faith receives the gifts of Jesus. As the ear receives sound, so faith receives the forgiveness, life, and salvation that come through Jesus' words. Faith is utterly passive, receiving, givable to. As a little child. Trusting. *"Unless you become as little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."* A little child, held in the arms of his mother, is the image of faith before God.

Old Adam would have you look at your faith instead of your Jesus. Admire your believing. How strong you are! How resilient! Pure of doctrine and pure of heart. A Lutheran among Lutherans no less, and how pleased God must be to number you among his sheep! But faith that looks to faith is not saving faith nor is it the faith that commends one to God. And so the metaphor and figure must give way to something more concrete. Something real. Something in your mouth. So Jesus goes from faith to the mouth, moving from believing in Him to eating His flesh and drinking His blood. And that's where the trouble begins.

**IMPOSSIBLE** *How can this man give us His flesh to eat?* It's a reasonable question. Is Jesus advocating some kind of cannibalism here? Eating flesh and drinking blood sound so terribly "unspiritual," not to mention unscientific and even downright barbaric. Seriously! How are we to understand what Jesus is saying here? How are we supposed to feed

on His flesh and drink His blood and so have His life in us? Figuratively? Metaphorically? Symbolically? Spiritually?

**FEED ON HIM** Jesus gives no avenues for avoiding His words. They mean what they say. He even ramps up the verb a bit just so we don't miss eat. **"Feeds (on Me)."** Not eats. **Feeds-on.** Chews. Rends with the teeth. That sort of thing. It's all so terribly earthy, ordinary, so "foodlike."

**BACK 2 INCARNATION** But metaphorical food doesn't satisfy, and symbolic drink will not quench thirsty souls. We are flesh and blood creatures, and we need a flesh and blood Savior. Someone who really is like us **in every way.** Bone of our bones and Flesh of our flesh. In many ways, this sermon of Jesus in **John 6** goes back to Bethlehem and to Jesus' birth of a human mother. The Word became Flesh. The Bread that Jesus gives for the life of the world is His Flesh, the Flesh conceived in the Virgin's womb, the Flesh born in Bethlehem, the Flesh laid in a manger, the flesh that was circumcized on the 8th day, that was obedient to his parents and to the whole law. The flesh that was nailed to the cross and laid in a tomb and raised from the dead and glorified to the right hand of the Father. *"Whoever feeds on this bread, this flesh, whoever drinks of this blood, has life. The (same ETERNAL) life of Christ, the One who is the Light and Life of all."*

**Rx** His Flesh and Blood are the antidote to our Sin, the **"medicine of immortality."** His Flesh given into death for your sins, condemning Sin in His flesh. His blood poured out for you and for all, new covenant blood. "I will forgive their sins and remember their iniquities no longer."

**SPIRIT-BORN** **They grumbled over** Jesus's Words. They were offended. He dared to speak of His Flesh as food and His Blood as drink. They didn't believe Who He said He was, and so they were scandalized by His Words. *"The Words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."* And you are **Spirit-born in your Baptism.** And it is by that Spirit that you hear, believe and receive what Jesus has to give to you. This is **not your own doing.**

**SPIRIT & LIFE** (Again) you are spirit-born in Baptism. The Father has granted you to come to His Son by faith, and that faith knows nothing but what it hears from Jesus, like sheep who hear the voice of their Shepherd and follow no one else. His words are spirit and life, imparting spirit and life to those who hear. To you. Here today. The words of Jesus from mouth to ear do what they say – forgiving your sins, giving you life, granting you salvation, making you new again.

The world does not believe this, but then, how can it? The natural man cannot discern these things, St. Paul said. They are spiritual things

spoken to those who have the Spirit. Bread can be the Body of Christ, that wine can be His Blood, - that's a **small thing for Jesus**. He conquered Death and Sin. He **rose from the dead**. How simple it is for Him to give you His Body and His Blood in a form you can rejoice and delight in.

(NEXT WEEK) People stopped following Jesus that day. They turned away and went back to whatever they were doing. The Sacraments can be that way - a stumbling block to unbelief. People trip over them every time. How can this Man give us His Flesh to eat? How can bread be Body, wine be Blood, water be Baptism? How can a sinner forgive sins? How can a preacher's mouth speak God's Word? Jesus could have kept it simple. Spiritual. Abstract. But He chose in His Wisdom to put His Salvation into our ears and into our mouths. Faith comes by hearing. And yet Jesus not only wants to be heard, **He wants to be our food and our drink**. He wants to be more than information. He wants that kind of intimate Communion with us that says, "**I died to save you.**" (Yes) **You**. If you were the **only person in this world**, I would have come to save you. That death I died for all **on the Cross, I died FOR YOU**. Take and eat. Take and drink. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

L.S. IS FAITH In a way, the **Lord's Supper is an exercise of faith** in Jesus' Words. He completely hides everything and bids us to trust Him, take Him at His Word. "*This is My Body; This is My Blood.*" No explanations or equivocations. Just His Words. Words that are Spirit and Life. Words of eternal life. Words that speak to your spirit born of Spirit in Baptism as a child of God. The Lord's Supper is a place where He teaches us to trust Him when we cannot see for ourselves, so that when we stare into that dark pit of a grave called Death, we cling to nothing but His Words. "*The Words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*"

YOUR WORDS These are the Words you have heard today. Blessed are you. The **Father** has drawn you, the **Spirit** has birthed you, the **Son** has redeemed you. Blessed are you. "*Whoever feeds on My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he will also live because of Me.*" You take His Body and Blood with you wherever you go. To your work, to your home, ... **to your grave. And He will raise you up on the Last Day.**

FINAL WORD/S You can count on Him to do it. He has the Words of Eternal Life and a Resurrection to prove it. **Taste and see that the Lord is good. O, the joys of those who trust in Him.** (Psalm34:8)  
**IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

## **Possible Prayer of the Church** 🕊️ **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity August 19, 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*

Heavenly Father, the words of our Savior are spirit and life. Give us grace to cling to them always, but especially when we find them hard to listen to, that we may discover with Peter and the other apostles that Christ alone has the words of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look in mercy on all the baptized, pour out Your Spirit on them and fill them with the light of Your Word, so that Your people may live as children of the light, taking no part in the unfruitful works of darkness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wise One, You set a banquet before us in Word and meal and summon us to leave our simple ways and live, walking in the way of insight. Remember our Synod president; our circuit visitor; all our pastor(s); and all servants of the Church. Grant that they may always increase in learning and find knowing You to be the path of insight. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up, we beg You, Lord, ever new workers for Your harvest fields, determined like Joshua of old to serve You alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of all, look in compassion on our country's president; on all who serve in the legislature or as judges; and on all who serve in our armed forces. Uphold them in honor and integrity, and make them a blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kind Father, Your Son is the healer of the sick, the Resurrection of the dead and **our bread of life**. Hear our prayers today for those who suffer, those taking treatments or facing surgery, the sick and those who are dying. [*We commend to Your loving hands above all those we have been asked to remember before You: **OSL Prayer List.***] Comfort them and sustain them with Your powerful Word, granting whatever healing You will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bountiful Giver, Your Son assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink, and that those who feed on Him will live forever because of Him. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome Him as He comes to us in this Eucharist, that we may rejoice in His promises and depart in His peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of all life, on the great day of the resurrection Your Son will call all who fell asleep in Him to arise from the dead and shine in His light. Receive our thanks for the faithful who departed this life trusting in His promises. Bring us with them into the light of that day that has no evening. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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