

## Historic Scripture Lessons for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### OLD TESTAMENT I Samuel 2:1-10

**NIV** Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in Your deliverance. 2 "There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides You; there is no Rock like our God. 3 "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God Who knows, and by Him deeds are weighed. 4 "The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength. 5 Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry hunger no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away. 6 "The LORD brings death and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and raises up. 7 The LORD sends poverty and wealth; He humbles and He exalts. 8 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; He seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. "For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's; upon them He has set the world. 9 He will guard the feet of His saints, but the wicked will be silenced in darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails; 10 those who oppose the LORD will be shattered. He will thunder against them from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king and exalt the horn of His Anointed."


### HISTORIC EPISTLE Ephesians 4:1-6

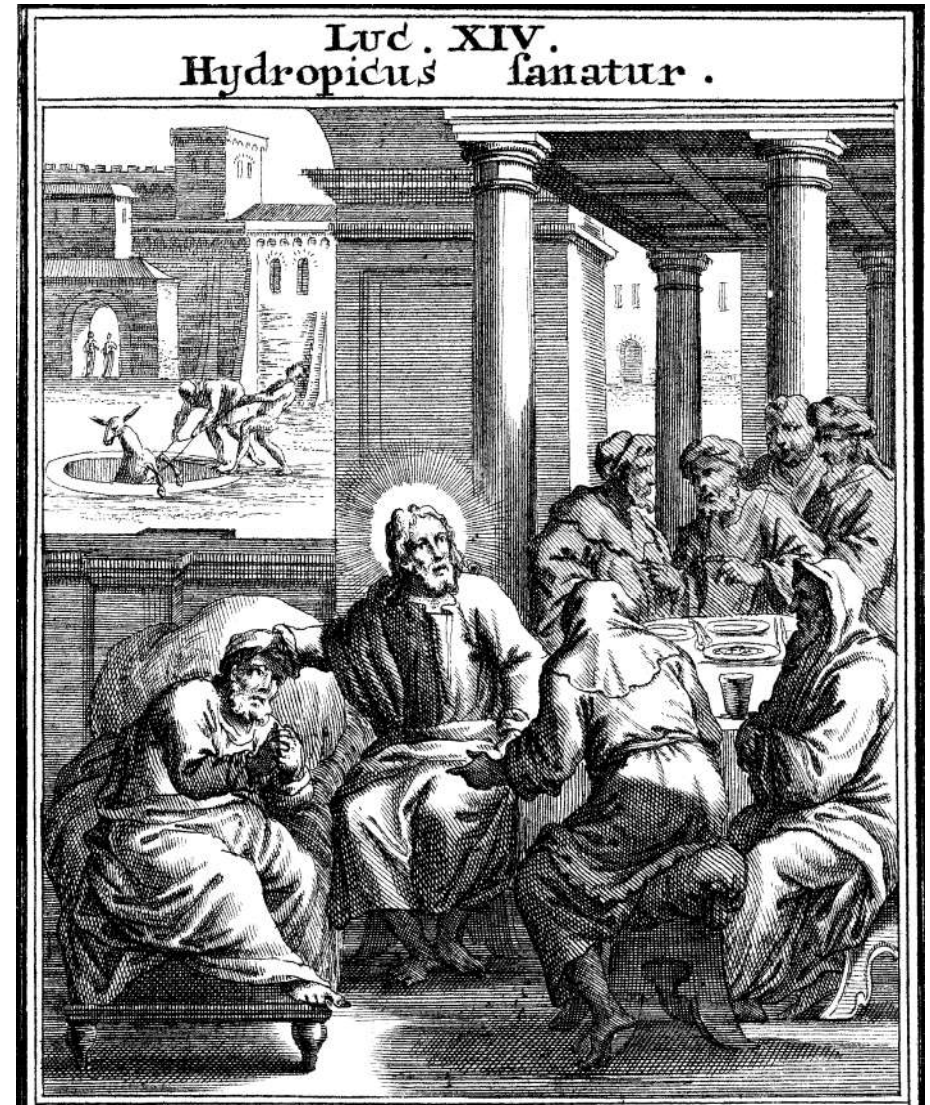
As a prisoner for the LORD, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one Hope when you were called – 5 One LORD, one faith, one Baptism; 6 One God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all.

**H.G. Luke 14:1-11**...11 Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### 3-Yr 'C' Gospel (Sermon)

**Luke 16:1-13** Jesus told His disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' 3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg - 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' 5 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 "'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' 7 "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' 8 "The manager commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. 10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 13 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

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*Woodcut illustration from a 1695 Bible – Luke 14:1-11  
Jesus heals a man with dropsy while eating dinner with Pharisees on the Sabbath. Also, a Pharisee removes an ox from a pit on the Sabbath.*

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

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## October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Trinity-17 ✦ Freedom & Humility

**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.**

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

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	430 (8v)	<i>Sing v.1-4</i> What Is the World to Me(?)...
<i>Psalm 91</i>	<i>Ps. 91 "3v"</i>	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble</i> 7
Hymn of the Day	437 (3v)	Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode ...
Offertory Verse	400 (6v)	<i>Sing v.1&amp;6</i> Take My Life and Let It Be ... 7
Third Hymn	430 (8v)	<i>Sing v.5-8</i> The world is sorely grieved ...
Closing Hymn	657 (4v)	Beautiful Savior - King of Creation ...

**Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daniel 3:1-30	Daniel 4:1-37	Daniel 5:1-30	Daniel 5:31-6:28	Ezra 1:1-11	Ezra 3:1-13
Heb. 11:17-40	Hebrew 12:1-17	Hebrew 13:1-25	James 1:1-15	James 2:1-13	James 2:14-26

### PROPERs for The SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in TRINITY ✦ OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

**INTROIT** Righteous are You, O LORD, and upright are Your judgments. Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Law of the LORD. ...from Psalm 119 (Part 18)

**COLLECT** LORD, we beseech You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance. By the Word of the LORD were the Heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth. Alleluia! Alleluia! The Right Hand of the LORD is exalted, the Right Hand of the LORD does valiantly. Alleluia!

...from Psalm 118 (Part 18)

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

O.T. I Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah: "My heart rejoices in the LORD."
Epi. Ephesians 4:1-6	Earnestly preserve the Unity of the Spirit.
Gos. Luke 14:1-11	Jesus teaches Christian Freedom and Humility.

**SERMON** (3-Yr Gos: Luke 16:1-13) (SHREWDMANAGER) "BE ?BAD? MANAGERS?!"

**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) **Take My Life and Let It Be TLH #400**

1. Take my life and let it be,  
Consecrated LORD to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my love, my LORD, I pour,  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee! A-men.

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

**Al Avant** Pray for safe travel and rejuvenation as al goes to Hungary tomorrow  
**Nathan Burmeister** (Pastor's Brother) Had deviated septum (nose) surgery  
**Connie Costenbader** (family) As they mourn the loss of Connie's father  
**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 Wiesnauer** (Pat) Dave had major surgery. Back home (2<sup>nd</sup> time)

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Andrea & Jon Sawyer	Vivian & Tom Temple
Treaters		

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	12 / (12)	17 / 15
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	7	7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$, /\$50.7K

Calendar of Events		
Today October 13 <sup>th</sup>	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!
Thursday, 10/17	1:30 pm	OSL Council OCT rescheduled meeting
Saturday, 10/19	10:00 am	OSLadies Guild OCT meeting (Elaine)
Sunday, 10/20	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM:Light of World
Trinity-18 Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
L&G: Law and Gospel	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

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

Next Sunday 10/20 Trinity-18 P.19C (p.15 L.S.) ♪: 262 Ps.91 297 283 373 288

**TRINITY-9** (PE.10-A) **Luke 16:1-9(-13)** *"BE BAD STEWARDS?!"* **08.13.19** **OSL**

**TOUGH GOSPEL/S** There are Sundays when the lectionary readings make me wish I could just pick my own text or maybe do a nice sermon series on some benign self-improvement theme. **Today is one of them.** The Gospel has a bunch of sayings of Jesus all clustered around the uncomfortable topic of your money, calling it "unrighteous Mammon" and capping it off with **a Parable of a crooked money manager** who is praised for being shrewd.

**First the Parable.** Jesus is telling this Parable to His disciples in the hearing of the Pharisees, who, according to Luke, were lovers of money. A certain rich man had a money manager who was sitting on his assets, wasting his possessions, and generally not doing his job. And so the rich man calls him in, demands the books, and fires him on the spot. On his way back to the office to retrieve the books, the manager does a bit of his own accounting and realizes he's got a bit of a problem. When the word gets out that he's been fired, no one will hire him as a manager, he's too out of shape from sitting at a desk to dig, and he's too proud to beg.

**So he devises a clever little plan.** Before anyone hears about his being fired, the manager goes to some of the rich man's tenants, possibly deadbeat tenants who weren't paying their rent any way, and begins to discount their bills. One owes a hundred measures of oil. He says, "Quick, take your bill and write fifty." Another owes a hundred measures of wheat, and he says, "Write eighty."

**Two possibilities exist.** Either the manager is giving up his cut or he's discounting his former master's contracts. In either case, he's making friends on borrowed time because as soon as the word gets out that he's been fired all bets are off. And the master (or the Lord, you can't tell) commends (yes, commends!) this faithless manager for his shrewdness. Jesus notes that the sons of this world are a heck of a lot shrewder in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light, ie believers or citizens of the kingdom.

**What makes the manager shrewd** is that he rightly assessed the urgency of the situation and he acted on it, cashing in on his master's name and reputation while there was still time, so that when he was unemployed he wouldn't wind up sleeping in the streets since now he had some new friends.

And so, **Jesus says, use your "unrighteous mammon"** to gain eternal friends so that when it fails, and it will ultimately and eventually fail, you will have lots of eternal friends who will welcome you into eternal dwellings. Now this is not to say that you get into heaven by giving away your money, though your money, as idolatrous mammon, can certainly keep you out. It means that you are masters of your money and servants

of the Lord, "for you cannot serve two masters; you cannot serve both God and mammon." One has to give.

**This gets to the principal reason** behind the idea of offering. We try to make it practical by looking at budgets, expenses, needs, assets and liabilities, but that's not really the point. That's the temporal side of things, which is important, but only in a temporal sort of way. The chief purpose of offering is to loosen our grip on our money lest it become mammon, an idol, in our hands. In other words, the way to prevent wealth from becoming an idol is to give it away, show it who's the boss, order it around. Tell it to help that poor man, or feed that hungry man. It means that we use wealth that we have not in view of this life but in view of the eternal life that is ours in Jesus.

**Wealth fails,** (just as our health will fail and our life will fail,) inevitably, inexorably. The current economic events tell us this. Money, investments, pension funds are not the place to put your faith, hope, and trust. It will fail and it will drag you down with it. Only the Word of the Lord endures forever. The treasure that endures is the treasure of heaven, not of this world. And so we handle the wealth of this world as citizens of heaven who deal in eternal currency whose value is determined by the Son of God who loved us and shed His blood to save us.

**You can tell much about the faith condition** of a person by how he handles his wealth. *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,"* Jesus said on another occasion. If you want to see where your heart is, follow the money. You may be surprised at the outcome as you see all the idols to whom you sacrifice. Look at the register of your checkbook or the listing of your charge card. It will tell you.

**Faithfulness in little means faithfulness in much.** Faithfulness in things temporal reflects faithfulness in things eternal. If you haven't been a faithful steward of something as fleeting as money, why should God entrust you with eternal treasures? And the answer is that He shouldn't. The reality is that our hearts are divided, and we indeed try to serve two masters hoping they don't recognize one another. We put in our God-time like the Israelites of Amos' day, and then it's back to business as usual.

**Jesus nailed the Pharisees that day in their love of money.** *"You justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts."* He knows what's going on with us. He knows our fears, loves, and trusts. And what we exalt and hold so high, He considers abominable, putting us in roughly the same position as that manager in the Parable who was asked to turn in the books. Imagine a heavenly audit of the books of your life, a close examination at how you handled your money and what you did with it. Whom do you serve – God or Mammon? Do you use your wealth or are you used by it? Does money serve you or do you serve it?

**Jesus was tempted by Mammon.** The devil dangled all the riches and glories of this world in front of Jesus for one moment of faithlessness, one bit of worship. *“All these are yours if you bow down and worship me.”* Jesus resisted. *“You will worship the Lord your God, and Him alone will you serve,”* He said. Jesus was faithful. He served His Father alone with a single-minded service. He did it in our humanity, as one of us, on our behalf.

**Where we love wealth, Jesus loved God.** Where we pursue comfort, He went to the cross. Where we look for profit and gain, Jesus took loss. Where we gladly bow down to the devil for little more than a sampling of this world’s riches, Jesus renounced this world’s riches and worshipped God. Where we are faithless in little, He is faithful in much. Where we exalt power and wealth and fame, He exalts righteousness and faithfulness and love.

**What is exalted among men is despised by God.** And it is conversely true as well, what is exalted by God is despised by men. Jesus, crucified, risen, and reigning at the Father’s right hand, highly exalted in the sight of God yet despised and ridiculed in the sight of men. That a sinner is justified before God not by who he is or by what he does but solely by trust in who Jesus is and what He has done. This is despised by men and esteemed by God.

**In the end, and there is a coming End,** when the wealth of this world fails, when the global economy collapses under the weight of its own greed, when the idol of Mammon is finally exposed as the worthless fraud that it is, when you have lost everything including your own life, there at that end is only Jesus who will not fail you, welcoming you into an eternal dwelling He won for you by trading out His life for your life.

**You are Baptized into Him.** His life is yours. His faithfulness is yours. His Kingdom is yours. You literally have nothing to lose, even if you die as a beggar like Lazarus (which, by the way, is the Parable that follows this one). Having nothing to lose, being dead to this world and dead to self, turns out to be the freest position there is. Look at that Parable once again. Notice that only when the manager had lost his job and had nothing to lose is when he actually did his job. Had he been that aggressive with his master’s money all along, he wouldn’t have been fired in the first place.

**You are that free, dear Baptized child of God.** In Christ, you have the riches of Heaven laid up in trust for you. In Christ, you have an eternal dwelling that awaits you. In Christ, you hold citizenship in a country that will never fall. In Christ, you are a servant of God and master of your money. This calls for shrewdness, the shrewdness of faith that cashes in on the good Name of Jesus and ***lives as though you have nothing to lose. IJ’N, Amen. SDG***

**POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church** ☩ **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*As unworthy recipients of our Lord’s unfathomable mercy, grace, forgiveness and love, let us pray for ourselves, for the whole Church, for the world and for all people in need. (Possible) Brief silence*

For our Master’s continued mercy to be poured out upon us in Jesus Christ, and that we would be quick to show His mercy to others, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For steadfastness in faith and unwavering trust in trial and tribulation, need and want, that we would not doubt our Lord’s goodness and grace, but call upon Him in times of trouble, pray, praise and give thanks in all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a spirit of thankfulness for God’s providence in all our bodily and spiritual needs, that we, in turn, would readily, freely and gladly give to others of what we have received without resentment or fear of loss, but in love for both God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the pastors of our church, especially our Synod president; our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s) in Christ, that the Lord would preserve, defend and keep the stewards of His holy mysteries in faithfulness and holiness of living, defending them from the assaults of the evil one, from weariness in their service, and from self-centered pride and despair, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord,**

For our congregation and its members, that we would ever show mercy as we have received mercy and present ourselves blameless before both God and neighbor, that we may be aided in this and truly hunger and thirst for the pure Word of our Lord and His blessed Sacraments, and that we would desire to receive them together regularly, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those to whom the Lord has given the sword to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good, that they would rule and lead in humility for the common good so that there may be justice and peace in our land, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the injured; for those undergoing or recovering from surgery; and for all in need of healing, comfort, reassurance and peace, [*especially **OSL Prayer List***] that they be given strength to endure their trials until God removes them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have gone before us in the sign of faith and who now repose in Christ, let us give our thanks and praise, asking that we also may be given our share with the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have ...**

All these things and whatsoever else is right and proper for us, grant to us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Christ Jesus, who is faithful in all things and just, so that we would be cleansed from all our unrighteousness, for You and Christ Jesus live and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**