

### Old Testament

**Jeremiah 17:13-14 NIV** O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You will be put to shame. Those who turn away from You will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the Spring of living water. 14 Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the One I praise.

### Epistle

**Galatians 5:16-24** So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under Law. 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no Law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

### Historic Gospel

**Luke 17:11-19** Now on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy

met Him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 14 When He saw them, He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him - and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then He said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

### 3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

**Mark 7:14-23** Again Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, "Listen to Me, everyone, and understand this. 15 Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'" 16 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" 17 After He had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples asked Him about this Parable. 18 "Are you so dull?" He asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? 19 For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.") 20 He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' 21 For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

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

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## September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 \* Trinity-14 \* Thankfulness

**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      | 574 (4v)   | Come, Ye Thankful People, Come                    |
| Psalm 91          | Ps.91 '3v' | Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble ↗            |
| Hymn of the Day   | 444 (4v)   | <b>Sing v.1-3</b> Rise! To Arms! With Prayer...   |
| Offertory Verse   | 444 (v4)   | <b>Sing v.4</b> Jesus, all Thy children cherish → |
| Distribution Hymn | 30 (5v)    | Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices                  |
| Closing Hymn      | 36 (3v)    | Now Thank We All Our God                          |

### Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

| Monday         | Tuesday        | Wednesday       | Thursday        | Friday          | Saturday        |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Isaiah 6:1-13  | Amos 7:7-17    | II Kings16:1-20 | II Kings17:1-23 | II Kings18:1-37 | II Kings19:1-37 |
| ITimothy6:1-21 | II Tim. 1:1-18 | II Tim. 2:1-26  | Titus 1:1-16    | Titus 2:1-10    | Titus 2:15-3:3  |

### PROPERs for the FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY ☞ SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

**INTROIT** O God, behold our Shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed! A day in Your courts is better than a thousand. How lovely are Your tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints, for the courts of the LORD. ...from Psalm 84

**COLLECT** Keep Your Church, we beseech You, O LORD, with Your perpetual mercy; and because our weak flesh without You can only fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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:** It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. To show forth Your loving-kindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise waits for You, O God, in Zion; and the vow will be performed to You. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 95

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

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|-------------------------------|---|
| O.T. <b>Jeremiah 17:13-14</b> | All who forsake the LORD are put to shame.      |
| Epi. <b>Galatians 5:16-24</b> | Live according to your new nature.              |
| Gos. <b>Luke 17:11-19</b>     | Jesus heals ten men of leprosy. One thanks Him. |

### 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 #444 C:** ♪ 4. Jesus, all Thy children cherish - And keep them that they never perish - Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy Blood. Let new life to us be given - That we may look to Thee in Heaven -- Whenever fearful is our mood.

Thy Spirit on us pour - That we may love Thee more --  
Hearts o'erflowing; - And then will we - Be true to Thee  
In death and life eternally.

### 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         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b> | <b>Orpha &amp; John Weber</b>   | <b>Joan Patrick</b> |
| <b>Treaters</b> | <b>Labor Day Picnic Potluck</b> |                     |

| Statistics                                | Last week       | Year To Date / Avg.  |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sunday, Attendance (Communion)</b>     | <b>21 / (-)</b> | <b>20 / 17</b>       |
| <b>Bible Class Attendance: Sunday</b>     | <b>9</b>        | <b>8</b>             |
| <b>Sunday Offering &amp; Year-To-Date</b> | <b>\$.</b>      | <b>YTD Total \$.</b> |

| Calendar of Events                 |                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| <b>Today, Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>8:30 am</b>     | <b>Bible Study NT Themes, Keys: Kids of God</b>      |
| <b>Trinity-14 Thanks</b>           | <b>9:30 am</b>     | <b>Divine Worship (WITH Communion)</b>               |
| <b>10 Healed Lepers</b>            | <b>10:45 ff...</b> | <b>"FFF" - Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship ...Picnic!</b> |
| <b>Next Sunday, 9/9</b>            | <b>8:30 am</b>     | <b>Bible Study NT Themes, Keys: Gospel</b>           |
| <b>Trinity-15 Sunday</b>           | <b>9:30 am</b>     | <b>Divine Worship (NO Communion)</b>                 |
| <b>(Contentment) Lilies</b>        | <b>10:45 ff...</b> | <b>"FFF" = Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship ...Stay!</b>   |

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### September 2<sup>nd</sup> ^ ELS 100 Years\*Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



Since its reorganization in 1918, the ELS has participated in foreign mission work in fifteen nations. Today, in addition to the ongoing work in Peru, the ELS conducts mission work in Chile, India and South Korea. In 2008, through the acquisition of Thoughts of Faith, Inc., a church-related organization founded in 1979, the synod helps promote gospel outreach in Latvia and in the Czech Republic (Czechia), and also supports the Gift of Life and Medical Clinic on Wheels projects in Ukraine.

Next Sunday 9/9 Trinity-15 (p.5 No L.S.) 436 Ps.91 403 400.1,4 366 346

**TRINITY-14B(P15B) Mark 7:14-23 "CLEAN INSIDE VS. OUTSIDE" 09.02.18 OSL**

**OPPOSITE** It seems counterintuitive at first. Opposite the way we would think about it. We think that what defiles us, what soils us, what makes us "unclean," comes from outside ourselves. After all, when it comes to dust, dirt, and grime, we don't get dirty from the inside out, but from the outside in. The dust and grime in the air corrode our lungs. The pollution from the world fouls our insides. We take baths and showers to wash off the filth that clings to us from the outside. A man becomes a drunkard by taking in drink. A person becomes a drug addict by taking in drugs. A kid becomes a gang member by hanging out with the wrong crowd. From our vantage point, it seems we are soiled from the outside in.

**HMMMM** That's why Jesus' saying this morning causes us to stop and go "*Hmmm.*" It's **opposite of what we expect**. We expect spiritual things to work just like everything else. In other words, we expect spiritual purity to come with our efforts to "keep ourselves clean and pure." Read the right books, watch the right movies, associate with the right people, stay away from the "worldly things." That was the whole basis of monasticism — withdraw from the world, set yourself apart from the "unclean things." isolate yourself from the unclean world and you can be pure, untainted by the unspiritual, unclean world.

**DIRTY FOODS** That was also the wrong impression that religious Israel got when applying the purity laws of Leviticus. It's an easy mistake to make. All those "clean" and "unclean" regulations touching almost every aspect of life – what you ate, what you touched. There were certain animals considered "**unclean**" for food, things like **pork and shrimp and lobster**. If you so much as touched them, you would be **ritually unclean**. And all sorts of other ways too. And so it was an easy logical leap to think that it was what went into you that made you unclean. *Eat unclean food, become unclean. Touch unclean things, become unclean.*

**CONFUSION** The mistake is to **confuse ritual purity with spiritual purity**. Ritual purity was set Israel apart from the other nations. They had a unique diet, unique regulations and rules governing every aspect of their lives, reminding of who they were – a peculiar, chosen people set apart for a purpose, that is, to bring forth in the fullness of time the Messiah-Savior. But none of these rules and regulations could purify the heart or the person spiritually speaking. In fact, all the OT rules served to show how **difficult (or impossible) purity is**. If you could barely keep ritually pure, how on earth could you be spiritually pure?

**UPSIDE(DOWN) "RIGHT"** Jesus turns it all **upside down and inside out** with this sentence: "*There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.*" That's right. You heard it. You become spiritually unclean from the inside out, NOT the outside in. It's what comes out of you that defiles you, not what goes into you.

**RADICAL** I hope you have an appreciation for how radical this concept is. **The disciples didn't get it**. When they were apart from the crowds in the house, they asked Jesus about it, and Jesus seems to be a bit impatient with them. "*Don't you get it? Are you also without understanding?*" Foods don't make you unclean. It goes in, it's digested, it goes out, never touching the heart, except perhaps for a mild case of heartburn. (With that, Jesus declares all foods to be clean.) In effect, Jesus lifts the distinction of clean and unclean from the book of **Leviticus**. He can do that. He's The LORD. And with Jesus having come, the OT laws with all their distinction of clean and unclean come to their fulfillment and end.

**UN//CLEAN** Jesus makes the unclean clean. He cleanses the **leper with a touch**, (today's **Historic Gospel**) a touch that would have rendered you "unclean" according to the OT law. But with Jesus, the unclean become clean, holy, and pure.

**US TOO** Now with those Words, Jesus also **indicts our hearts and points the finger of the Law** toward us as the culprits. It's NOT the world that soils us, unclean as the world may be. The finger that points at the world and blames it for everything unclean is pointing in **180 degrees the wrong direction**. It is out of the **heart, your heart and my heart**, that sin proceeds. Just listen to our (Historic) **Epistle Lesson** this morning. All of this stuff comes out of the heart unbuckled from God, the heart steeped in Sin, the heart turned inward on itself.

**GOOD (NEEDED) NEWS** And actually, **that's good to know**. We **need to know** this. We're prone to looking outside and blaming others for our condition. Like Adam and Eve in the Garden. "*The woman you gave me...*" "*The serpent lied to us, it's his fault...*" And secretly in the recesses of our hearts, "*It's Your fault, LORD ...*" But the finger of blame and responsibility needs to be **turned toward ourselves and our rebel wills that want it our way** instead of God's way. Out of these hearts of ours, come all of the things we hate in the world – all the murders, adulteries, deceits, you name it, they all begin in the heart.

**END OF HEART \_ \_ \_** This then is not only the end of the OT's kosher laws, it is also the end of all "heart religion," the business of giving one's heart to God. It's the end of "following one's heart," "praying from the heart," anything "from the heart." We need new hearts. A heart transplant, if you will. The prophet **Ezekiel** says, "**I will give you a new heart, and a new Spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**" (Ezekiel 36:26).

**REPLACE, NOT REHAB** It's not as though we can rehab these old hardened sinful hearts of ours. We can't. They are hopelessly mired in sin and are the source of all the stuff that comes out of us – the corrupt thought, the loveless word, the ruthless deed. This is the whole nature of "original sin." We're conceived and born this way, with unclean hearts that give rise to

unclean thought, unclean words, unclean deed. This is a fundamental thing and something we need to keep straight. We are NOT sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners. It comes from our hearts. **Even a tiny, innocent, newborn baby**, has this heart capable of all the evil things Jesus lists and then some. It's only a matter of time before that little heart begins to spill out its sin from within – from a defiant resistance of a parent's will to the wilful assertion of its own will to do as he pleases. And so it goes with each of us too. Out of our hearts flow our own idolatries, adulteries, murders, lies, deceits ... **It begins in our heart.**

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI The answer lies not in our hearts, but in the Heart of God, in the **undeserved kindness and mercy of God in Jesus**. Only God can touch our heart, only God can shape the will of rebel man, only God can take the unwilling and make us willing. A total **heart transplant**. New hearts. Hearts of flesh instead of stone. Hearts that beat to the rhythms of God's Word and Spirit. Hearts that are alive and burning with faith toward God and love toward neighbor. **That's what God wants for each of you; and that's what God has given to each of you.**

TRUST ME And The LORD says to you, *"Trust Me. I am your God, you are My people. I have rescued you from your sins in the death of My Son Jesus. I have washed you clean, Baptized you with My Word, claimed you as My own. Trust Me, that I know what is best for you. Don't give Me your heart; (no,) instead I will give you My Heart, the Heart of My Son Jesus, Whose heart always beats to My Will."*

GUZINTA It's not what goes into us that makes us UNclean. But it IS **What goes into us that makes us clean**. Spiritual purity comes not from within, but from without, **outside** ourselves. **Baptismal water** poured on us; **forgiving Words** spoken into us; **Christ's Body and Blood** fed to us. Those are what make (us,) the unclean clean. God alone can do it. God alone has done it. And He **does it for you, here today**.

HOLY DIET Food set the Israelites apart in the OT. Food does **even more in the New**. There is a Food that goes into you and sustains the believing heart. There is a Food that makes you holy. There is a Food in which it is true, you are what you eat. It's the Food that Christ gives you. The Bread that is His Body. The Cup that is His Blood. That diet actually makes you holy, the way Leviticus with its clean and unclean foods never could.

DINNER'S READY The Feast is ready, prepared at Calvary. The Table is set and ready, prepared by the Word. The Table is here and now for you to eat and drink and live. Here is a Food that makes you holy. Holy communion. Holy church. Holy people. **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

*And now, the Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Amen.*

## **Possible Prayer of the Church ☩ 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. – (Possible) *Brief silence*

Lord God, You know the great evils that lurk in our hearts by nature, defiling us from within. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on all Your baptized people, that He may constantly cleanse our hearts by faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, kind Father, in Your infinite mercy all whom You have called to preach Your Word. Keep them from adding to it or taking away from it, but give them grace to proclaim among us Your whole counsel in Christ Jesus. Ever raise up new workers for Your harvest fields, and prosper the preaching and teaching of Your Law and promises throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look in compassion on all who bear public office in our land. Give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Destroy and hinder in our common life all that is not pleasing to You, and prosper with Your blessing all that accords with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this Labor Day weekend, we praise You especially for Your gift of work in our many callings. Free us from thinking of that gift as drudgery. Help us to welcome labor with joy as an opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors. Remember especially all who desire work but can find no gainful employment, as well as those no longer able to work as they would like. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wise and holy One, You instruct Your people not to forget Your great works and diligently to make them known to their children. Prosper the instruction of young people in the faith throughout Your Church, that they may grow to lead lives of faith and courage and remain faithful to Christ all their days. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into Your hands today Your servants who are passing through difficult times [*especially all we have been asked to remember at this altar: OSL Prayer List*]. Make them strong in You and in the strength of Your might. Arm them with the full armor of God, that they may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having done all, to stand firm, waiting with confidence for Your deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, we know that since nothing outside us going in can defile us, even more we know that there is something coming from outside and going in that makes us clean: the very body and blood of Your beloved Son. Give us faith to welcome Him with joy as He comes to us in this Eucharist, forgiving, cleansing and restoring us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lastly, Lord God, we offer You our thanks and praise for Your servants who finished their course in faith and now rest from their **labors**. Bring us with them to the unutterable joys of Your new Heavens and new earth at the day of our Savior's glorious appearing. 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. Then, Lord's Supper p.24**