

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:6-12 NIV "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your Righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here AM I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, 10 and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of broken walls, Restorer of streets with dwellings.

Epistle

Romans 8:18-23 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who

subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Historic Gospel

Luke 6:36-42 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 33 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged...

3-Year C Gospel (Sermon)

Luke 9:51-62 As the time approached for Him to be taken up to Heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And He sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for Him; 53 but the people there did not welcome Him, because He was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "LORD, do you want us to call fire down from Heaven to destroy them?" 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them, 56 and they went to another village. 57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." 58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head." 59 He said to another man, "Follow Me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." 61 Still another said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." 62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God."



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

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July 14th, 2019 ✦ Trinity-4 ✦ Christian Unity & Peace

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! **God bless your week.**

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

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	18 (6v)	LORD, We Come Before Thee Now
Psalm 104	Ps.104 "3v"	LORD, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew... 7
Hymn of the Day	409 (4v)	Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Follow His..
Offertory Verse	441 (6v)	Sing v.1-2 We Give Thee but Thine Own...
Third Hymn	27 (6v)	Oh Bless the LORD My Soul-Let All Within
Closing Hymn	464 (6v)	Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts...

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 4th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Sam. 9:1-27	I Sa.10:1-27	I Sam. 12:1-25	I Sam. 13:1-14	I Sam. 15:1-35	I Sam. 16:1-23
Acts 27:1-44	Acts 28:1-31	Rom. 1:1-15	Rom. 1:16-32	Rom. 2:1-29	Romans 3:1-31

PROPERs for the FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ☽ JUNE 14TH 2019

INTROIT The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came up against me, mine enemies and my foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. ...Psalm 27

COLLECT Grant, O LORD, we beseech You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your direction that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **A-men.**

GRADUAL C: Forgive our sins, O LORD, lest the heathen say, Where is their God? Help us, O God of our Salvation, and for the glory of Your Name deliver us. Alleluia! Alleluia! O God, You sit in the throne, judging right; be a Refuge for the oppressed in times of trouble. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 9

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

O.T. **Isaiah 58:6-12** True fasting is beneficial spiritually & physically.
 Epi. **Romans 8:18-23** Our present sufferings pale versus future glory.
 Gos. **Luke 6:36-42** Do not hypocritically judge others.

SERMON Text: (3-Yr-Gospel) **Luke 9:51-62**

THEME: "JESUS FIXES HIS EYES ON JERUSALEM; WE FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS."

PSALM 104 ♪ LORD, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;
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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 441, Sing vv.1-2 We Give Thee but Thine Own ...

1. We give Thee but Thine- own, 2. May we Thy bounties- thus
 Whate'er the gift may be; As stewards true receive
 All that we have is Thine alone, And gladly as Thou blessest us
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee. To Thee our first-fruits give!

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation)	Pray for...
David Kurczewski (Dee)	Comfort for David & family in passing of Dee/Mom
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert	Home from LRM.C. 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 Michigan. Is still in MI
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Neither able to get to church due to health

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Fellowship	Elaine Jones	Orpha Weber

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	13 / (13)	23 / 20
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	--, --	9, 7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$., (\$36. K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, July 14 th	9:00 am	BibleStudy Grand Themes: (Bible) Names
Trinity-4 = Christian Unity & Peace	10:00 am 11:15 ff...	Divine Worship (NO Communion) "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Tuesday, 7/16	1:30 pm	OSL Evangelism Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 7/17	6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study: Jesus' Teachings SoM
Next Sunday 7/21	9:00 am	BibleStudy Key Themes: Christ' Presence
Trinity-5 = Disciples (Come, Follow Me)	10:00 am 11:15 ff...	Divine Worship (WITH Communion) "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

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

✦ We say Farewell to our dear Mary Lou Knigge as she moves (back) to Wisconsin.

✦ Next Sunday, 21st ELS Vice President Pr. Glenn Olbenberger guest preaches at OSL!

Next Sunday 7/21 Trinity5 Sunday (p.15 L.S.) 373 Ps.104 523 644 423 36

TRINITY-5(P6C) Luke 9:51-62 "SET HIS FACE (ON JERUSALEM)" 07.14.19 OSL

INTRODUCTION

The days drew near for Jesus to be taken up. That means be crucified, rise from the dead, and ascend into heaven. That was His purpose, His mission. That's why He came in the flesh, born of the Virgin. That's why He was circumcised under the Law and became obedient to it. That's why He was Baptized in the Jordan. He came to be **"taken up,"** and **to take us up with Him.** And so He set His face resolutely to go to Jerusalem. His gaze was like a laser beam, zeroed in on Jerusalem and His appointed hour.

PURPOSE OVER PLACE

His journey took Him through Samaria. He sent messengers ahead to prepare for His coming. The Samaritans refused Him, because His sights were set on Jerusalem. Samaritans worshipped on Mt. Gerazim, not Jerusalem. Samaritans and Judeans were at odds over this, and Jesus' single-minded focus on Jerusalem just rubbed salt into those religious wounds. **This was not about place but purpose.** Jesus had to die in Jerusalem. It was the appointed place, the place prepared for Him. The Samaritans did not understand, nor could they. **Nor did the disciples.**

(J&J) LOOK BAD

James and John, those **"Sons of Thunder,"** the hot-headed fishermen wanted to call down fire and brimstone from Heaven. **Do a Sodom and Gomorrah number** on them. That'll show them. *"Lord, do you want us to call down fire from Heaven and consume them?"* If ever there was an episode that makes the **Apostles look bad**, this is one. They're supposed to be in the Gospel business, and here they are, acting as if Heavenly fire obeyed their beck and call!

FOR OTHERS TOO

And we too must admit we do the same. We forget, when we look at the world, especially those parts of the world that do **not share our confession much less our "values" and opinions** that these are **people Jesus died for too.** He set His face to Jerusalem also for the Samaritans, even those who turned Him away and slammed the door in His face. You can walk down the streets, any street at any time of any day, and look in the face of any random person, be they rich or poor, young or old, well-dressed or not, and you can truthfully say to yourself, *"Jesus gave His life on the Cross to save that person."* He set His face to the Cross of Jerusalem to save this person. So maybe they've been rude to you, or ignored you, or slammed their door in your face. No matter. Jesus died on a Cross to save that person.

NOT OURS TO DO

It isn't for us, just like it wasn't for James and John, to call down fire from Heaven to consume those who aren't nice to us. **"Judge not, and you will not be judged."** The same fire and brimstone you call down on others, may very well be calling down on you. That's not why fire from Heaven exists. Fire from Heaven is for **God's Judgment**, not our petty squabbles. And God determined to judge the world in His Son. Jesus' grim determination to go to the Cross reflects His consuming desire to seek and to save the lost. He goes to the **greatest length possible, to death on a Cross, to seek and to save a world lost in sin and death.**

REBUKE J&J

So Jesus turned and **rebuked** James and John. There would be no fire from Heaven. It was not for them to call it, much less suggest it. **And then they went on to another village.**

NEW EPISODE

On the road, **three would-be disciples** put in their "Disciple Application" with Jesus. It wasn't unusual for people to step up and approach a rabbi seeking to be one of His disciples. But, all three have **a little hitch, something that holds them back**, something that keeps their commitment from being whole-hearted.

(DISCIPLE-#1) HOMELESS

"I will follow you wherever you go," one says. Does he know where Jesus is going? Is he following the resolute gaze? Does he realize the trajectory? Jesus clues him in, that His road has no comfortable rest stops, no comfy pillows under your head at night. *"At least the foxes and birds have homes to go to, but the Son of Man, God's anointed One, the Christ, has no place to lay His head."* You want to follow Me, Jesus is saying, **prepare to be uncomfortable**, Prepare for those sleepless nights on the cold, hard ground. Prepare to **"join the homeless."**

(DISCIPLE-#2) DEAD BURY DEAD

Another says, *"Lord, let me first go and bury my father."* Now that was the reasonable and honorable thing to do. The right thing. The compassionate thing. But this Jesus with His Face fixed on Jerusalem seems to have no compassion for a grieving son who only wants to bury his father. *"Let the dead bury their own. You go and proclaim the kingdom of God."* Yes, that's right. Let the dead bury their own. Death is about to meet it's match in Jesus. Death doesn't have the last say here. Jesus does. The Kingdom He brings with His dying and rising.

(DISCIPLE-#3) SHED THE PAST

A third says, *"I'll follow you Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my house."* **A simple goodbye.** What could be so wrong with that? Maybe a little going away party. A cake or something. Jesus says, *"No one who takes up the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."* Any farmer will tell you the same thing. You can't plow straight looking over your back shoulder. You can't plow ahead while you are pining for the past.

TOUGH WORDS?!

You bet they are! Jesus means **serious business.** His words are **urgent, hard, edgy, demanding.** His claim on any disciple is **radical.** It's **all or nothing.** No halfway disciples. There are no compromises here. His face, remember, is fixed toward Jerusalem. And each of these three Disciple "wannabes," each in their own way, **diminishes** the cost that Jesus is about to pay. What does **it** mean to truly follow Jesus?

HOW TO FOLLOW

To follow Jesus is to **go the way of His resolute gaze.** To follow Jesus is **to die and rise with Jesus.** To lose your life in order to save it. To become least in order to receive greatness. To become as nothing in order to receive everything. **To die in order to live.**

FOCUS ON YOU

Do you know what Jesus had in His vision as He set His face to Jerusalem? it wasn't the Cross really, though His vision was certainly Cross-focused. It wasn't the suffering He was to endure. It

wasn't death. **It was you. It was the joy of saving you.** His focus was like that of a lifeguard venturing out into the dangerous waves and currents with only one thing in his or her focus. **YOU.** The person who is drowning and in need of aid. That's Jesus, Who for the joy, that is the **joy of your salvation**, that was set before Him "endured the Cross, scorning its shame." The Cross was the focal point through which He had to bring everything. But the focus of His gaze was you. He came to rescue you.

EVEN ELIJAH... Just so, the disciple's focus is on Jesus, the **Author and Perfecter** of our faith, the **Beginning and the End** of faith. **We don't look to ourselves. When we do, we get it wrong.** When the **Prophet Elijah**, great as he was, **looked to himself** and started whining about how he (thought he) was the only faithful one left in all of Israel and how everyone was trying to kill him, that's when he got it wrong. (**1 Kings 19:1-21** – OT often paired with this Gospel) He goes to Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai) for a **little pity party**. He's upset that the Queen (Jezebel) is issuing death threats against him. He's expecting God to flex some Divine muscle. He **thinks he's the only faithful Israelite** left on the face of the earth.

SECRET AGENTS But Elijah learned a couple of things that day in the cave. He learned that it was not about him. That the Kingdom didn't rest on his shoulders. Also, that he wasn't alone, even though he wasn't aware of it. There were **Seven thousand** that hadn't bowed the knee to the idol Baal. What matters is that Elijah was **not the only one**. God had and has his **secret agents** scattered all over the place. And guess what: 1) He has them here and now also. And, 2) **You're one of them too!**

INVISIBLE CHURCH The **Church is such a hidden mystery**. You can't see it in its fullness. You can only hear the Word and see the activity of Christ in the Sacraments. The **Church remains hidden. The Glory remains hidden**. We won't know what God has accomplished until the Last Day, and we know that the sight **will be glorious**.

GOD'S (HIDDEN) PURPOSE Elijah also learned that God works **hidden-ly** and **subversively**. But he also learned that fire from Heaven was **not** God's ultimate purpose. **Salvation is. Eternal life. Forgiving sin.** Showing mercy. Justifying sinners. God wasn't in the strong wind, the earthquake, the fire. God was (hidden) in the soft whisper. We expect God to shout, and He whispers. **Hidden-ly, humbly, reject-ably**. Almost overlooked by all the religious noise going on around Him.

FIX YOUR EYES My friends, **FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS**. Jesus had **His eyes fixed on Jerusalem** so that you would have your eyes fixed on Him, our focal point. Life presents you with a whole lot of diversions, all sorts of things to worry about, all kinds of things to distract you from the **One Thing Needful** – and that is to die and rise with Jesus. Like a sailor setting a course in the storm, or like a runner pushing toward the finish line, **FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS**. His Cross, His Resurrection. His Life. His Baptism, Body & Blood. That's where the real action is. That's where life is. That's where forgiveness is. That's where He is for you. **IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

Possible Prayer of Church 🙏🙏🙏🙏 **4th Sunday after Trinity July 14th, 2019**

Let us pray to the Lord for the sake of all people in need and that, as the redeemed of the Lord, we may know and love the Law and walk in its ways to the glory of God, who hears our prayers. (Possible) Brief silence

Almighty God, You have given us Your Word so that we might know Your ways and live in obedience to Your commands. Deliver us from the evils we have done and, by the **grace of Your forgiveness**, help us to live according to Your commands and give glory to Your Holy Name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty God, You have shown us Your mercy in Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who came to save us **and others** from all evil and death. Give us such a compassionate heart that we may not be blind to the needs of others but show to all Your mercy and love. Bind up our wounds, and send us forth to bind up the wounds of others with the healing balm of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty God, You have sent forth ministers in Your Name to proclaim Your saving Gospel and thus deliver the sinner from darkness into Your Kingdom. Bless all **pastors and church workers** in their service to You, that they may be faithful in every responsibility placed upon them for our sake. Give us a willingness to hear the counsel of Your Word to correct our errors and repent of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty God, You hold in Your hand all the might of man. Deliver our nation from our enemies; bless all those elected and appointed to serve us in government; and protect all those in the armed forces, the police, firefighters and emergency personnel. Make peace among the nations, and bring to nothing the plans of all who promote hate and violence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our...**

Almighty God, because of the love You have for all the saints, we pray to You to heal the sick, relieve the suffering, comfort the grieving and give peace to the dying. Especially do we name before You **[OSL Prayer List ... and]**
PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

all those we lift to You in our hearts. Strengthen them all by Your power, help them endure this trial, and help them bear the good fruit of faith even in their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty God, by Your mercy we are heirs of a great inheritance and stand in a long line of those who have loved You and have known the delight of Your favor. Accept our thanksgiving for the faithful who went before us, and bring us at last with all them into Your eternal presence, in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb that knows no end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty God, You have been faithful to us, who deserved none of Your mercies. Lead us to receive them with grateful hearts and to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever. **IJ'N, Amen. Then, Lord's Prayer...**