

## Historic Scripture Lessons for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Old Testament

**Isaiah 65:1-2 NIV** "I revealed Myself to those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. To a nation that did not call on My Name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' 2 All day long I have held out My hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations."

### Epistle

**Ephesians 5:15-21** Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the LORD's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the LORD, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the Name of our LORD Jesus Christ. 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

### Historic Gospel

**Matthew 22:1-14** Jesus spoke to them again in Parables, saying: 2 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a King who prepared a wedding banquet for His Son. 3 He sent His servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared My dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5 "But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The King was enraged. He sent His army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 "Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the King came in to see the guests, He noticed a man there

who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 'Friend,' He asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. 13 "Then the King told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

### 3-Yr Gospel (Sermon Text)

**Mark 10:17-30** As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good - except God alone. 19 You know the Commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." 21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," He said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven. Then come, follow Me." 22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at His Words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God." 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." 28 Peter said to Him, "We have left everything to follow you!" 29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for Me and the Gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields - and with them, persecutions) and in the Age to come, Eternal Life.

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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity ✨ *Confirmation, Preservation*

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

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## October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Trinity-20 Confirmation, Preservation

**WELCOME to Our Savior!** We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **The LORD bless you.**

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On gold liturgy sheets and in (red) Hymnal p.5.

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	451 (4v)	Stand Up! – Stand Up for Jesus
Psalm "Beatitudes"	Blest '5v'	Blest Are They, The Poor In Spirit ... ↗
Hymn of the Day	347 (6v)	<b>Sing v.1-5</b> Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Offertory Verse	347 (v6)	<b>Sing v.6</b> Hence, all fear and sadness! ...
Third Hymn	438 (5v)	Almighty Father, Heav'n and Earth
Closing Hymn	338 (5v)	Thine Forever, God of Love

### Suggested Bible readings for the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
 Isaiah 43:1-13 Isaiah 41:1-20 Habakuk.2:1-4 Isaiah 63:7-19 Isaiah 64:1-12 Isa. 5:1-7  
 Mark 4:1-41 Luke 13:18-35 Matt. 13:31-58 Matt. 16:13-20 II Co.3:10-4:18 II Co5:1-21

### PROPERs for the TWENTIETH SUNDAY after TRINITY ☺ ✧ OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

**INTROIT** O LORD, King Almighty, Your power is over all things; there is no one who is able to resist Your will. You have made heaven and earth and all things enclosed by the heavens. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.  
 ...Daniel 9:14

**COLLECT** Grant, we beseech You, merciful LORD, to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen

**GRADUAL c:** The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD, and You give them their meat in due season. You open Your Hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD. LORD, hear my voice. Alleluia!  
 ...Psalm 145:16-17 & 130

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

O.T. Isaiah 65:1-2 The LORD perseveres with an unfaithful nation.  
 Epi. Ephesians 5:15-21 Be careful how you live – Be wise, not unwise.  
 Gos. Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus tells the Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

### October 14<sup>th</sup> ELS 100 Years ✧ Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018

As we gather today, on Founders' Day, we *Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done*. It is by God's grace that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod has survived to this Centennial year. We tell the history not to laud ourselves but to praise the Triune God who has sustained us. It is the Lord God who has washed us with water. It is the Savior Jesus Christ who prepares a table of bread and wine. It is the Holy Spirit who has preserved us to this day. May He strengthen us to still to  
*Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done.* (Blessed Centennial Anniversary. ELS!)



♪ Here are words to our "Beatitudes" **Matthew 5** ✧ Please sing along! ♪

Verse 1. ♪ *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the Kingdom of God.  
 Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.*

**Refrain C:** ♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you.  
 Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God.**

Verse 2. *Blest are they, the low-ly ones; They shall inherit the earth.  
 Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 3. *Blest are they who show mercy; Mer-cy shall- be theirs.  
 Blest are they, the pure of heart; They- shall see God!*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 4. *Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.  
 Blest are they who suffer in fa-ith; Th' glory of God is theirs.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 5. *Blest are you who suffer hate; All-- because-- of Me.*

*Re-joice and be glad. Yours is the Kingdom; Shine for all to see. Refrain*  
 ♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

**#347, 6. Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in. / Those who love the Father, Though the storms may  
 gather, Still have peace within. / Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou  
 art still my purest Pleasure, / Jesus, Priceless Treasure! A--men.**

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

**Florida Panhandle&Carolinas** Hurricane **Michael** survivors incl. **Hendricks  
 Dee Kurczewski** (David) Dee - falls. Rehabbing. David back working  
**Carolyn Miner** (Don) Carolyn had brain bleed stroke. Home recovering well  
**Jon & Andrea Sawyer** Jon's heart, resuming work. Andrea started new work  
**Dave Wiesenauer** (Pat) Dave had a DVT bloodclot. Recovering at home  
**Ethel Wendt** (Steve) PTL Ethel had (major) surgery. Recovering well at home  
**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	Joan Patrick	Mary Lou Knigge
Treaters	Connie Costenbader	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	19 / (18)	20 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	10	10
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1,350)	YTD\$,. (\$55.3K)

Calendar of Events		
Today October 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Bible Study Themes/Keys: <i>Redemption</i>
Trinity-20 Confirm...	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Saturday, 10/20	10:00 pm	OSLadies Guild OCTOBER Meeting -hall
Next Sunday 10/21	8:30 am	Bible Study Figures of Christ: <i>David's Son</i>
Trinity21Spir.Armor	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)

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

Next Sun. 10/21 Trinity-21.B (p. 15 L.S.) ♪ #s 658 Blest 528 441.1,2 377 46

**TRINITY20B(P21B) Mark 10:17-30 "RICHE\$ & RELIGION" 10.14.18 OSL**

**INTRODUCTION** Riches and religion are on the Gospel table with morning with this question from a rich young man: "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" That's a reasonably religious question. Religion is about **doing good to earn** God's favor. Jesus is a good Teacher, a Source authority (it would seem) for doing good. What good thing must one do to get in good with God to inherit eternal life?

**FLAG #1** Now, there are **two red flags** on this question right from the get-go. **First**, what's this business about "**good(?)**" "*No one is good except God alone*," Jesus says. So, unless you believe me to be God, you wouldn't address Me as good, though it tells you where the religious thinking of the young man is. He thinks in terms of good and bad. Jesus is clearly in the category of "good" and the young man fancies himself to be in the same category. He doesn't murder, steal, commit adultery, lie, bear false witness, and dishonor father and mother. He is a model citizen, who has kept the law (or so he believes) since his youth. He clearly has a sense of who is good and who is not good.

**FLAG #2** And he wants to know what **HE must DO to inherit eternal life**. That's the **second red flag** in his question. How exactly does one inherit anything? You really **don't DO anything at all**. Someone else has to die, and when He dies, you have to be in His good graces. That's how you inherit. It's not by doing but by grace, being in the favor of the one who died and left you the inheritance.

**GOES AROUND** Now Jesus could have just said that and be done with it, but the Master Teacher knows that the lessons learned most deeply are the ones learned by experience. And so Jesus lets the pious young man experience a bit of his religion first hand. The same religion he's likely been pawning off on his own friends and family, now comes around full circle.

**KNOW/KEEP LAW** "*You know the Commandments*," Jesus said. And just in case he'd forgotten his catechism, Jesus gives him a little review. "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honour your father and mother." Basic Second Table of the Law stuff. But this young man has been raised religiously to think he can keep the Commandments. Just as the Apostle Paul could claim to be "blameless" under the Law as a Pharisee. "*Teacher, all these I have kept since my youth*." And he meant it. He was sincere. He believed he kept the Commandments.

**NO DEBATE** Jesus doesn't debate him. He could have. He could have delivered a mini version of the Sermon on the Mount and said, "*Ah, you may have kept them in deed, but have you kept them also in thought and word? Have you lusted in your heart? Have you had angry words with your brother?*" But Jesus **doesn't do that. WHY NOT?!**

**GOES TO THE HEART <3** He looks on this young man, pickled in his own Commandment-keeping, **and He LOVES him**. That's a little detail

that **only Mark** gives us. Jesus goes right to the **heart** of the matter. "*One thing you lack: Go, sell your stuff, give to the poor, and follow me.*" That hit home. The text says that **his face fell**. He was disheartened (and **who wouldn't be**), and he went away sorrowful, for **he had great possessions**. (NAGGING) SUMTHIN' MISSIN' Remember, Jesus spoke these Words in Love. If He discouraged him, it was not necessarily to pain him but to make a **loving point**. Something was missing in this young man's life that caused him to ask Jesus the question in the first place. He was rich at a very young age. He had everything he could ever want; he could do whatever he wanted. **And he was religious**; he "kept the Commandments" to the letter (or, so he thought). And yet, **rich and religious weren't enough** to address that nagging doubt in the back of his mind that something was lacking in his life.

What must I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus' Answer: "**Follow me.**" (DID YOU) **CATCH IT?!** You almost miss it, don't you? The young man did. All he heard was all that stuff about selling everything and giving the money to the poor – yet **another commandment, and one he couldn't keep**. But he missed the answer to his question. What must I do to inherit eternal life? "*Follow me.*" Follow Jesus. Those were the Words spoken to the (11) fishermen and tax collector Matthew. "**Follow me.**" More than an invitation, these are enabling and enlivening Words, enabling the hearer to do what they say. Here was the answer the young man was searching for. He lacked one thing. In all his riches and all his religion and all his commandment-keeping, he lacked one thing. And that one thing was not poverty; **it was Jesus**.

(ONLY) **JESUS** He lacked Jesus and faith in Jesus. And Jesus was offering Himself with the words "Follow me." And **whatever got in the way of following Jesus had to go**. This young man needed not only to lose his attachment to his riches, but also his religion of good people and bad people and Commandment-keeping. It's as **St. Paul said in Philippians** after reviewing his religious past as a Pharisee: (Cf. **Philippians 3:7-9**)

**But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my LORD, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.**

It's **not** simply a matter of riches, though riches **can** be an impediment. Jesus goes on to say that it's easier to thread a camel through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, which is effectively impossible. He says that to His disciples who have literally given up everything to follow Jesus. Peter even reminds Jesus of that fact, just in case He's forgotten it. "*See, we've left everything and followed*



you.” The disciples may not have been rich, but they had the same religion as that young man. “Look at what **we’ve** given up to follow you, Jesus.” Look **what we’ve done**.

CLEAN-UP (SIN) Jesus is **in the business of clearing out whatever gets in the way** of your **following Him through death to eternal life**. I wonder. What would Jesus say **to me**? What’s getting in **MY way** of following Him? My ego? My pride? My “things” (earthly possessions)? It’s my **sin!** What would He say to **you**? Looking on you in love, wanting you to be His own, embracing you in His death and life, what do you suppose He would say to you? What is it that gets in the way of your hearing the Word, of your receiving forgiveness, of your following Jesus as He leads you through this life, through your death, and on to your resurrection to eternal life? What is **the junk** that is getting between **you** and Jesus? It could be anything, really. Our hearts are capable of **turning any good gift into an idol**. Whatever it is, it sure isn’t worth hanging on to, is it?

REST OF STORY I like to think that the rich young man went home to all his possessions, all his stuff, and somehow it **just didn’t look so good anymore**. Perhaps he looked around at all his possessions and thought to himself, “*This junk isn’t worth it. You can’t take it with you; it brings no lasting satisfaction; it gets in the way.*” Perhaps he went on a spree and packed all his stuff into a cart and dumped it at the local GoodWill and went running back down the road after Jesus. Or maybe it happened years later, when this young man heard the news of Jesus’ dying and rising and recalled this conversation and heard the call “**Follow me**” in the waters of Baptism and this time **lost it all** for the sake of **gaining Christ**.

DUNNO **We don’t know the full story of that young man**. He’s a walk-through example on Jesus’ road to the Cross where He dies for the sin of that young man who He looked on with love. There Jesus gives what this young man lacked; a death and Resurrection that brings the inheritance of eternal life.

TAKE-HOME **YOU’ve** (also) **been called** as Jesus’ disciple/s. The words “**Follow me**” were **spoken to YOU** in Baptism with the water and the Word by the Spirit of God. And every day, Jesus repeats those words to you through your Baptism. “**Follow me.**” To follow Jesus does **not** mean to keep His rules, to follow His example, to do what Jesus would do. To follow Jesus means **to die and rise with Jesus**, to lose your life in order to gain it, to become last in order to be first.

GIFT(S) You have the **inheritance** of eternal life. It is yours **by grace** = a **gift** through faith, it’s **not** your doing, for Jesus’ sake. You don’t **do anything** to inherit eternal life; you **receive it as the free gift** that it is. And anything that gets in the way of your receiving it – whether riches, or religion, or *anything* else – simply has to go. God will see to it that it does, because what He wants to give you **IS LIFE. IJ’N, Amen. SDG**

*And now, the Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and...*

## **Possible Prayer of the Church** 🕊️ **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity October 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

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

Heavenly Father, look with compassion **on Your Church**. Protect all Your children from an evil, unbelieving heart that would lead us away from You into the deceitfulness of sin. By Your Spirit’s power, enable us to hold our original confidence firm to the end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Into Your hands, we commend all **ministers and servants** of the Word. Help them to proclaim with boldness that none is good save Your Son alone, who came as true God and true man to fulfill for us all Your will and make us heirs of heavenly treasure. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Raise up among us those who will continue to serve as **pastors, teachers and other workers** in Your Church, that Your Word may have free course among us and be our joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

In kindness, remember the **president of our country, our Congress and justices**, and all who bear office in this land. Protect them from the temptations of power and wealth that would lead them away from their calling, and make them a blessing of Yours in their service. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Holy One, Your Son always warns of the danger that attachment to wealth and earthly goods poses to us. Give us hearts that are content with His promises and hands that are generous with this world’s goods. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our...**

Only Good One, we place into Your hands this day those we know and love [*especially Your servants* **OSL Prayer List**] ... together with those known only to You who are passing through difficult and trying days, asking for each a share in Your healing and peace, hope and joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our...**

Receive our thanks and praise for Your faithful of every time and place who, hearing Your Word, held their confidence firm to the end. May we with them have our share in the promised eternal inheritance through Christ, our Lord. 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.

ALT. INTRODUCTION I heard about an **expert in diamonds** who happened to be seated on an airplane beside a woman with a huge diamond on her finger. Finally, the man introduced himself and said, “*I couldn’t help but notice your beautiful diamond. I am an expert in precious stones. Tell me about that stone.*” She replied, “*That is the famous Klopman diamond, one of the largest in the world. But there is a strange curse that comes with it.*” Now the expert was really interested. He asked, “*What is the curse?*” (He waited with bated breath) She replied, “*It’s Mr. Klopman.*”

I hope that some of you don’t wish to re-evaluate your diamonds (or your spouses!) on that basis. But seriously the **true curse of any kind of valuable possession is its capacity to steal our hearts and souls**. The rich young (ruler) is one of those unique characters from the Bible that have come to represent obsession and greed. He wanted to be saved but not at the expense of losing his possessions. And this rich young ruler was “so near to the Kingdom.” He asked all the right questions, although we have to analyze HOW he asked them “*What must I DO to...?*” He **understood the Law** and he understood Jesus’ teaching/s. But in the end his “**mis-priorities**” and lack of being able in faith to **put Jesus first** kept him out.