

Historic Scripture Lessons ☞ for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 32:39-40(41-43)

NIV "See now that I Myself am He! There is no god besides Me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of My hand. 40 I lift My hand to Heaven and declare: As surely as I live forever, (41 when I sharpen My flashing sword and My hand grasps it in judgment, I will take vengeance on My adversaries and repay those who hate Me. 42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, while My sword devours flesh: the blood of the slain and the captives, the heads of the enemy leaders." 43 Rejoice, O nations, with His people, for He will avenge the blood of His servants; He will take vengeance on His enemies and make Atonement for His land and people.)

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13-21 I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. 14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its Name. 16 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, 21 to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Historic Gospel

Luke 7:11-17 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and

His disciples and a large crowd went along with Him. 12 As He approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out - the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. 13 When the LORD saw her, His heart went out to her and He said, "Don't cry." 14 Then He went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" 15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. 16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great Prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help His people." 17 This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

3-Yr Gospel (Sermon Text)

Mark 8:27-35 Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" 28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 "But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." 30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about Him. 31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." 34 Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel will save it.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS
Sixteenth Sunday in Trinity ☞ *Dying & Rising, and*
Not Ashamed of Jesus ☞ September 16th, 2018



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

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September 16th, 2018 ✘ Trinity-16 ✘ Dying & Rising

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	215 (5v)	Draw Us to Thee, For then Shall We
<i>Psalm 91</i>	<i>Ps.91 '3v'</i>	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	346 (6v)	Jesus! & Shall It Ever Be A Mortal Man...
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	<i>644 (1v)</i>	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
Distribution Hymn	315 (15)	I Come O Savior to Thy Table
Closing Hymn	613 (4v)	Jerusalem, the Golden With Milk&Honey

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah37:1-21	Jer. 38:1-28	Jer. 32:1-44	Jer. 39:1-18	Jer. 29:1-23	Daniel 1:1-21
Hebrew7:1-28	Hebrew8:1-13	Hebrews9:1-10	Hebrew9:16-28	Hebrew10:1-34	Hebrews11:1-7

PROPERs for The SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY ✘ SEPTEMBER 16th

INTROIT Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I cry to You all day long. For You, LORD, are good and ready to forgive. You are abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy. ...from Psalm 146

COLLECT Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may be continually given to all good works; 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 The heathen shall fear the Name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. Alleluia! Alleluia! You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their Help and their Shield. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 115:11

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

O.T. **Deuteronomy 32:39-40** The LORD says, "There is no other god but I(AM)"
 Epi. **Ephesians 3:13-21** "May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith."
 Gos. **Luke 7:11-17** Jesus raises & gives back the (Nain) widow's son.

SERMON Text: Mark 8:25-37 **THEME: "ASHAMED OF JESUS(?) - NEVER BE!"**

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 #644 C: ♪ 1. Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly Host: PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. A--MEN.

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

Jim&Elma Hendricks (moved to SC)Jim's kidneys (almost at end). Elma stress
Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - falls. Rehabbing. David back working
Carolyn Miner (Don) Carolyn had a brain bleed stroke. In hospital recovering
Jon & Andrea Sawyer Jon's heart, hopes to resume work. Andrea starts work
Ethel Wendt (Steve) PTL. Ethel had (major) surgery Wed. Recovering well
Barb Wolkens Barb seriously stiff neck. Doctors don't know cause yet
James Vanesky & Delores Platt Both at home rehabbing. We miss them

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Bev & Don Wienke	Elaine Jones
Treaters	Pat & Dave Wiesnauer	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	19 / (-)	20 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	10	9
Sunday Offering & Year-To-Date	\$.,	YTD Total \$.,

Calendar of Events		
Today, Sept, 16 th	8:30 am	Bible Study NT Themes: <i>Kingdom of God</i>
<i>Trinity-16 Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>(Dying & Rising)</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Monday, 9/17	9:30-2 pm	Pastor Winkel at RWH - Winter Haven
Next Sunday, 9/23	8:30 am	Bible Study NT Themes/Keys: <i>Persecution</i>
<i>Trinity-17 Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
<i>Freedom & Humility</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

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

September 16 [▲] ELS 100 Years ✘ Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



During this centennial year, the ELS holds dear the fellowship which we have with the member church bodies throughout the world in the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC). The thirty-two church bodies consist of about 500,000 souls. The Rev. Gaylin Schmeling, of the ELS, currently serves as the president of the CELC being elected at its latest triennial convention at Grimma, Germany in the summer of 2017. The next international convention will be hosted in 2020 in South Korea.

Next Sunday 9/23 *Trinity-17* (p.5 No L.S.) ♪ Hymns: 1 Ps.91 370 441.1,2 376 473

TRINITY-16(P17B) Mark 8:27-38 "ASHAMED OF JESUS(?) ΜΕΓΕΝΕΤΟ!" 09.16.18

Mark 8:35-38 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of Me and My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels."

INTRODUCTION You might remember comedian **Yakov Smirnoff**. When he first came to the United States from Russia he was not prepared for the incredible variety of instant products available in American grocery stores. He says, *"On my first shopping trip, I saw powdered milk--you just add water, and you get milk. Then I saw powdered orange juice--you just add water, and you get orange juice. And then I saw baby powder, and I thought to myself, What a country!"*

Smirnoff is joking but we make these assumptions about **Christian Transformation** that people change instantly at salvation. Some traditions call it repentance and renewal. Some call it Sanctification of the believer. Whatever you call it most traditions expect some quick fix to sin. According to this belief, when someone gives his or her life to Christ, there is an **immediate, substantive, in-depth, miraculous change in habits, attitudes, and character**. We go to church as if we are going to the grocery store: "Powdered Christian." Just add water and disciples are born not made.

2 QUESTIONS: Unfortunately, there is **no such powder and disciples** of Jesus Christ are not instantly born. They are slowly raised through many trials, suffering, and temptations ... And so it's fitting that Jesus should spring **two big questions** on His disciples. The first question is the question of **popular opinion** – *Who do men say that I am?* What's the buzz on the street? *What are people saying about me?* Jesus asks them this not because He wants to know, but because He wants them to see and say the difference between the world's perspective on Jesus and the disciples' perspective. It's the difference between faith and unbelief, between confessing Jesus and denying Him. It is ultimately the difference between life and death.

THEME: JESUS ASKS -2- QUESTIONS: (1&2) "WHO DO THEY SAY & YOU SAY I AM?"

Q1. Who do [OTHER people] say that I am? They answer Him, *"Some say you are John the Baptist come back to life again."* The people loved John and respected him. Some thought he was the messiah and were ready to follow him. But he wound up in Herod's prison and had his head cut off for the crime of criticizing King Herod's shack-up arrangement with his sister-in-law. Others said that Jesus was **Elijah** come back again. The prophet Malachi said that Elijah would come before the great and terrible day of the Lord, and so many people figured that's who Jesus was. Still others thought that Jesus was **a prophet** in line with the great prophets of old.

& TODAY? What does the **world say of Jesus TODAY?** Who do people say that He is? Opinions vary. Some say that Jesus was a great teacher, a great philosopher, an example of true godliness and humility. Even **Islam** calls Jesus a great prophet, second only to Mohammed. Some Jews even say that Jesus was

a true, obedient Jew who did the works of God. Others today think that Jesus is more or less a figment of our religious imagination, that perhaps there was a "Jesus of history" who walked around two thousand years ago but the "Christ of faith" that is promoted in the Gospels and the church bears little resemblance to that Jesus of history. There are some who consider Jesus to be nothing more than a **myth or legend, a kind of pious religious fairy tale figure**.

MADE-UP? You can understand that. Jesus does stand out as a unique figure in human history. No one else quite like Him. Born of a virgin. Power to cast out demons, heal diseases, multiply bread and fish, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, calm storms. He teaches like no other rabbi ever taught. He shines on the Mountain as nothing else in this world shines with blinding glory. Can you blame people if they are a bit sceptical about all this? If they have a hard time believing it? They think what we are reading in Mark's Gospel is **something made up?**

CLOSE, BUT NO No matter what men say about Jesus, **it always falls short**. He may be a great teacher, philosopher, moral example, religious leader, prophet, and whatever other title you try, but until you get to Savior and Redeemer and Lord, you really haven't scratched the surface of Jesus' question. And no matter what nice things people try to say about Jesus, it all falls flat as an overcooked soufflé **if you don't acknowledge His death and Resurrection** from the dead. It's Jesus' death and Resurrection that stand out most of all, and if that didn't happen, **if Jesus did NOT rise from the dead, then He is either a world-class liar or a stark raving lunatic**.

Q2. Then comes the **second question** to the disciples from Jesus: **"Who do YOU say that I am?"** And Peter delivers the (good) answer: **You are the Christ**. And again (last week), Jesus ordered them **not** to tell anyone, lest everyone get the wrong idea, because when you said "Christ" it meant revolutionary, and at this time that was the last thing Jesus needed, a mob looking for a revolution.

SUFFER & DIE Jesus' "Holy War" was a different sort of holy war. He began to teach them something that previously He had only hinted at – that **He must suffer many things**, that He must **be rejected** by the religious authorities, that He **would be killed** and after three days Rise again. (Remember now, that if Jesus is a great prophet and teacher and these things didn't happen, then He is anything but a great prophet and teacher.)

MEGENETO! Now this doesn't fit Peter's profile of what the Christ should be. I suspect that Peter, like so many of his day, is operating with that revolutionary model, and so this talk of dying and rising doesn't fit the mold. Peter takes Jesus aside and begins to rebuke Him. *"Are you kidding? What are you saying here? We didn't leave the fishing business to watch you die!"* This is not what we signed up for, Jesus. That's the last thing that should happen to You! **May it never be!** (In Greek) **ΜΕΓΕΝΕΤΟ!** *"Why, we'll draw swords to defend you, and whack the ears off of anyone who so much as tries to lay a hand on you. Don't you worry, Jesus. We've got you covered!"*

QUICK FLIP Jesus sees His disciples out of the corner of His eye. And He knows they're thinking the very same thing. And He **rebukes** Peter, the same Peter who had made that glorious confession moments before. **"Get behind Me, Satan!" Satan?!** That's right. **The Devil**. Peter the great confessor

had in a brief moment of unbelief become the spokesman for Satan. See how easy it is! And don't think for a moment that you aren't prone to the very same thing. As the Apostle **Paul** said in **Romans**, "*When I do good, evil lies close at hand.*" Peter **the confessor** and Peter **the denier** go hand in hand, just as we are both sinner and saint in one and the same person. Peter can make the great confession in one breath and the great denial in the next. And isn't that how it goes with you, me, with all of us? We are capable of great faith **and** great **unbelief**, of great confession and of great denial, of speaking on the side of God and then speaking against God, sometimes even in the same sentence.

VV.35-38 Jesus calls the crowds to draw in closer. What He has to say is not only to His inner group of disciples but to all. "*If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.*" This is much more than a just little denial of a small guilty pleasure. This is denial **of self**, denial of everything that we are and have, denial of our whole life as we hold it. If you try to save your life and hang on to it, you will lose it. And if you lose your life for Jesus' sake and for the Gospel's sake, you will save it.

TO DIE(?) This doesn't necessarily mean martyrdom, (but it might.) Don't kid yourself. The winds of persecution are variable and unpredictable. Don't think they can't blow across this country. But more than that what this means is that the only way to live is to die in Jesus. The only way to live is to take up your cross, that is, your death, and follow Jesus to His Cross and His death. Your cross won't save you; His Cross will. Your death won't save you; His death will.

HE DIES 4 U *What does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?* And what can man give in return for his life? We struggle, we strain, we toil to make a profit, to acquire wealth, to gain whatever it is we seek to gain. We look to leave a legacy, make a mark, leave a significant footprint somewhere. But what is it all worth if you lose the one thing that makes it all possible – your life? And Jesus isn't talking here about dying. Dying is a given. Dying is inevitable.

He's going to His death too. He's going to lay down His Life to literally gain the whole world. He's going to give His life in return for your life.

"E"–LIFE Jesus is talking about **Eternal Life**, our connection with God. He's talking about our eternal destiny, to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. And so think in terms of "**temporal**" and "**eternal**." Nothing in this temporal / earthly life lasts forever. It either corrodes, decays, dies. But life with God and life from God is eternal, it never ends, it never dies. You go on, and what use is there for all the gain in this temporal life if in the process you forfeit eternal life?

CONCL. Jesus speaks of being ashamed of Him. "*Whoever is ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.*" Jesus wasn't simply speaking of His own generation when He called it "adulterous" and "sinful." Ours is no better and probably worse. The adulteries and sins of our generation - you know them well enough, and we all participate in them more than enough. These are some pretty tough Words for Jesus to end on and for **us to end on** this morning. A harsh warning for us and our generation.

(CLOSING PRAYER) *Lord, help us and keep us in this adulterous generation as we battle until the end. Keep us ever faithful so we are never ashamed of You so that You are not ashamed of us when You do come again in Your glory. IJ'N,*

Possible Prayer of the Church ☞ 16th Sunday after Trinity September 16th

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, heavenly Father, You have given Your beloved Son the tongue of those who are taught, that He may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Prosper in every place the preaching of His Word. By Your Spirit, enable Your pastors to proclaim it with clarity and joy, and by the same Spirit open the ears of Your children to believe it with gladness and be transformed by it. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, raise up new servants of Your Church who will dedicate their lives to the spread of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember in kindness this **(OSL)** congregation. Set our tongues free to bless You as our Lord and Father, and by Your Spirit free us from all cursing and complaining. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, in Your glory You teach us in Your Word to pray for all who are in authority, that we may lead lives of peace and godliness. Into Your hands, we commend all who have been entrusted with offices of public trust in our land. Grant to them all a share in Your wisdom, that they may serve with integrity and honor. Free our public discourse from the distraction of personal attacks, and help us all to use our tongues to explain our neighbor's actions in the kindest way. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father, Your Son healed many who suffered from frail and diseased bodies in His ministry, showing Your great compassion for us in our misery and pointing us toward the final healing that awaits His glorious return. Into His hands this day we commend all who are in need: the sick, the homebound, the lonely, the grieving, the discouraged, the anxious and the depressed. *[We especially put into Your hands all we have been asked to remember at this altar. **OSL Prayer List**]*

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Jim&Elma Hendricks	(moved to SC)	Jim's kidneys (almost at end). Elma stress
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Ethel Wendt	(Steve)	PTL. Ethel had (major) surgery Wed. Recovering well
Barb Wolkens		Barb seriously stiff neck. Doctors don't know cause yet
James Vanesky & Delores Platt		Both at home rehabbing. We miss them

Shower each one with Your compassion, and sustain their faith as they await Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving One, in the Holy Supper we know Your Son, Who vindicates us, is near. He comes to give us **in** His Body and Blood His saving righteousness, the forgiveness of all our sins. Give to all who come to His Table today repentance and faith to welcome Him with joy, praying: Lord, I believe; help my unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of all, Life of all, receive our praise for those who have died trusting in Jesus Christ. Give us our portion with the saints in light, and bring us all to the day of Resurrection joy. 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**