

Historic Scripture Lessons for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 10:12-21 NIV And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to observe the LORD'S commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? 14 To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest Heavens, the earth and everything in it. 15 Yet the LORD set His affection on your forefathers and loved them, and He chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. 16 Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. 17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. 18 He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. 19 And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. 20 Fear the LORD your God and serve Him. Hold fast to Him and take your oaths in His Name. 21 He is your Praise; He is your God, Who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

Historic Epistle

I Corinthians 1:4-9 I always thank God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in Him you have been enriched in every way - in all your speaking and in all your knowledge - 6 because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our LORD Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our LORD Jesus Christ. 9 God, Who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our LORD, is faithful.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: 36 Teacher,

in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest Commandment. 39 And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two Commandments. 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He? He the son of David, they replied. 43 He said to them, How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit calls Him LORD? For he says, 44 The LORD said to my LORD: Sit at My Right Hand until I put your enemies under your feet. 45 If then David calls Him LORD, how can He be his Son. 46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask Him any more questions.

3-Yr Gospel (Sermon)

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.'"



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

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October 20th, 2019 ✧ Trinity-18/C ✧ Law & Gospel

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 the (red) TLH Hymnal p.15

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	282 (4v)	Christians, Come in Sweetest Measures
<i>Psalm 91</i>	<i>Ps. 91 "3v"</i>	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	351 (4v)	Love Divine All Love Excelling Joy of ...
Offertory Verse	283 (1v)	<i>God's Word Is Our Great Heritage</i> ↗
Distribution Hymn	315 (15)	I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table ...
Closing Hymn	288 (4v)	LORD, help us ever to retain th' Catechism

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ezra 4:1-24	Haggai 1:1-15	Ezra 5:1-17	Ezra 6:1-22	Ezra 7:1-28	Ezra 8:31-9:15
James 3:1-18	James 4:1-5:6	James 5:12-20	1 Peter 3:1-7	1 Peter 3:15-22	1 Peter 5:1-5

PROPERs for EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY ✧ ✧ ✧ **OCTOBER 20TH**

INTROIT Reward them who wait for You, O LORD, and let Your prophets be found faithful. Hear the prayer of Your servants and of Your people Israel. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the House of the LORD."
...from Ecclesiastes & Psalm 122

COLLECT O LORD, because without You we are not able to please You: Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Peace be within Your walls, and prosperity within Your palaces. Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh, praise the LORD, all you nations! Praise Him, all you people. Alleluia!
...from Psalm 122

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

O.T. Deuteronomy 10:12-21 Love & Serve the LORD to Whom we belong.
Epi. I Corinthians 1:4-9 God will keep you strong to the End.
Gos. Matthew 22:34-46 (Law&Gospel) The Law requires a loving heart.

SERMON (3-Yr Gos: Luke 16: 19-31) POOR LAZARUS & RICH MAN "HEAVENLY RICH"

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.**

#283 1. God's Word is our Great Heritage - And shall be ours forever; To spread Its Light from age to age - Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life It guides our way, - In death It is our Stay. LORD, grant, while worlds endure, - We keep Its teachings pure. Throughout all gen-er-a-tions. A--men.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Richard Burmeister	(Pastor's Father)	Rehab - hip re-reconstructive surgery
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 nd) hernia surgery in August
Joan Patrick	(Frank)	Joan has been battling health and insurance issues
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 nd time)

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Vivian & Tom Temple	Elaine Jones
Treaters	Elaine Jones	Bev & Don (& Cook Brats)

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	12 / (- -)	16 / 15
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	6	7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$./ \$50.7K

Calendar of Events		
Today October 20th	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!
Sunday, 10/27	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: Hose on Rock
Trinity-19 Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
C&A: Confess/Absolve	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Joint Reformation	4:00 pm	ELS FLA Circuit #1 REFORMATION Fest
Worship, then Meal	5:30 pm	Reformation German Fellowship Meal

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

✧ The OSLadies' Guild again asked and will have a special collections basket at the rear of church the next two weeks for special FWMS Florida Women's Missions.

Next Sunday 10/27 Trinity-19/Reformation (p.5 No L.S.) 262 625 584 261 45

TRI-18/P19C Luke 16:19-31 "CREATURE-COMFORT&COMPLACENCY" 10.20.19 OSL

PRAYER *LORD Jesus, give us the wondrous power and wisdom of love, and let our whole life and all we have be devoted to the service of love with You as our Example and Guide. Grant us poor miserable sinners this lasting wealth, grant us poor fools this true wisdom. Amen.*

\$\$\$ We're in Luke's kind of "Money-section" (ch.15 & 16) of his Gospel. (Last week) woman and coin, and Prodigal who **wasted his inheritance**, last week (ch.16) **Steward** ...and today (ch.16b) **Rich man and poor Lazarus**. Complacency and creature comforts are on the table for our examination this morning. Jesus tells a Parable about a man who had everything who went to hell, and a poor man who had nothing went to Heaven.

(AMOS) In an O.T. Lesson often paired with this Gospel, **Amos 6:1-7** Prophet Amos is preaching to the "Rich & Famous." **"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, woe to the smugly secure on the mountain of Samaria!"** Amos, the "Troubler of Israel" is **stirring up trouble**. And he's doing it in a dangerous place - among the rich and famous, the movers and shakers, the wealthy and attractive, the kinds of people you and I would like to hang out with and may be one of. Oh yes, give me the life of the rich man over Lazarus any day of the week.

WOE TO...(U!) Amos is taking no prisoners. He writes to Israel **and to us**: Woe to those who have become so complacent in their creature comforts - and don't have a care for the ruin of Joseph. Who couldn't care less about the state of the Church. Who do not grieve over what is happening to Gospel of Jesus. Woe to you and to me with our satiated bellies and drunken tongues and ringing ears!

TOO COMFORTABLE This is not to say that there is anything wrong with a nice dinner, a bottle of wine, and a comfortable mattress. But when creature comforts bring spiritual complacency then we have a problem of idolatrous proportions. When we are too lethargic to hear the call to worship, when our late night parties mean we sleep in on Sundays or doze through church if we're here, when our ears are so full of the noise of this culture's music that we can't hear the Word of God, then something is tragically wrong.

WHO WOULD !YOU! BE? Jesus told a **frightening Parable** about a **rich man** who had everything and a **poor man** who had nothing. Which would you want to be? Oh, come on, be honest. You'd want to be the rich man, wouldn't you? Armani suits, linen tablecloths, servants waiting on his every need, a Rolls in the garage, a Ferrari for the weekends, the finest meats cooked to perfection, the best vintage wines from his endless cellar. Who wouldn't want to be him? He's living "the Good Life"! Why do people play the Lotto? Why do people roll the dice? Why do people grab and claw for every dollar they can get their hands on? They want to be this guy, or at least, have a piece of his pie.

POOR LAZ... At the end of his (palatial) driveway is a guy named Lazarus. It's unusual for Jesus to name someone in his Parable, and I'll explain in a second why I think He does. Who on earth would want to be Lazarus? **Diving the rich man's dumpster**, searching for a bite to eat, maybe a few bones with some meat left on them. His skin was covered with oozing sores, but old Lazarus didn't have a medical plan. His only physicians were the dogs that hung around to lick his sores. They say a dog is a man's best friend, and that may be true here, but where Lazarus lived dogs were dirty, garbage picking scavengers. They were the only comfort Lazarus had. **Who would want to be Lazarus?**

DAY AFTER DAY... Every day the rich man looked out his window, down the driveway, to the gate. He'd stand there in his purple satin bathrobe, with a gin and tonic in hand, and he'd look down the drive at old Lazarus with the dogs, and he'd think to himself, *"There but for the grace of God go I. Poor bloke. He must have done something bad to deserve this."*

DEATH EQUALIZER And then one day, they both dropped dead. **Death is the great equalizer - rich and poor die pretty much the same**. The rich man died on his Sleep Comfort or his Lazy Boy; Lazarus died in the street. But both of them were equally dead. Death reveals the hidden truth, something that wasn't so apparent in this life. Lazarus was faithful, full of faith in the promises of God even in his emptiness, he hungered and thirsted and now is satisfied. The rich man rejected God just as he rejected Lazarus; he was faith-less. He winds up in **Hell**, while Lazarus winds up in the *"Bosom of Abraham"* or *"Abraham's side"* - **Heaven**.

EVERYTHING OPPOSITE NOW Here and now **everything is reversed**. Lazarus is **blessed**, the rich man **cursed**. Lazarus is **comforted**, the rich **tormented**. The rich man tries to bargain, but his bargaining days are over. (Surprisingly,) **He becomes mission-minded**. He has five unbelieving brothers, probably just as hedonistic as he was. *"Send Lazarus to them. They'll be impressed. Lazarus risen from the dead. That'll shake them out of their drunken stupor."*

HAVE WHAT THEY NEED **"They have Moses and the Prophets,"** Abraham says. Lazarus' work days are over now. He gets to rest from his labors. And those five brothers have all they need to be saved - the Law and the Prophets. Let them hear them. And if they don't hear the Word of God, they won't be convinced even if someone rose from the dead.

TONGUE-IN-CHEEK? Do you think Jesus had the divine tongue in the divine cheek when He said that? He actually **DID raise a man** (named Lazarus, BTW) from the dead. This Lazarus wasn't poor, but he was dead. And Jesus raised him to life to show that He is the Resurrection and the Life. Do you know what they tried to do to Lazarus? They wanted to kill Him, just as they wanted to kill Jesus, because if they do not believe Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to believe if one rises from the dead. They're not even going to believe if **Jesus Himself rises** from the dead (which **He did**).

(BLEST) You, my friends, have the prophetic **Word made even more sure**. You are **blessed** to live in the last days. You not only have Moses and the prophets, you have the apostles and evangelists. You know how this whole thing comes out. You know how Jesus died to bear the sin of the world and your sin; how **He became the least** and the loser for all of us, losing His life to win us, laying down His life to save us. He was rich in the riches of Heaven, richer than any rich man, yet for our sakes He become poor like Lazarus in the Parable, wretched, miserable, crucified - **to save you**.

JESUS = LAZARUS(?!) Can you imagine what it would be like to take those two characters, the rich man and Lazarus, and have that poor beggar at the end of the driveway being licked by the dogs **be the rich man's savior**? What if Lazarus were Jesus begging at the rich man's gate? Outrageous, you say? *"For as often as you have done it to the least of these, my brothers, you have done it to me."* How would you expect Jesus to come into the world the first time? As the rich man, or as Lazarus? But the rich man in all his luxury and comfort and food and drink and purple and linen could not see it, and would not believe it, that **God saves from the bottom up, not the top down. The last are first, the first are last.**

REPENT Beware of complacency that comes with creature comforts. The call to discipleship is not a call to be comfortable. Remember the church at Laodicea - a rich city with bankers and doctors and businessmen. It had hot springs with warm mineral waters. But the charge from the LORD to this church is *"You are lukewarm, like your water."* Neither hot nor cold. They said, *"We are rich, we have wealth, we don't need a thing."* But the LORD of the Church says, *"You are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. You need gold only I can give; you need a robe only I can provide, you need balm for your eyes that only I have."* **Repent** of your riches, your complacency, your false comforts, and realize that you are no better off or different than that beggar Lazarus at the end of your driveway.

ALL BEGGARS **"We are all beggars,"** Luther wrote as his dying words. "This is true." We are all beggars. Lazaruses, each of us, begging, hungry, wounded, sick, sore. And the **Good News is that Jesus has joined us there**, among the dogs, the outcasts, the losers. **A beggar to save the beggars**. You have the Word of Christ, greater than Moses and the prophets. You have the Word made flesh. Faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. Hear it. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus. Your death is destroyed in Jesus. Hell has no power over you as you are in Jesus.

**LORD, let at last Thine angels come, - To Abr'am's bosom bear me Home,
That I may die unfeeling; / And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep - Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, - That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, - My Savior and my fount of grace.
LORD Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end. (ELH 406, v3) IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

POSSIBLE Prayer of Church ☩ 18th Sunday after Trinity, October 20th, 2019

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible) Brief silence

Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part. We praise You especially for preserving for us Your saving Word and Holy Sacraments. Grant and preserve for Your Holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine, and provide faithful pastors to preach Your Word with power. Help all who hear the Word rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Send laborers into Your harvest, and open the door of faith to those who do not know You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

You have graciously given us, Your children adopted by grace, the gift of faith. Remove from us all wayward boasting and any inclination toward self-righteousness. Increase our faith in, and fidelity to, the Holy Gospel, which is Your power unto the salvation of all who believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We love because You first loved us. Where we have failed to love as we ought, grant us repentance and the desire to amend our ways. Increase in us the desire to show forth our love to one another in acts of charity and kindness, and fill our hearts with generosity and compassion toward all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Bestow Your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land, that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Graciously defend us from all calamity by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Protect and prosper all who labor in their rightful callings, and let all useful arts flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the lonely and the forsaken, the Helper of the sick and needy, the Comforter of the distressed and those who sorrow. Look with mercy especially upon those who have requested our prayers, [*including OSL Prayer List*] that they may ever cling to Jesus as their sure and certain hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Grant Your Holy Spirit to those who come to the Lord's Table this day, that they may receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Father, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. L.S. p.24**