

## Historic Scripture Lessons for the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 'C' Gospel (Sermon)

**Luke 15:1-10** Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear Him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This Man welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 Then Jesus told them this Parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. 8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

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## October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ✧ Trinity-16 ✧ Dying & Rising / Lost

**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 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.**

**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.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** On silver liturgy sheets or in (red) TLH Hymnal p.15

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	276 (4v)	Come Unto Me, Ye Weary and I Will Give
<i>Psalm 91</i>	<i>Ps. 91 "3v"</i>	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble</i>
Hymn of the Day	342 (5v)	Chief of Sinners Though I Be Jesus Shed..
Offertory Verse	441 (6v)	<i>Sing v.1-2 We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>
Distribution Hymn	305 (9v)	Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness
Closing Hymn	613 (4v)	Jerusalem, the Golden with Milk & Honey

**Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 ✧ OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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** (3-Yr Gos: Luke 15:1-10) (LOST SHEEP, COIN) "HE EATS W/ SINNERS!"

**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.

(A sample Offertory verse) **We Give Thee But Thine Own TLH #441**

1. We give Thee but Thine- own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties- thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give! Amen

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Richard Burmeister	(Pastor's Dad)	Back home - reconstructive hip surgery
Nathan Burmeister	(Pastor's Brother)	Had deviated septum (nose) surgery
Shirley Marquardt	(DuWayne)	Shirley had a (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) hernia surgery in August
Amy Cervantes	(Vivian's daughter)	Amy is dealing with a lot of stress of late
Joe Thacker	(Bev Foster)	Joe had an infection in MI. Hope return late October
Jim Vanesky & Delores Platt		Jim had a fall, stitches out, back at home rehab
Dave Wiesenauer	(Pat)	Dave had major surgery. Back home (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)
Volunteers		Today
Greeters		Joan Patrick
Treaters		Andrea & Jon Sawyer
		Next Sunday

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	14 / (14)	18 / 16
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	7	7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$, /\$49.3K

Calendar of Events		
Today October 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AMs: Wineskins
Trinity-16 Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
(Dying & Rising)	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
PM Pastor flies MN	8:55 pm	Pastor flies to MSP for Pastor Conference
Saturday, 10/12	~2:00 pm	Pastor flies back, returns from MSP to ORL
Sunday, 10/13	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AMs: Salt of Earth
Trinity-17 Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Freedom & Humility	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

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

Next Sunday 10/13 Trinity-17/P.18C (p.5 No LS) ♪: 1 Ps.91 370 441.1,2 376 473

**TRINITY-16(P.17C) Luke 15:1-10 "HE(JESUS) EATS WITH SINNERS" 10.06.19 OSL**

PRAYER/INTRODUCTION "Jesus sinners doth receive; oh may all this saying ponder." Here is a trustworthy saying worthy of all acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world **to save sinners** - of whom I am chief."

3-P's The three Parables in **Luke 15** have been called one of the loveliest chapters in the Bible because they picture the true God Who **wants all men to be saved**. Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost, all people. Some refuse Him. Some believe in Him. But He truly seeks **ALL**.

(REALISTIC?!) Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until he finds it? Really? Is that how it works? Leave ninety-nine out in the open country to fend for themselves while you look for the wandering one? Is that any way to run a business? Turn your back on **99 good customers to find the lone deadbeat?!**

\$\$\$ INSTEAD Perhaps the problem is that **we aren't shepherds** and know nothing about sheep herding. So let's try something closer to our world. Money. We all know a thing or two about money. Let's say you have ten coins, each worth about a day's wage. That's a pretty good chunk of change in anyone's wallet. So you go to your change drawer or wherever you keep your money, expecting to find ten coins and you only have nine. OK, now what do you do? Do you take a day or two off of work, without pay, and turn the house upside down in order to find the one lost coin? Seems kind of strange, doesn't it? Lose a day's wage in the hopes of finding a day's wage? Risk ninety-nine sheep to go after one lost sheep?

WRITE-(IT)-OFF I think it's safe to say that **we would be more likely to write off the lost** sheep or the lost coin as a dead asset. Grieve the loss and move on. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, so to speak. Straying sheep tend to stray again; they pretty much **get what they deserve**. Lost coins, well, (maybe) they'll turn up some day.

GOD'S DIFFERENT... (But) If the Son of God had thought this way, **we would never have been saved. If the Son** of God had thought equality with God something to be grasped, He would never have emptied Himself to take on the form of a Servant. He would never have become Man, born of the Virgin Mary. If the Good Shepherd had not considered one lost sheep, namely you, worth laying down His life for, you and I would never have been saved. We'd be lost forever in a maze of sin and death. We'd be **as dead** as a solitary lost sheep in the wilderness or a missing coin in the dust.

"CHIEF OF SINNERS" That's the point of these 2 (or 3 "Lost") Parables of Jesus. Jesus came to seek and to save **THE LOST**. <-That's **YOU and ME!** Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, the **Apostle Paul says**, of whom I am **the worst**. (Our Hymn TLH 342) **The worst?** - Surely there were worse sinners in Paul's day than St. Paul! What about those corrupt **emperors like Nero?** What about those immoral pagans who

participated in orgies and other terrible sins? The worst? Yes, Paul did some bad things in his past, like **persecute Christians** and participate in the **stoning of Stephen**, but Paul says he didn't know what he was doing. He thought he was doing God a favor. And notice that Paul **doesn't** say, "*Christ came to save sinners like I used to be.*" He says, "*of whom I **AM** chief.*"

& WHAT ABOUT US? And if Paul is the "*chief of sinners,*" ... **What does that make us(?)** with our polite idolatries and petty thefts and closeted immoralities? Do you think you are one of the ninety-nine "righteous persons" who does not need repentance? Better think again, dear friend. The Good Shepherd's attention is on the **lost not the found**. The woman's attention is on the **lost coin, not** the nine safely in her pocket.

AUDIENCE (& STATUS) Jesus is telling this series of Parables in the hearing of the **Pharisees** and the **Torah teachers** who were griping about Jesus' table companions. "*This man receives sinners and he eats with them.*" (For them,) **Who you ate with** said a lot about who you were. The Pharisees and Torah teachers were very careful about the company they kept. Certainly not "sinners" - **tax collectors, prostitutes, low-life** of every sort. Is this any way to run a Kingdom? What kind of Messiah is He? He receives the scum of the earth and eats with them! The religious are outraged, offended, scandalized. And you know what? In their outrage and scandal they **excluded themselves from Jesus' table!** They're the ones who refuse to eat with Jesus because they don't like the company He keeps!

NO JOY :- (That's **the nature of hell**. (Ironically) Hell is for the "righteous" who have **no need for repentance**. There's **no** rejoicing in Heaven over them. There's **only sadness**. What a waste! All they needed to do was "drop dead" to their religious righteousness and identify with the lost. Like **St. Paul**, the "chief of sinners." Of course, who wants to do that? Who wants to become nothing? Who wants to be an empty-handed beggar before God?

(3. PRODIGAL) Today's two Parables are the set-up to a third, the main event. (They're like a triptych) - **three Parables in one**. The lost **Sheep**, the lost **Coin**, (then) **the lost Son** (we call him the "**Prodigal**" Son). In the third Parable, a man with two sons loses one to his own youthful arrogance and a Gentile's pigpen. Now in this Parable, the Prodigal (lost son) comes home with a confession. To his amazement, and to the outrage of his older brother, BTW, his **Father welcomes** him with open arms and **throws a party** for his deadbeat son who was lost but now is found, who died and now is alive again. And that Parable **ends out in the field**, with the older brother reciting all his good deeds and obedience and kicking the dirt in resentment over his Father's mercy to his younger brat brother. And as the closing credits roll over this Parable and the lights go out, we **never know if the older brother** will drop dead to his own religion and join the party. He excommunicates himself because he can't abide his father's forgiveness.

...FOR ALL! That's "the Heaven (or, heck) of it all." The **Heavenly Banquet is open TO ALL**, won **for all**, by Jesus' own death that

embraced **every last and least loser in this world**. But you come in as a **loser**, not a winner, as a **lost sheep**, a **lost coin**, a **lost son**.

LOSERS (vs. WINNERS) The religious world doesn't want to hear this, and if we're honest, we're not terribly tickled about it either. Let's face it, the **religious world is about winning not losing, about making the right choices not about identifying with the losers of the world**. And the danger in that is that you risk being the kill-joy on the Lord's party of the penitent. Christ Jesus came to save sinners, of whom you and I are public enemy number one. And there is **outrageous joy among the angels** in Heaven over even one sinner who "gets the joke" and has a belly laugh of faith at Jesus' expense than over ninety-nine dour, long faced religious types who have no need for repentance and no use for sinners.

JOY! :-)) **JOY is the final word** in these Parables. The shepherd **rejoices** over finding the lost sheep. He gives it a free ride on his shoulders, and when he gets home, he throws a party, which means, of course, a BBQ, so some sheep gets slaughtered and it sure isn't the lost one! How's that for outrageous? The woman who finds the coin calls her friends and neighbors and throws a party to celebrate, which (probably) **costs a lot more** than the coin she found. The father who welcomes his wayward son back home **puts the fatted calf on the grill** and strikes up the band and throws a party.

ECONOMY OF GRACE The "Economy of God's Grace" doesn't stand up to the scrutiny of the religious bookkeepers of the law. God's joy over the repentance of a sinner is in lavish excess. The joy of Jesus over your salvation was so great, **He endured the Cross and scorned its shame**. This is the joy of having you back; the joy of embracing you as a child of God; the joy of forgiving you and making you His own. It's is a **seeking love** that is restless to find the lost, that leaves no stone unturned, that goes the extra mile and toils the extra day and stops at nothing until that wayward sheep is safely on the Shepherd's shoulder and the lost coin is tucked in the bank and the lost son is safe at home again.

ALL IS RESTORED That seeking love **brought you to Baptism** and continues to **urge you to a daily life of repentance**, to take your place at the banquet table where the angels and archangels rejoice over your being here, over one sinner who hungers and thirsts for forgiveness. There is joy overflowing with "Cana abundance"; joy unbounded. It almost seems odd, when you think about it, that there should be **joy in the life of repentance?** But that's exactly what these Parables tell us. A lost sheep is **found**; a lost coin is **recovered**; a son **returns**; **sinners are forgiven for Jesus' sake, the dead are raised to life**. And you, chief of sinners though you are, are the object of God's seeking, saving love in Jesus.

(TLH 342 v2) **Oh, the height of Jesus' love, - Higher than the Heav'ns above.  
Deeper than the depths of sea, - Lasting as eternity,  
Love that found me, wondrous thought - Found me when I sought Him not.**

### **POSSIBLE Prayer of Church ☞ 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, October 6<sup>nd</sup>, 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*

Though Your grace may seem slow, we trust, O Lord, that You will grant us all things needful in their proper time, just as You have brought forth Your own Son in the fullness of time to be our Savior. Grant us patience and humility, that we may not despair or grow weary of waiting, but live by faith each day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Though we sometimes feel alone, You have provided us with parents, grandparents and families to nurture us to maturity of life and to provide a refuge of love. Even more, You have provided us with our church family and the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Guide us to welcome the stranger in Christ's Name and to love one another as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear o...**

Though we are filled with the sound of words, You speak, O Lord, the Word of Life and grant us the Holy Spirit, that we may hear and, hearing, believe. Raise up many who will speak Your Word to us: faithful church workers who will do Your bidding on our behalf, and missionaries who will bring hope and light to those who live in the shadow of death and the darkness of sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our ...**

Though we fear the world is out of control, You have placed limits upon all things. O Lord, hear us on behalf of those who exercise authority over us, who order us according to laws, who execute justice, and who defend us against our enemies. Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Though the afflictions of the body and mind confound us, You have promised to be with us in every need and to grant us grace sufficient for all needs of body and soul. Be with **[OSL Prayer List and]** all for whom we pray, that they may know the comfort of Your presence, healing from their ills, and strength to carry them through this time of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Though death still claims our mortal bodies, You have raised up Christ so that we may pass through death to our own joyful Resurrection. Receive our thanks for all the saints and for their witness, and hear us on behalf of those who mourn the loss of those they love. Bring us at last to the place of everlasting light and life, that we may see You face to face and live in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Though time and money seem in such short supply to us, You have promised to supply us with all that we need and more. Give us generous hearts, that we may recognize the poor and needy and share Your abundance with them. Give us faithful hearts, that we may cheerfully supply the tithes and offerings through which Your work is done on earth and Your Church is supported. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Though earthly bread too often dominates our thoughts, You have given us Christ, the Bread of Life, whose Flesh and Blood are the true and real Food of everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may eat in repentance and faith now, in preparation for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

All these things, O Lord, and whatever else we need, we pray You to grant us, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who died and rose again and even now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.