

## Historic Scripture Lessons for the First Sunday after Trinity

### OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 9:23-24

This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, Who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

### Epistle

**I John 4:16-21** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like Him. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because He first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, Whom he has not seen. 21 And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

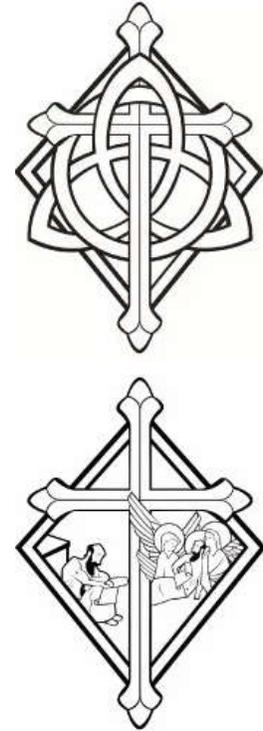
### Historic Gospel

**Luke 16:19-31** "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now

he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 27 "He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 29 "Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 30 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

### 3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

**Luke 7:1-10** When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to Him, asking Him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with Him, "This man deserves to have You do this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 6 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to Him: "LORD, don't trouble Yourself, for I do not deserve to have You come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You. But say the Word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 9 When Jesus heard this, He was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, He said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.



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

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## June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 ✱ Trinity-1 Heavenly Riches-Lazarus

**WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR!** We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior 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 worship with us again! **God bless you.**

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

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	16 (4v)	Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word
Psalm 104	Ps. 104 '3v'	Lord, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew ↗
Hymn of the Day	399 (6v)	Sing v1-5 Thee Will I Love, My Strength
Offertory Verse	399 (6v)	Sing v6 Thee Will I Love, My Crown of →
Third Hymn	394 (4v)	My Faith Looks Up to The Thou Lamb...
Closing Hymn	400 (6v)	Take My Life and Let It Be

✱ Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity ✱

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Josh10:1-15	Josh11:1-23	Josh23:1-16	Josh.24:1-31	Judges 2:1-23	Judges 6:1-40
Acts 9:1-43	Acts10:1-33	Acts11:1-30	Acts12:1-25	Act13:1-52	Acts 14:1-28

### PROPERs for the FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ☺ ✱ ✱ JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2019

**INTROIT** I have trusted in Your mercy, my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me. How long O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? ...from Psalm 13

**COLLECT** O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit One True God now & forever **JA-men**

**GRADUAL C: I said, LORD, be gracious to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. Blessed is he who considers the poor! The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. Alleluia! Alleluia! Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation. Alleluia!** ...from Psalm 41

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

O.T. **Jeremiah 9:23-24** The Lord tells us in what *only* we can boast.

Epi. **I John 4:16-21** ☑ God is Love. ♥

Gos. **Luke 16:19-31** Jesus compares the rich man & (poor) Lazarus.

Ser. 3Yr. Gospel **Luke 7:1-10** (JESUS COMMENDS) THE FAITH OF A FOREIGNER.

### PSALM 104 LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

**Refrain C:** ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;  
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 1. ♪ O bless- the Lord, my soul, – O Lord, how great are Your ways!  
How ma-ny are Your works-, O Lord, – The earth is full of Your glory!

**Refrain C:** ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;  
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 2. ♪ You take back Your Spirit; They die, – Return-ing to- the dust.  
You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, – You-renew the face of the earth.

**Refrain C:** ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;  
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 3. ♪ May the glory of God be forever, – May the Lord rejoice in His Works!  
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to Him, – I find my joy in the Lord.

**Refrain C:** ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;  
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

**OFFERTORY VERSE 399 6. Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness;  
Thee will I love, my God and LORD, Amid the darkest depths of sadness,  
Not for the hope of high reward- For Thine own sake, O Light Divine,  
So long as life is mine. A-men.**

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
ELS Synod Delegates	(Including Pastor)	A productive synod convention
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing.	David working & helping Mom
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert	Home from LRMC.	Andrea (Sister) Emily Cancer
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering.	Tom is helping her
Stacy Terhune (Don & Bev Wienke daughter)		Spinal pain and surgery
Joe Thacker (Bev Foster)		Joe had blood work done in MI.
James Vanesky & Delores Platt		Neither able to get to church due to health
Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Treaters		

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	22 / (19)	25 / 22
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	8, 7	19, 7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$., (\$32.K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	NO BibleStudy Grand Themes (Pr. gone)
Trinity-1 Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Heavenly Riches	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Next Sunday 6/30	9:00 am	NO BibleStudy Grand Themes (Pr. gone)
Trinity-2 Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Heavenly Banquet	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

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

We thank our chairman **Al Avant** for leading us in Worship and sharing the Word.

As Pastor is away, **Pr. Randy VanMehren 541-728-4193** is emergency contact.

Next Sunday 6/30 Trinity-2/C (p.5 No LS) Hymns 494 Ps.104 372 644 656 660

**TRINITY1/C Luke 7:1-10 "(SPOT THE) FAITH OF A FOREIGNER" 06.23.19 OSL**

**INTRODUCTION** This man was a foreigner. A stranger in a strange land. A soldier in the Roman occupation army stationed in Capernaum. He had a servant who was terribly sick and about to die. **He was desperate to do something.** He'd heard that Jesus was coming. He'd heard of Jesus' power over various diseases and demons, how He healed people with nothing more than a Word. He trusted Jesus and the authority of His Words.

**Today we look at the faith of this foreigner who trusted Jesus' Words.**

The foreigner always had a place among God's people. Jehovah is not a national god, like the national idols of the nations surrounding Old Testament Israel. The Lord and Creator of all belongs to **no nation, no** particular people, **no** ethnic or cultural group. This runs counter to the modern myth of multiculturalism that is being taught today, especially in our public schools. This myth would have you believe that God and culture go together, so that every culture ought have its own god and its own religion. To mess with someone's gods, to suggest that their beliefs might be falsely based or just plain wrong, is considered politically incorrect and culturally insensitive.

From a multi-culturalist point of view: Is Christianity mostly a **white, northern European** religion(?!).(NO!) This completely ignores the fact that Jesus was a Middle Eastern Hebrew. That the apostle Paul was from a town called Tarsus, now in modern-day Turkey. That the great centers of early Christianity were in the **Mediterranean world** - Rome, Syria, Turkey, N. Africa, and **not** northern Europe. Regardless of where Christianity had its beginning, **Jesus Christ came to save ALL, and there is salvation in NO OTHER but Jesus.**

The Christian faith is **trans-cultural** and **trans-national**. It knows no national boundaries, it flies no flag, it favors **no one group** of people. It is the same Christian faith, the same good news of Jesus, the same worship of **the Father** through **the Son in the Holy Spirit**, no matter **where you are**. That's what we mean when we confessed our Christian faith last week (**Athanasian Creed**) as "**universal**." It is a universal faith, the **same all over the world**.

Christ came **to save ALL people**. God doesn't discriminate between people. With Him there is neither Jew nor Gentile, black or white, American, African, Asian or Australian. That's one of the **points Luke is making** by telling this story. Christ came to save all, including a Roman soldier stationed in Galilee and his servant. And that is a **great comfort to us**, because if Christ didn't come to save all, **we couldn't be sure He came to save US**.

**The foreigner becomes as example of faith. Jesus took note of his faith and said that he hadn't seen such faith in all of Israel.** (4 "Faith Points")

1. The centurion's **UNSELFISH** faith was shown by his **great works**. "*He loves our nation and built our synagogue.*" How **strange** for a Roman soldier in a foreign land to be so gracious and generous! But how even **strangeER** that **the Jews** should regard him **so highly!** His faith caused him to be a different kind of soldier. **It affected his work.** This wasn't a once-a-week for one hour in church kind of faith. It affected every day of his life, the decisions he made, how he went about his day to day business. Even though he was a commander in an

occupation army, even though he and his people were hated by the Jewish people for being in their country and all the Roman rule he represented, he used his position to extend a hand to the people of Capernaum. He did this because of **his faith in Jehovah, the God of Israel.** His faith was **active in works of love.**

We also **don't** do good works in order to **earn God's favor**. We do them because we believe that we have God's favor **thanks to Jesus' death and Resurrection.** The soldier's faith was active in works of love for the people of Capernaum. He is a shining example of what Jesus meant when he said to His disciples, "*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven.*"

The fact that we are **not** saved by our works doesn't mean we don't do them. We do. Faith in Christ is always busy doing good works, because it is God at work in us to will and to do, and God doesn't sit still. But we don't rely on our works for salvation. We don't boast about them before God. We don't use our good works as a bargaining chip to obligate God, to act **as if God owes us something for all the good we've done.** We shouldn't even keep track of them. We just do them **whenever** and **wherever** and for **whomever** God gives us the opportunity.

2. The Centurion's faith was **HUMBLE**. He didn't brag about all the good things he has done and why Jesus should help him. He confesses his sin and his unworthiness. "*Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.*" The Jewish elders said that he was worthy because of his works. **That's how the Law looks at worthiness.** But the soldier knew that all the charity in the world could not make him worthy to stand before Jesus.

**Faith is ALWAYS HUMBLE.** It recognizes that **God is Holy**, and I am **not** holy. Faith says, "*I don't deserve to be in the God's presence. I have nothing to offer God but brokenness and sin. I have no prior claim on God. I have no right to His favor. There is nothing in me that He should help me. I am not worthy to have God come under my roof, and I am not worthy to come under His. No matter how many good works I may have done - given generously to charity, helped build church buildings, helped people in all sorts of ways - apart from Jesus and His forgiveness, even my good works would condemn me.*"

3. **Good works do NOT make us worthy before God.** It's the other way around: **God makes us WORTHY TO DO GOOD WORKS.** He **gives us faith** in Jesus Christ. Remember the Small Catechism and the Lord's Supper. What makes us worthy to eat and drink the Lord's Body and Blood(?- Answer:) "**Faith in these Words - given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.**" Faith in the Words of Jesus - that He is ours, that His death is ours, His life is ours, that eternal life is ours because of His suffering and death. Christ is our worthiness. He makes us worthy to stand before the Father, to come to Him in prayer, to worship Him. He covers us with his holiness. We are worthy because He is worthy.

4. The Centurion not only confesses his unworthiness, he also confesses **his TRUST in Jesus' Words**, that His Word came with **AUTHORITY.** The Centurion knew what authority was all about. He was both a man **under**

authority, and had one hundred men **under HIS authority**. He knew how words spoken with authority make things happen. *"I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes. To another, 'Come' and he comes. To my servant, 'Do this' and he does it."* That's how it works when you have authority. Your words have **weight**.

The Centurion knew that Jesus' Words came with **the Authority of God**. He knew that Jesus' Words could **heal sicknesses, cast out demons, work miracles**. He believed that Jesus' Words could heal his servant, even from a distance. He believed in Jesus and trusted the **authority of His Word**. He didn't need to see Jesus. He didn't need to have Jesus come to his home and physically touch his servant. All he needed was a word from Jesus, and he knew his servant would be healed.

The authority of Jesus is **the authority of His Cross**, of His own suffering and death on our behalf. This healing of the centurion's servant, like all healings Jesus did, cost Him dearly. **It cost Him His own life**. Jesus came into this world to absorb into His own Flesh the darkness, the sin, the disease, the death even. He took all these things onto Himself, and He works A (Great) **Exchange**. He **swaps** sickness for health, sin for righteousness, death for life. He makes things new. He brings in a New Creation in which sickness and death and despair have no place. **And He does it all with His Authoritative WORD**.

**RESULT** When the centurion's friends returned home, they found the servant **"well."** **Not** just pulling through, or turning the corner. **Not** upgraded from critical to fair condition. But **totally healed**. Up-on-his-feet healthy. That's the authority of Jesus' Word at work. **It was a great miracle**. And yet the **greater** miracle that day was that **a Gentile, a Roman soldier, believed in Jesus and trusted in His Word and not his own works**. That's the miracle of **saving faith** - the kind of faith that God reckons to us as righteousness.

**CONCLUSION** With that **same Word**, Jesus deals with us here today. His Word comes with Divine authority, the authority given Him by the Father. *"All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth."* When Jesus speaks, He speaks with the **Divine authority of the Son of God** Who loved us and gave Himself up for us.

He speaks "weighty Words," Words **heavy with the Authority of God**. The same weighty Word that healed the Centurion's servant, that caused the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the same word that changed water into wine and sent demons fleeing, is that Word that gives us the authority to be the children of God. With His Word and by His authority we are baptized, forgiven, fed His Body and Blood. *"I **Baptize** you."* *"I **forgive** you all of your sins."* *"This is **My Body, By Blood**, given for you, for your forgiveness."* Those are **weighty words** of life **directed at you**. You don't need to see Jesus. You only need to **hear His Word**.

*"Only say the Word and your servant will be healed."* Jesus has spoken His Word. From the Cross to you in **your Baptism**, in the **Absolution**, in His **Supper**. The Word says *"You are forgiven, you are free, you are God's people - holy, chosen, precious to Him."* It comes with the authority of the One who **hung on a Cross to save you**. .... **Lord, grant us the faith of the foreigner who trusted your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen. SDG**

## **Possible Prayer of the Church 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** (Possible) Brief silence*

For peace in the world, for peace in the Church, for peace in the home and for peace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of divine pardon and for the renewal of our hearts, that we may love the Lord with all that we are and all that we have, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lutheran Church throughout the world, for faithfulness of all churches to the truth of God's Word, and for the proclamation of this Gospel to all people,

**ELS Synod Delegates** (Including Pastor) A productive ELS Synod Convention

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

For the nations and those who govern them, for our own country and leaders, for our cities and communities, for good laws and faithful citizens, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, for the fruitfulness of the earth, for honest industry and labor, and for wisdom to use these resources well, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and those in need, for the unemployed and underemployed, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for those in prison, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, for the grieving in their loss, and for the dying in their last days on earth, [*especially **OSL Prayer List.***]

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

<b>Dee Kurczewski</b> (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom
<b>Jon</b> (Sister) <b>Martha Herbert</b>	Home from LRMC. <b>Andrea</b> (Sister) <b>Emily</b> Cancer
<b>Vivian Temple</b> (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
<b>Stacy Terhune</b> (Don & Bev Wienke daughter)	Spinal pain and surgery
<b>Joe Thacker</b> (Bev Foster)	Joe had blood work done in MI.
<b>James Vanesky &amp; Delores Platt</b>	Neither able to get to church due to health

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

For those who care for the sick and those who attend to the dying; for those who provide child care; and for police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and disaster-relief workers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For women with child, for safety in childbirth, for the children in foster care and for the preservation of all life from conception to life's natural end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For thankful hearts at all of God's gifts, and for the grace of giving that we may return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the witness of the saints, let us give thanks and pray the Lord to grant us at the last a good death and our part and fellowship with those who have gone before, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all these things and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

To You, O Lord, be glory and honor, now and forevermore. **Amen. & Lord's Prayer**