

Historic Scripture Lessons for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

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 'C' Gospel (Sermon)

Luke 14:1,7-14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, He was being carefully watched. ... 7 When He noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, He told them this Parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." 12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the Resurrection of the righteous."

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BIBLE CLASS 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP 11:15 AM

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September 22nd, 2019 ✧ Trinity-14 Christian Charity

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 or in (red) TLH Hymnal p.5

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	574 (4v)	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
<i>Psalm 104</i>	<i>Ps. 104 "3v"</i>	<i>LORD, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew...7</i>
Hymn of the Day	ELH418(7v)	<i>Sing v1-6</i> How Fair the Church of Christ
Offertory Verse	ELH418 (7v)	<i>O gracious God, wilt Thou my heart ... →</i>
Third Hymn	439 (6v)	O God of Mercy, God of Might
Closing Hymn	36 (3v)	Now Thank We All Our God

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 14th 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 22ND

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)

O.T. **Jeremiah 17:13-14** All who forsake the LORD are put to shame.

Epi. **Galatians 5:16-24** Live according to your new nature.

Gos. **Luke 17:11-19** Jesus heals ten men of leprosy. One thanks Him.

SERMON (3-Year Gospel) **Luke 14:1,7-14 FIRST WILL BE LAST; LAST WILL BE FIRST**

PSALM 104 ♪ 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.

ELH #418 7. O gracious God, Wilt Thou my heart

So fashion in each secret part,

**That Thou be sanctified in me, - Till Thee in Heav'n above I see,
Where Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, - We sing to Thee with one accord.**

PRAYER REQUESTS: Member or Relation Pray for...

Imelda (Texas & Louisiana) People who have been affected by *this* storm
Richard Burmeister (Pastor's Dad) Reconstructive hip surgery Rochester MN
Shirley Marquardt (DuWayne) Shirley had a (2nd) hernia surgery in August
Vivian Temple (Tom) Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
Joe Thacker (Bev Foster) Joe had an infection in MI. Hope return late October
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Dave Wiesenauer (Pat) Dave had surgery Thursday 19th. Still in LRMC (ICU)

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Elaine Jones	Barb Wolken
Treaters	Treats	(Potluck Lunch)

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	18 / (17)	19 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	8	7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$./\$45.3K

Calendar of Events		
Today September 22	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: Living Water
<i>Trinity-14 Thanks</i>	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
<i>10 Healed Lepers</i>	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Sunday, 9/29	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM Stmt:NewCloth
<i>Trinity-15 Sunday</i>	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>(Contentment) Lilies</i>	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

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

Next Sunday 9/29 Trinity-15/P.16C (p. L.S.) 436 Ps.91 403 400.1,4 366 346

TRINITY-14/P.15C Luke 14:1-14 "POOR, LAME, BLIND...HOPELESS" 9.22.19 OSL

TEACHING MOMENT A Sabbath dinner with Jesus in the house of a Pharisee. You just know this is going to be good. A teachable moment, ripe with possibilities. The Pharisees are watching Jesus carefully. Waiting for Him to make a slip. Do or say something so they can pin a charge on Him.

Enter a man with dropsy. Just the sort of person you want dropping in on your nice little dinner party with Jesus. You're just getting started with the appetizers and drinks and in walks this man dropping in front of Jesus.

If you were one of the lawyers or Pharisees, you would get out your **Talmud** and **Mishnah** and check in the Table Of Contents under "**Healing**" to see what the rabbis said. Was it work or wasn't it? Well, it depends who did it, I suppose. If you do it, then it's work. If God does it, then it isn't work. But if God does it through you, well ... (Hmmm) ... not so sure about that. Best not say anything at all. That would be safest. "They remained silent." Silence did the poor man no good, of course. The Law can never heal.

LOSE-LOSE What about a son or an ox who has fallen into a well? Wouldn't you get him out? Would you even have to ask whether it is lawful to do this on a Sabbath? Would you wait until the next day just to keep the law? Of course not! "*I desire mercy, not sacrifice.*" "*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.*" So what do you do? The Sabbath law says "no work". The man is there to be healed. **Ignore him and you break the Fifth Commandment. Heal him, and you break the Third.** You're caught between a rock and a hard place.

That's how **the Law works**. It won't guide you as much as paint you into a corner where no matter what you do, you'll walk on wet paint. Only someone who is free from the Law is free to do goodness and mercy for the neighbor with no legal strings attached. And when one is free from the Law, one no longer has to ask the question "*Is it lawful?*" Rather the question will be, "*Is it merciful, loving, good, gracious?*"

Jesus is utterly free. He is the **Lord of the Sabbath and the Lord of Creation**. He brings healing not the way the healers do, but as the Source of all healing. What He did for this man with dropsy, He wants to do for all by His dying and rising. He bears our infirmities, our sicknesses, all the ways that Sin has ravaged our lives. He became our Sin. Our sickness too. "*By His wounds we are healed.*"

GET WHAT'S COMIN' YA Jesus heals the man and sends him on his way. And the lawyers and Pharisees have nothing to say about it. It makes no sense to them. How can this "**Sabbath breaker**" do the works of God? How can Someone who seems to run roughshod over all the religious rules have the power of God to heal at the same time? To the Law, this makes no sense, but the Law can't bring healing. You don't heal people by giving them Commandments. In fact, **to the legalist, the man who was sick probably did something to deserve being sick.** That's how it works with the Law. You get precisely what you deserve.

STANDARDS

Let's admit it, we think the same way, though we may not say it out loud. Our religious old Adam believes that you get what you deserve, even when it comes to illness. You must have done something wrong. Violated one of the commandments of health, dieting, and exercise. And even more, our religious old Adam believes that God only works through good people, the obedient ones, the commandment-keepers. **So we hold pastors and church leaders to standards we ourselves aren't willing to keep**, which serves **two purposes**. **First**, it allows us to knock them down whenever we perceive a weakness or failing on their part. **Second**, it lets us off the hook, because "*Hey, I'm not holy enough to do that job.*" **A win/win situation for the old Adam.** He can judge others and justify himself at the same time.

Jesus has this dinner party wrapped around His little finger. All eyes and ears are on Him. A perfect time to unleash a loose bolt of a parable. "*When you go to a wedding feast, don't take the honored seats next to the bride and groom but sit with the low-lives and the degenerates in the back.*" That way you won't be embarrassed when someone higher than you bumps you from your seat and you'll be honored when the host says, "*Friend, come up here.*"

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

MORE (OR) LESS This is less about where to sit at a wedding than it is about how the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in His Kingdom works. The Law is not there to exalt you. Try to use the Law of God to exalt yourself and admire how spiritual, religious, and wonderful you are, and you're going to be humbled. Boast in your goodness, and the Law will put you in your place. Justify yourself with all the good you've done, and the Law will reveal you for the sinner that you are. There is always someone better than you. But be humbled by the Law, take your place among sinners as the chief of sinners, and you will be exalted by the Bridegroom Himself as He says to you, "*Friend, come up to a higher place.*"

SWIP-SWAP That's essentially what happens here every Sunday. We enter the doors in the back of the church as poor, miserable sinners confessing that we sin in thought, word, and deed, that we are by nature sinful and unclean. And Christ forgives us and says to us, "**Friend, come up to a higher place. There is a place reserved for you at my table.**" The Kingdom of God is precisely the opposite of those fancy restaurants where the celebrities and rich get the preferred seats and don't even need a reservation while (we) **low-lives** have to wait their turn if they get in at all. The last are first, the first are last. Sinners are justified. Sinners are welcome to the Lord's Table. If you're not a sinner, you have no need for the Supper, no need for the Word of Christ, **no need for Jesus**.

There are actually people today saying that Christians shouldn't call themselves sinners. A popular women's speaker named **Joyce Meyer** says exactly this. I quote: "*I am not poor. I am not miserable, and I am not a*

sinner. That is a lie from the pit of hell. That is what I was, and if I still was, then Jesus died in vain. I'm going to tell you something folks. I didn't stop sinning until I finally got it through my thick head I wasn't a sinner anymore. And the religious world thinks that's heresy and they want to hang you for it. But the Bible says that I am righteous and I can't be righteous and be a sinner at the same time."

Well, I don't know what Bible Joyce Meyer is reading, but the Biblical fact is that a **Baptized believer is precisely sinful and righteous at the same time**. He is a sinner covered with a righteousness that does not belong to him. He is, as **Luther** put it "**simultaneously sinful and righteous**." Who leaves the temple justified, according to Jesus? The proud religious Pharisee who boasts in his commandment keeping and compares himself to others? Or the humbled tax collector who is too ashamed even to lift his eyes to Heaven and can only pray, "*Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.*" According to Jesus that man, the tax collector, went home justified. Unless you take your place alongside the chief of sinners, you cannot be saved. Christ came to save sinners. Christ died for sinners. Christ justifies sinners. Christ forgives, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. And if you're not one of them, you don't need Jesus. The sad and ironic fact is that people like Joyce Meyer are not proclaiming the faith of the Kingdom of God but the religion of the old Adam who loves to be told he's no longer a sinner. He's better than others. He's doing well.

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It's the same with who winds up on your guest list too. Jesus says, "*When you throw a party, don't invite the A-list, the rich, your friends, and the people who like you. Invite the least, the lost, the losers of this world – the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind – precisely those people whom the religious Pharisee thought deserved their lot in life for what they had done. You will be blessed precisely because they can't repay you.*" That's a **picture of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in His Kingdom**, right there. A bunch of losers who bring nothing to the Table and can't begin to repay Jesus for the privilege of being there. We are all beggars.

CHIEF (No less than) The **Apostle Paul** said this: "*Christ died for sinners of whom I am chief.*" Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to the Law even to death. Jesus was exalted, raised to the Right Hand of the Father to save you. His humbling and His glory are yours. To be humbled by the Law is to be crucified with Christ, to be set at the lowest seat in the depths of death and grave. It is to die. And that's all the Law of God can do. It can't make you a better person. It can't make you righteous before God. It can't heal you. It can't give you any special place or privileged position in the kingdom. It can only drive you to the lowest place, that is, to your death.

FRIEND And from there, and only from there, you hear the Voice of Jesus your Savior say to you, "**Friend, come up to a better place. Come sit at My Table at a Feast which has no end.**" **IJ'N, Amen. sdc**

POSSIBLE Prayer of Church ✨ 14th Sunday after Trinity, September 22nd, 2019

Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of His Church, the nation, the world and all people according to their needs. (Possible) Brief silence

For the joyful proclamation of the Gospel here and throughout the world, that those who hear may be brought to faith, strengthened in faith and equipped to live out faithfully their baptismal calling, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's Holy Church here and everywhere, for those who have been called to serve as her pastors and church workers, for those preparing for church-work vocations, and for those now considering full-time church work, that they may be guarded against the assaults of the evil one, encouraged in their callings, and prepared to serve faithfully for the sake of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**

For this congregation and for the work of the Lord given to us to do in this place, for our unity of faith and life in Christ, and for our faithful financial and prayerful support of all that God has given us to do, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, ...**

For our care and nurture of the children God has given to us, in the homes where our families dwell, in the churches and educational ministries where we support the parents and extend what begins in the home, and for those who teach our children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, for the Congress, for our governor, for the legislature, for judges and magistrates, and for all entrusted with authority and given positions of leadership in our government, that they may serve well, act with integrity and heed the voice of God's Word in the fulfillment of their duties, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord.**

For the poor and homeless, for the hungry and unemployed, and for victims of violence and prejudice, that the Lord would preserve them and grant them aid and relief from all adversity and trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, for those troubled in mind, for the grieving in their sorrows, and for the dying in their last hours [*especially* **OSL Prayer**]

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that the Lord would grant them the comfort of His presence, relief according to His will and peace in their hearts, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grateful hearts to receive the Lord's bounty with thanksgiving and for generous hearts, that we may not neglect the tithes and offerings through which God's work is supported nor forget those who lack such blessing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, our God, whose mercies are new every morning, we give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us, and we pray You to grant us the will and desire to worship You joyfully, to serve You faithfully and to proclaim boldly Your mighty acts of deliverance through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to You these prayers, and in whom we trust for all things; to You alone be glory, honor, worship and praise, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Then, Lord's Prayer "Our Father, Who art in Heaven..."**