

Old Testament

Leviticus 18:1-5 NIV The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'I AM the LORD your God. 3 You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. 4 You must obey My laws and be careful to follow My decrees. I AM the LORD your God. 5 Keep My decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I AM the LORD.

Epistle

Galatians 3:15-22 Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. 16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. 17 What I mean is this: The Law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. 18 For if the inheritance depends on the Law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a Promise. 19 What, then, was the purpose of the Law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator. 20 A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one. 21 Is the Law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the Law. 22 But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

Historic Gospel

Luke 10:23-37 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." 25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" He replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered: "'Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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

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August 26th, 2018 * Trinity-13 * Christian Charity

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets and in red TLH Hymnal p.5.

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	250 (4v)	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Psalm 91	Ps.91 '3v'	Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble 7
Hymn of the Day	473 (5v)	Sing v1-4 The Church's One Foundation
Offertory Verse	473 (1v)	Sing v5 Mid toil and tribulation and...
Distribution Hymn	422 (4v)	Savior, I Follow On - Guided by Thee
Closing Hymn	376 (4v)	Rock of Ages Cleft for Me

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 13th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
II King10:1-36	II Chro.22:1-12	II Chro.23:1-21	II Chro.24:1-27	II King.14:1-29	II Kings15:1-38
IThes.5:12-28	ITim. 1:1-20	ITim. 2:1-15	ITim. 3:1-16	ITim. 4:1-16	ITim. 5:1-25

PROPERs for THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ☪ * ☩ **AUGUST 26th**

INTROIT Have respect, O LORD, to Your Covenant; Do not let the oppressed return ashamed! Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; do not forget the voice of Your enemies. O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? ...from Psalm 74

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, You have made us heirs of Your eternal and great promises: Increase in us daily the gifts of faith, hope, and love; that we may love all that You command; 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: Alleluia! Alleluia! O LORD, deal with Your servant according to Your mercy and teach me Your statutes. I am Your servant, give me understanding: that I may know Your testimonies. Alleluia! ...also from Psalm 74

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

O.T. Leviticus 18:1-5	God says: "I AM the LORD your God."
Epi. Galatians 3:15-22	The Law does not nullify the (Abramic) Promise.
Gos. Luke 10:23-37	Jesus (tells the Parable and) IS the Good Samaritan.

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text) **John 6:60-69** On hearing it, many of His disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" 61 Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The Words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him. 65 He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has granted him." 66 From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him. 67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter answered Him, "LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. 69 We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God." **THEME: "ROCK-HARD WORDS BY JESUS ...WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.**

SERMON "YOUR WORDS ARE HARD, LORD" I. Too Hard 4 some, but II. Rock-Solid.

Psalm 91 REFRAIN: BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the LORD Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God. Say to the LORD: "My Refuge and Fortress, the God in whom I trust."

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, For His angels stand close by your side. Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

3. Those who cling to the LORD live secure in His love, Lifted high those who trust in His Name. Call on the LORD, He will never forsake you, He will bring you salvation and joy. **C: ♪ BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.**

OFFERING #473 C: ♪ 5. Mid toil and tribulation - And tumult of her war She waits the consummation - Of peace forevermore, Til with the vision glorious - Her longing eyes are blest And the great Church victorious - Shall be the Church at rest.

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

Roger Gourley (Alex' brother) Robert tumor diagnosed cancer. Chemo, Rad.
Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - falls. Rehabbing. David flipped van. Working
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
Greeters	Volunteers	Orpha & John Weber
Treaters	Connie Costenbader	Picnic Potluck

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

Calendar of Events		
Today, August 26th	8:30 am	Bible Study Themes, Keys: Body of Christ
Trinity. 13 Charity	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
The Good Samaritan	10:45 ff...	Fellowship...then Clear Hall for Election
Tuesday, 8/28	7am -7pm	Primary Election: OSL = Voting Place
Next Sunday, 9/2	8:30 am	Bible Study NT Themes, Keys: Kids of God
Trinity. 14 Thanks	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
10 Healed Lepers	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

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

August 26th ^ ELS 100 Years*Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



As the ELS observes the 100th anniversary of reorganization, we also remember this year marks the 50th anniversary of the start of mission work in Peru. In 1968, following years of cooperating jointly through the Synodical Conference, the ELS decided to establish its own foreign mission in Lima, Peru. The first missionary arrived on January 1, 1968. Work also expanded into the Amazon jungle.

Next Sunday 9/2 Trinity-14 (p.15 L.S.) 574 Ps.91 36 441.1,2 30 CW#379

TRINITY13(P14B) John 6:60-71 "ROCK HARD WORDS FROM JESUS" 08.26.18 OSL

WORDS They don't seem like much. Sound waves pushing on air molecules that bounce off each other like billiard balls and eventually find their way into ears and bounce off eardrums to make sounds. The right word at the right time can bring great comfort. The wrong word at the wrong time can deliver distress. With our words we make promises, we marry, we encourage, we hurt, we build up, we tear down, we destroy.

HARD WORDS Words are what our Gospel text is about this morning. Words from the Mouth of Jesus, who is the very Word of God in Human Flesh. Words that are Spirit and Life. Words of eternal life. Hard words.

BREAD OF LIFE REVIEW Jesus had just finished delivering his Words in the synagogue in Capernaum. He said he was **the Bread of Life, living Bread** come down from heaven, sent by the Father for the life of the world. And the people who heard Him began to **murmur and grumble** at these words. Jesus said that the Bread that He would give for the life of the world was His own Flesh. And the people again grumbled at His Words. *"How can this Man give us His Flesh to eat?"* Jesus said His Flesh is Real Food and His Blood is real drink, and whoever eats of Him, believing in Him, **WILL live forever.**

GRIPING Now it was **the disciples' turn to complain.** *"This is a hard word,"* they said, *"who can hear it?"* Not "hard" in the sense of difficult to understand. Jesus' Words were simple enough. **Bread – flesh – blood – eat -- drink.** Simple, **one-syllable words.** Nothing hard about them. Hard in the sense that it is an **unyielding, demanding, scandalous word.** It resists any attempt on our part to make it soft and sweet and spiritual and sentimental. With this hard word Jesus brings us to **the faith point.** Either: Take Him at His Word and live forever, or Reject this "hard Word" and face death.

ONE-WAY ONLY There are **no other options.** This may not be the most "marketable" Jesus, but He's the only Jesus you've got. The only One who hung on the Cross for us as our Flesh and Blood Savior. The only One who is Son of God and Son of man, who came down from heaven to be crucified and who rose from the dead to be glorified.

TOO HARD This hard word is also a **reject-able word.** Jesus forces His word on no one. Many of his disciples withdrew after the Bread of Life sermon and no longer followed him. The miracles were fun and the teaching was great. But this talk of Flesh and Blood, of Sacrifice, was simply too much. Not what they bargained for. We better go messiah-shopping somewhere else.

NO FORCING The Father **forces** His Son on no one. He force-feeds no one with the Bread of Life. **God doesn't save at gunpoint.** In love He sent Jesus Christ to die and to rise for the life of the world. And He invites the entire world and everyone in it to die and rise with Jesus. He offers, delivers,

and applies Jesus' death and Resurrection **absolutely free** through the "hard word" of the Gospel. He even works in us repentance and faith, breaking down our hard-hearted unbelief and giving us the ears to hear this "hard word" and to believe it. But if after all that, you still prefer death to life, hell to Heaven, soft words to the hard truth, God will give you that too. But don't blame Him for it; it wasn't His idea.

OT Take a look at OT Israel. God had chosen them in father Abraham and claimed them as his own people **in Egypt.** He brought them **out of slavery.** He protected and **fed them in the wilderness.** He drove out before them all the **nations that occupied** their land. He gave them **a land of their own.** He was their God. They were His people. **He chose them; they didn't choose Him.** And as the people stood at the threshold of the Promised land, Joshua exhorted the people of Israel to serve the Lord who had chosen them. But if serving the Lord who chose and saved them was not their cup of religious tea, then they were free to choose from the menu of false gods, whether the gods of Egypt they left or the local gods of the Amorites. Notice their choice. It's not choose Jehovah **OR** some other god. God isn't **one choice among many,** like 57 flavors of ice cream. If you reject the only True God, then your choice is among the idols.

NOW, US Now, let's look at **ourselves.** If it's not the One True God Who chose you, **then** (you) **choose "your idol."** If not Jesus the Christ Who died for your salvation, then you may choose the **god** of your damnation. (...those are hard words, indeed)

GIFT/S *"No one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."* Given. Granted. Being a baptized believer is **not** the outcome of enabled **choices.** You don't decide to follow Jesus, you are **given to follow** Jesus. You were given to come to Him when He came to you in your Baptism and when He comes to you in His Word of Absolution and in the Holy Sacrament. It's all a gift, and you are at the glorious gift-receiving end of all that God has to give.

DEAD/ALIVE *"The Spirit gives life, the flesh is of no avail."* **Our flesh can't save us.** Jesus' flesh can, but not ours. Ours is **dead.** St. Paul says that nothing good dwells in his flesh. It's set against the Spirit of God. It does the things that damn us: **sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissension, orgies, etc.** That's a hard word to hear. We think we can shape this old flesh up, and do a little "spiritual nip and tuck" and present it to God, and He's supposed to be thrilled at the makeover. **Wrong.**

BREATH OF LIFE *"The Spirit gives life."* He's the Lord and Giver of life. He's the Breath of life that breathed life into Adam's clay and our own. And here Jesus says, "My words, the words I have spoken to you, these hard words you find unbearable to your ears, are Spirit and they are life." o you want the Holy Spirit? Then hear Jesus' words - they are Spirit. Do you want to live? **Then hear Jesus' words - they are life.**

CREATING, HEALING With His Words He **created** everything, **sustains** everything, **upholds** everything. With His Words, He heals the sick, raises the dead, causes the deaf to hear, the mute to speak, the blind to see. Jesus speaks a Word, and a sick child is instantly healed 27 miles away. Jesus tells a paralyzed man, “*Get up and go home,*” and he does.

FORGIVING WORDS He says to you, “*You sins are forgiven,*” and **they are**. He **Baptizes** you with water and His Words and **you are reborn**. He feeds you His Body and His Blood with the words, “given and shed for you, for your forgiveness.” Hard words? **You bet they’re hard**. They resist any of our puny attempts to analyze or rationalize. They are **to be heard and trusted** from the lips of the One who Died and Rose for you.

YOU LEAVE TOO? Capernaum was **a turning point**. Many disciples packed their bags and left. They no longer followed Jesus. His words were too hard for them to hear, too much for their ears to bear. And does Jesus go chasing after them saying, “*Please come back, you misunderstood me. Let me say it another way?*”? **No**. He turns to His Twelve, and He asks them, “**You too? Are you going to leave too?**”

(NO) NIGHTMARE It’s every preacher’s nightmare, you know, short of the nightmare of waking up on Sunday morning thinking it’s Saturday (or –in my case- just **not waking up** on Sunday ☺). The nightmare of the **sermon that chases them away**, the sermon they can’t bear to hear. The sermon that brings phone calls and letters on Monday morning (and following). We pull our punches for fear of that, soften those hard words of Law and Gospel. **Sweeten** them. **Tame** them. “**Domesticate**” them. We do our hearers **a great disservice** when we do that. We don’t need religious mush in our ears, we need **hard** Words that are Spirit and Life.

WHERE ELSE TO GO? Simon Peter makes the great confession. “*Lord, where else and to whom (else) are we going to go? You and You alone have the Words of Eternal Life.*” We know that sometimes we don’t like what we hear, that it seems as anything but “good news” to our ears. Sometimes it’s almost ironic to say, “This is the Gospel of the Lord” when it hardly sounded like “good news.”

FAITH WORDS But **that’s faith talking**. Faith delights to hear even the “**hard words.**” **Especially** the hard words. Those are solid and sure Words, as sure as Jesus is Crucified and Risen from the dead. You can take those Words (to the bank, and) **to the grave with you**, and with those Words, **Jesus will raise you up** on the Last Day. You can take those Words **of forgiveness**, and use them against your sin. You can take those Words of promise in **Baptism** and in the **Lord’s Supper** and trust them for all they’re worth. They are Spirit and life from the Mouth of Jesus into your ears.

Hard words? Yes,(But) **Rock solid Words** - from Jesus **to you**, to **SAVE YOU**.
IJ’N, Amen. SDG

Possible Prayer of the Church ☩ 13th Sunday after Trinity August 26th 2018

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. In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that all the baptized would be delivered from all hypocrisy and given grace to honor God not only with their lips, but in their heart, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Synod President, our Circuit Visitor **Rev. Michael Dale**, our own pastor and all servants of the Church, that we may teach the Word of God honestly and clearly, never setting forth as divine truth what is in fact only human tradition, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Heavenly Father, You have given us the gift of the holy ministry for the preaching and teaching of Your holy Word, so that souls made be fed and nourished here in time and for eternity. As our ELS schools of higher learning, **Bethany Lutheran College & Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary**, begin their classes this week, we ask and blessing on these institutions. Have Your Law and Gospel touch the lives of those who grace our classrooms, even as we pray for your guidance to rest on all entrusted with the teaching and counseling in Your Kingdom. We especially implore You to be with our newly installed religion instructors, **Prof. Tom Rank** of the college and **Prof. Nick Proksch** of our seminary. Dear Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon them, empower them to love their students deeply and enable them to display a pastor’s heart in all they say and do, leading all to know the wonders set forth in Your Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For each person entrusted with public responsibility or civic duty in our land and in all nations, that they be given wisdom to know what is right and true and courage to govern according to such wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord...**

For every Christian marriage, that husbands and wives may, by the power of the Holy Spirit, relate to one another in such a way that they form a living picture of the communion of Christ and His Bride, the Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those taking treatments, for the ill or injured, for the lonely and the prisoners, *[and for all who have desired our prayers, including **OSL Prayer List**]*

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Robert Gourley	(Alex’ brother)	Robert tumor diagnosed cancer. Chemo, Rad.
Dee Kurczewski	(David)	Dee - falls. Rehabbing. David flipped van. Working
Jon & Andrea Sawyer		Jon’s heart, hopes to resume work. Andrea starts work
James Vanesky & Delores Platt		Both at home rehabbing. We miss them

that in meekness each hurting heart would obtain fresh joy in the Lord and exult in the Holy One of Israel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, let us offer our thanks and praise to Him who is the resurrection and the life, asking Him to give us our share with the saints in light, 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.**