

Historic Scripture Lessons ✨ for the 21st Sunday after Trinity

Historic Old Testament Lesson
Hosea 13:14 I will ransom them from...

3-Yr Old Testament Lesson (Sermon)

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 NIV Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. 11 As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? 12 The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. 13 I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, 14 or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him. 15 Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. 16 This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind? 17 All his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. 18 Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him - for this is his lot. 19 Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work - this is a gift of God. 20 He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-17 Finally, be strong in the LORD and in His mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full Armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of Truth buckled

around your waist, with the breastplate of Righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of Faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of Salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Historic Gospel

John 4:46-54 Once more He visited Cana in Galilee, where He had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to Him and begged Him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. 48 ... 53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed. 54 This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

Mark 10:23-30 ... Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at His Words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God." 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." 28 Peter said to Him, "We have left everything to follow you!" 29 "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for Me and the Gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields - and with them, persecutions) and in the Age to come, Eternal Life.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS
21st Sunday after Trinity ✨ *Faith & Spiritual Armor*



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

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October 21st, 2018 ✧ Trinity-21 ✧ Faith, Spiritual Armor

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.

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On silver liturgy sheets and in (red) Hymnal p.15 .

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	447 (4v)	Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might
Psalm "Beatitudes"	Blest '5v'	Blest Are They, The Poor In Spirit ... ↗
Hymn of the Day	366 (7v)	Sing v.1-4 One Thing's Needful, LORD...
Offertory Verse	366 (7v)	Sing v.7 Therefore Thou alone, my Savior
Distribution Hymn	387 (10)	Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice
Closing Hymn	445 (6v)	Am I a Soldier of the Cross A Follow'r...

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 21st Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Micah 6:1-9	Isa.58:1-14	Isa.59:1-21	Jer.31:1-22	Je.31:23-40	Isa.48:1-22
Eph. 1:1-23	Eph.2:1-22	Eph. 4:7-21	Eph. 4:29-32	Eph.5:10-14	Eph.5:22-33

PROPER FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✧ ✧ ✧ OCTOBER 21ST

INTROIT O LORD, King Almighty, Your power is over all things; there is no one who is able to resist Your Will. You have made Heaven and earth and all things enclosed by the heavens. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Law of the LORD. ...from **Esther 13:9-11**

COLLECT LORD, we ask You to keep Your Household, the Church, in continual godliness; that through Your protection She may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve You in good work, to the glory of Your Name; 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: LORD, You have been our Dwelling Place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or You had ever formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Those who trust in the LORD will be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abides forever. Alleluia! ...Epi. & Ps.114

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

O.T. (Hosea 13:14) **Ecclesiastes 5:10-20** The dangers & blessings of wealth.
Epi. **Ephesians 6:10-17** Put on full (Spiritual) Armor of God.
Gos. **John 4:46-54** Jesus (remotely) heals royal Roman official's Son.

♪ Here are words to our "Beatitudes" **Matthew 5** ✧ Please sing along! ♪

Verse 1. ♪ *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the Kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.*

**Refrain C: ♪ Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God.**

Verse 2. *Blest are they, the low-ly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 3. *Blest are they who show mercy; Mer-cy shall- be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They- shall see God!*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 4. *Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in fa-ith; Th' glory of God is theirs.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 5. *Blest are you who suffer hate; All-- because-- of Me.*

Re-joice and be glad. Yours is the Kingdom; Shine for all to see. Refrain

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

Florida, GA, SC&NC (Michael). Also **Elma Hendricks** – comfort. **Jim H** passed **Dee Kurczewski** (David) Dee - falls. Rehabbing. David back working **Carolyn Miner** (Don) Carolyn had brain bleed stroke. Home recovering well **Jon & Andrea Sawyer** Jon's heart, resuming work. Andrea started new work **Dave Wiesenauer** (Pat) Dave had a DVT bloodclot. Recovering at home **Ethel Wendt** (Steve) PTL Ethel had (major) surgery. Recovering well at home **Barb Wolkens** Barb seriously stiff neck. Doctors don't know cause yet **James Vanesky & Delores Platt** Both at home rehabbing. We miss them

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Mary Lou Knigge	Vivian & Tom Temple
Treaters	Elaine Jones	(Prep for Reformation Meal ↓)

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	16 / (-)	19 / 17
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	10	10
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1,350)	YTD\$, (\$56.7K)

Calendar of Events		
Today October 21st	8:30 am	Bible Study Figures of Christ: <i>David's Son</i>
Trinity-21 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Spiritual Armor ✧	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Tuesday, 10/23	1:30 pm	OSL "EV" EVangelism Meeting in hall
Next Sunday 10/28	8:30 am	Bible Study Figures of Christ: <i>David's Son</i>
(Trinity-22 Sunday)	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Reformation.Observed	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Joint Worship&Meal	4:00, 5:30	Joint Reformation & Anniversary -RWH

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

✧ A basket for FWMS Florida Women's Missions is placed at back next two Sundays.

Next Sunday 10/28 Reformation(B) (p.5 No L.S.) Hymn #s 44 250 283 387 261

TRINITY.21/P.22B Mark 10:(17-)23-30 "RICHE\$ & RELIGION (Pt.2)" 10.21.18 OSL

(FROM LAST SUNDAY...) Imagine the shocked look on Jesus' disciples' faces. "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the Kingdom of God!" They had just watched an earnest, seeking, religious young man turn away with a long face on hearing Jesus say, "Sell all your possessions, give the money to the poor, and come follow Me." This was Jesus' answer to the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The disciples, I'm sure, were shocked at Jesus' answer, and His letting this eager young man go away to ponder his riches. Go and chase Him down, Jesus? Why scare him off like that? This is no way to grow the Kingdom!

WEALTH CULTURE The disciples were amazed at His Words. Maybe even outraged. They were in danger of losing their religion. They lived in a culture where wealth was admired. It was considered a sign of God's blessing. When you "counted your blessings," **the more you could count, the more blessed by God you were.** Wealth is a gift from God, right? The book of **Ecclesiastes** says as much. Wealth comes from the generous Hand of God, and therefore there is nothing inherently "evil" or "bad" about wealth.

gOD OF MAMMON But when wealth falls from the Good Hand of a generously giving God **into the hands of sinful men, the trouble begins.** The problem with wealth, with money, is that we get religious about it, and we are dealing in the realm of idolatry and why it is difficult, if not impossible, for those with wealth to enter the Kingdom of God.

\$\$ - DEFINITION Think about wealth for a moment. What is it exactly? You can try to quantify it, much the way you quantify calories in food, but what you find is that the numbers keep changing on you. Your house, if you have one, is maybe worth more today than it was five years ago. Hopefully our retirement fund or investments, if you have them, likewise. A slice of bread still has the same number of calories it did ten years ago, assuming the same recipe. But a dollar is worth a dollar simply because the government says so and we believe it.

\$\$ = NOTHING The preacher of Ecclesiastes calls it a chasing after nothing, vanity, emptiness, meaningless. "He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity." He ought to know. The **preacher of Ecclesiastes is Solomon**, the richest man in the world at his time. He was the envy of all the rulers around him. The Queen of Sheba paid a personal visit to see all of Solomon's **stuff**. That's how legendary he was He could buy anything, do anything, go anywhere. He had gardens, houses, Egyptian horses, a harem of over 900 wives and concubines. And he writes this kind of "report from the field" in the book of Ecclesiastes with this message: **there is nothing out there. The world of wealth is empty, meaningless, consumptive.**

\$\$ IRONY They say that idols always wind up consuming their worshippers, and Mammon, the money-god, is no exception. All that hard-

earned wealth, all the accumulated wealth stacking up for the future, winds up bringing you misery and ruin. Hard earned riches are lost in one bad investment, one bum business deal, one drop in the economy. We have heard our share of "Riches to Rags" stories in recent times, of corruption driven by greed, of savings and investments lost. The **great irony of wealth** is that it **promises** peace, stability, and security, and in the end it **delivers none** of the above. Ecclesiastes says at least the laborer sleeps well at night, exhausted from his labors. Not so the rich man. Though his belly is full, his stomach is churning with anxiety as he watches his wealth erode.

ZERO-IN//ZERO OUT We bring nothing into this world from our mother's womb; we take nothing out of this world. The wealth that promised us happiness and security instead causes us anxiety, sickness, and anger. And the **greatest danger of all is that in attempting to cling to everything we have and accumulate more**, we do not fit through the "narrow door" of the Kingdom. It's easier to "thread a camel through the eye of a needle than it is to squeeze a rich man into the Kingdom." That leaves the disciples utterly astonished. And it should leave us just as astonished if not somewhat shaken when we realize that **most of us here today would qualify under Jesus' definition of "rich."** It may not seem that way to us, but we are rich compared to most people living in the world today and certainly at the time of Jesus.

(SELL ALL?) Now does this mean that we need to divest ourselves of every asset, give all our possessions away, live in monastic poverty in order to be saved? Some in the past have thought that. Peter seemed to think that. He started to say to Jesus, "Hey, look. We've got it right. We've left everything and followed you." Jesus' reply is as about as off the point as it is anything else. "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, **with persecutions, and in the age to come (which is) Eternal Life.**"

JESUS' ANSWER What He says essentially is, "Peter, you think you've left everything and now have nothing, and you couldn't be more wrong. Already now, in fellowship with Me, you have a hundred-fold more than what you left behind, even now in this life. You are a member of a vast body, My Body, and joined to Me you are joined to all who have ever believed in Me, and you have more brothers and sisters and mothers and aunts and uncles and nephews and nieces than you can possibly number."

BUT, THERE WILL BE... But hear this, and don't miss it: In this life it all comes with **persecutions**. The cross hangs over everything. It's the narrow door through which you enter into Eternal Life. Your riches won't save you, nor will your poverty, because the problem is not with wealth but with sin which corrupts everything including your enjoyment of the good things God gives you. He wants to bless you and give you a little joy, and you turn

around and make it into some all-consuming idol that robs you of every last ounce of joy in your life.

1ST-LAST//LAST-1ST And, oh by the way, when it comes to book keeping and the Kingdom of God, *“The first will be last, and the last will be first.”* So everything you learned from the world of money you can forget when it comes to dealing with God. There are **no transactions in God’s Kingdom**, only pure grace, gift. The losers wind up the winners, the winners come in last and the currency of the Kingdom is not earned by our hard work, merits, and achievements but by Christ’s perfect life, death, and Resurrection. He was rich, the eternal Son of the Father, yet for our sakes, He became poor, a beggar on a cross with no place even to lay His head. It isn’t our poverty that saves us but Christ’s poverty, for in His poverty we become rich. He takes on the poverty of our sin, our covetousness, our idolatry; and we receive the richness of His righteousness, His holiness, His peace. He did the impossible thing, the thing only God can do: **He saved us.**

TOP PRIORITY That’s where Jesus wants our attention. Not on our wallets, our bank accounts, our assets, our stuff but on Him, on His kingdom and His righteousness. *“Seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness, and all these things (things we worry about – clothing, shoes, food, drink, house, home, whatever –) all these things will be added to you.”*

WHAT ABOUT U\$? What about our wealth? What do we do with it? Well, the preacher of Ecclesiastes would say, *“Enjoy it while you have it. Enjoy your work, enjoy your wealth. This is a gift from God.”* The **Apostle Paul** put it this way: *“I’ve learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I what it is to be abased and to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Christ [Him] Who strengthens me.”* **With Christ in the center, wealth takes it’s proper place and perspective.** Do you have plenty? Then rejoice, enjoy, share the joy with others. Are you in need? Then rejoice that your life is free from the clutter of wealth.

HANG ON (TO CHRIST) Faith holds things with an open, dead hand. Not grasping tightly with a death grip, but loosely. Some things you must let go of at some point, other things you will never be able to hold on to. To be content is to have your heart at rest in Jesus, and through Him to receive all things as gift from the hand of God. That’s the “secret” of contentment that Paul learned. **Hold everything with the dead hand of faith**, enjoy it while you have it, because you certainly can’t take it with you. Live and work and play as free men and women in Christ.. Enjoy the **food** on your table, the **wine** in your glass, the **work** God has given you to do each day. **These are His gifts to you.** Hold them **loosely** and they won’t hold you. And each day sing a hymn of praise to the God who gives gifts to His children and who secured our Salvation that we may have joy unending.

GIFT(S) Remember: the joy comes not from the gifts **but from the Giver** - God Who gave them. **IJ’N. Amen. SDG** And now, the peace of God ...

Possible Prayer of the Church ☩ 21th Sunday after Trinity October 21st 2018

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

For the Church of Christ, that the baptized would rejoice in the Sabbath rest that is theirs in the Savior, and that they would strive to enter His rest by ceasing from their own labors and resting entirely in His finished salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all ministers, that they would so handle the living and active Word of God that it may not be hindered in doing its task of exposing the secrets of our hearts and showing us our merciful and faithful High Priest, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an increase in full-time church workers among us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who hold public office in our land, that God would strengthen and uphold them in every good deed, protect them from every evil, and prosper their service to this nation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the cheering confidence to remember always that what is impossible with man is not hard for God, since all things are possible with Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have left home and loved ones for the sake of the Gospel, that they may be comforted amid the troubles of this age in receiving the members of the Church as their family now, joining them in waiting for the hope of eternal life in the age to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those afflicted in body or mind, soul or spirit, [esp. **OSL Prayer List**],

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Barb Wolkens	Barb seriously stiff neck.	Doctors don’t know cause yet
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both at home rehabbing.	We miss them

that they would be given grace to entrust themselves into the Savior’s loving Hands and await relief according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who will come to receive at this Altar the ransom Price of this world: the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord, that they may welcome Him with joy and partake of these sacred Gifts to their everlasting blessing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, let us give thanks and praise to Christ, asking Him to bring us with them to the home He has prepared, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, Lord’s Supper, p.24...**