

## 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.

### Gospel (& Sermon Text)

**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.



 Our Savior & Peace Lutheran of Lakeland   
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity ✠ (Death) Dying & Rising  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ✠ 9:30am & 11am



From "Illustrations of the Gospel Stories" by Jerome Nadal: **Luke 7:11-17**  
*The son of the widow is raised at Nain by Jesus.*

Image courtesy of the Biblical and Religious Art Collection, <http://catholic-resources.org/Nadal/028.jpg>

6920 N Socrum Loop Road || 5970 Lakeland Highlands Road

(N) Lakeland, 33809 Ph: 859-3400 || (S) Lakeland, 33813 Ph: 647-2351

BIBLE CLASS: 8:30AM; WORSHIP: 9:30AM || SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10AM; WORSHIP: 11

\* A.R. Burmeister 430-5859 \* Organ: Janice Thomas (813) 650-9198 \*

## September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Trinity-16 Dying & Rising

**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.

**OUR SAVIOR WORSHIP ORDER** (Red) TLH hymnals start at **p. 15 (L.S.)**

**PEACE ORDER OF WORSHIP** (Red) CW hymnals start at **p.26; Ps.146**

| Hymns           | OSL# (v)Peace# | 1 <sup>st</sup> Line of Hymn                      |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Opening         | 215 (5v) 170   | Draw Us to Thee, For Then Shall We                |
| Sermon          | 526 (5/4) 438  | In God, My Faithful God                           |
| Offertory Verse | 189 (1v) ---   | <i>Sing 1 verse "He Is Arisen, Glorious Lord"</i> |
| Distribution    | 528 (15) (419) | If God Himself Be For Me                          |
| Closing         | 613 (4v) 214   | Jerusalem the Golden                              |

**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 Hebrews8:1-13 Hebrews9:1-10 Hebrew9:16-28 Hebrew10:1-34 Hebrews11:1-7

**PROPERs for THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  **SEPT 20**

**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! Ps.115:11

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

O.T. **Deuteronomy 6:4-7** 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.

| PRAYER REQUESTS:            | Member or Relation                          | Pray for...   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Jeanette Ammann             | (Donna's daugh.)                            | High platelets, tests for blood diseases  |
| Don Bires                   | (Linda)                                     | Don had oral surgery (all teeth replacement) Monday                                     |
| Alex Gourley                | (Ilene)                                     | Alex in rehab from shoulder replacement. At home  |
| Jim & Elma Hendricks        | Elma's brother and sister-in-law            | both with strokes   |
| Linda Kryszak               |   | Still recuperating at home. Degenerative disc. Pain relief                              |
| Dee Kurczewski              |   | Pray for relief. Dee fell, broke 3 ribs, recovering at home                             |
| Mary, Pam & Karen           | All friends, family of Donna Martin,        | all battling cancer   |
| Vivian Temple               | (Tom)                                       | Vivian is (back) in hospital with inflamed gall bladder                                 |
| Delores Platt & Jim Vanesky | Delores - therapy, rehab. Jim - back (pain) |   |
| Steve Wendt                 | (Ethel)                                     | Steve diagnosed with (2) ulcers and hiatal hernia                                       |
| Rita & Victor Wendt         | (Steve's parents)                           | Both are battling health issues(in AL)  |
| George & Heidi Wendt        | (Steve's bro.)                              | Care for Rita & Victor and their health   |
| Families of Marjory Harm    | (BevW's cousin)& Ken Rosenhauer             | (Bev&Don's daughter-in-law's father) Both passed away (in WI). Comfort for the families |
| Morica Reinsch              |   | Beginning work in China teaching ESL (& mission work)                                   |

| Volunteers  | Today OSL/PLL              | Next Sunday                |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Greeters    | Wendts / (Volunteers)      | Wendts / (Volunteers)      |
| (Head)Usher | Leroy Dux / Phil Steinberg | Leroy Dux / Phil Steinberg |
| Treaters    | Robin Dux / (Volunteer)    | Tammy & Dale Pautz / (Vol) |

| Statistics                         | Last Sun. O/P  | Year to date (Avg) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Attendance (Communion)      | 23(--)/ 30(--) | 29(24)/ 39(--)     |
| Bible Class Attend (Sunday School) | 16(--)/ --(5)  | 15(--)/ --(5)      |

| Calendar of Events            |             |   |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>Sunday, 9/20</b>           | 8:30 am     | OSL Bible Study 3 <sup>rd</sup> Art. - Eternal Live |
| <i>Trinity-16 Sunday</i>      | 9:30 am     | OSL Worship (WITH Communion)                        |
| <i>(Death &amp; Rising)</i>   | 10:45 ff... | OSL Fellowship, Coffee... <i>Please stay</i>        |
|                               | 10:00 am    | PEACE Bible Class & Sunday School                   |
|                               | 11:00 am    | PLL Worship (W/L.S.) Rev.VanMehren                  |
| <b>Monday, 9/21</b>           | 9 am - 2 pm | Pastors' Winkel at RWH WinterHaven                  |
| <b>Saturday, 9/26</b>         | 3:00 am     | OSL Catechism Class (Mariah) at OSL                 |
|                               | 5:00 pm     | Dale & Tammy Pautz Renew Vows                       |
| <b>Sunday, 9/27</b>           | 8:30 am     | OSL Bible Study Sacraments, Baptism                 |
| <i>Trinity-17 Sunday</i>      | 9:30 am     | OSL Worship (NO Communion)                          |
| <i>(Freedom&amp;Humility)</i> | 10:45 ff... | OSL Fellowship, Coffee... <i>Please stay</i>        |
|                               | 10:00 am    | PEACE Bible Class & Sunday School                   |
|                               | 11:00 am    | PLL Worship (NO Communion)                          |
|                               | 6:00 pm     | <i>Pastor flies to MN for Rev. Conference</i>       |

Our Savior Elders are: Leroy Dux 940-3237; Jim Vanesky 644-7807; John Weber 853-5458 & Don Wienke 815-8892. Please contact them.

Peace Elders are: Bill Dumke (863) 838-3729 & Roger Mielke 944-7289



OSL Next Sun. 9/27 Trinity-17 (No L.S. p.5) TLH#s 1 370 644 376 473

PLL Sun. 9/27 Trinity-17 (No L.S. p.38) CW#s Ps.118 255 382 - 389 538



**TRINITY-16 Luke 7:11-17 "WHEN LIFE AND DEATH CONTEND" 09.20.15 OSL**

**GREETING** Grace and mercy are yours from God the Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Dear Christian friends, **"Peace be with you."**

**INTRODUCTION DEATH! (DEFINITIONS, ETC.) Webster's: 1. 2. 3. 4. Legal Definition: Theological: Clinical Death: Biological Death: even, [www.deathclock.com](http://www.deathclock.com) Sat. 3 Nov. 2035 ... 887,141,444 seconds for me!**

(In our Gospel lesson) Jesus is walking with His disciples and a large crowd of other followers into the city of Nain. As they come near the gate of the city, however, they meet up with a large group of people carrying out the casket of a young man, the only son of his widowed mother. **A procession of life comes face to face with a procession of death.** It is almost as if two enemy armies are coming together on the battlefield. Life and Death are about to contend. Jesus and the grave are about to clash. Today, then: **LIFE & DEATH BATTLE ... IN A BATTLE OF LIFE & DEATH**

In order to do battle well, you must **know your enemy**. So it is that Luke here describes this son of the widow as a "dead man." No beating around the bush. No euphemisms to cover anything up. Just the hard truth – inside that coffin was **a dead man**. We would do well to learn from that not to avoid or ignore the realities of this enemy, **death**, that we face. We can cover up the truth with embalming and heavy make-up and play syrupy music in the background. We can use green artificial turf and flowers to cover up the gaping presence of a grave. Cremation may help some deny the realities of physical death. We can work out and eat right and take our vitamins and pills. But death is still there on the battlefield waiting to devour and destroy us.

Jesus here does **not retreat or dodge death or ignore** it. No, He meets this enemy **head on**. And He does so out of great **love** for His people, for you. It is written here, "When the Lord saw (the widow), He had compassion on her and said to her, **'Do not weep.'**" This widow is walking into **confusion** and **uncertainty**. She had felt the pain of losing her husband; now she has lost her only son, the last one to provide for her and take care of her. What would she do now? The large crowd that followed the widow demonstrated the community's sympathy with her plight. Everyone came out for this funeral.

But Jesus saw her and had compassion on her. The Greek verb in v. 13 ( *εσπλαγχνισθη* "es plag kniz thay" ) there means that He was deeply **stirred** and **moved**, that **His insides, His heart was poured out toward her**. That is the kind of God and Lord we have, one who is moved to help us in our need, who cares and **empathizes** with us in our fallen condition, who even goes so far as to **become a flesh and blood man, our human brother**, and fight against death for us to save us. He doesn't offer the widow any empty words of comfort, *"Oh, it will be OK; everything will work out."* <- No. He simply says, "Do not weep." "Don't cry. I've come to conquer everything that saddens you and makes you feel alone and cut off and hurt and helpless. I am here to wipe away every tear from your eyes."

Then Jesus comes and touches the open coffin, and those carrying the dead man **stand still**. Jesus **stops the procession of death** "dead in its tracks." He engages death hand to hand. With this touch of the coffin, Jesus puts Himself in the place of the widow. He shares in her heartache and the heartache of all those who have lost loved ones, as it is written, "He is . . . a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." And by touching the casket, Jesus also **puts Himself in the place of the only son**. In so doing, according to the **Old Testament Law, Jesus is making Himself ceremonially unclean** with this young man's death. He allows that to come upon Him. But that's not all. Not only does Jesus touch and receive this man's death, **He also transfers to the young man His own life in exchange**, to make the young man clean and whole. The only Son of the Father, Jesus, also became a dead man, to save this young man **...and all of you as well**.

On the Cross **Jesus touched your casket**; He absorbed your death into His own body to save you from it. Outside the gate of the city at Nain and later outside the gate of the city at Jerusalem, Jesus allowed death to pass from you to Him so that you would be **restored** to life, **cleansed** and **made whole**. Because the Savior has shared our griefs and sorrows, He has **redeemed** them. Because the Savior has shared in **our** death, He has **redeemed us from death** and gives us now a (*full*) share in His **bodily Resurrection** to Life.

**"Young man, I say to you, arise!"** Jesus' words **accomplish** what they say. They are the words of **the Creator who brings life out of nothing**. The one who was dead sat up and began to speak. Jesus presented the young man to His mother. Just as this son was **a gift of God in birth**, so now Jesus gives this son again to his mother with **the gift of (re)new(ed) life**.

It is sort of reminiscent of Baptism, isn't it? (Hint, hint) Not only is it a gift of God that children are born to fathers and mothers, but now Jesus presents them to Christian parents **born again** to new life by **water** and the **Word**. Remember, all who are baptized **die with Christ**. It's as if you **lose** your child there, and then **gain him or her back forever**. We are crucified with Christ in order that we might also **rise with Him to live a new and holy life**. Baptized children, then, are given to you parents by God "twice over" so that, like the widow, you may rejoice with them in the everlasting life Christ bestows.

Just like **Elijah** stretched himself out three times over the **Zarephath woman's son**, God stretched Himself out **over you in the threefold application of His name at the Baptismal font**. He breathed His Spirit into you, granting you a **sure** and **certain hope** which transcends all grief and sorrow. Yes, we must live now by faith, still under the shadow of our physical death which we must yet experience. But the life of Christ will be ours by sight in the age to come. For **Romans 6** says, **"If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection."**

On the day (on **the second**, in fact) of **our bodily death**, our souls will be received into the blessedness of heaven. And on **the Last Day** our bodies themselves will be raised from the dead, rejoined with the soul to live in Christ's glory. Jesus said of us, **"I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly. Because I live, you will live also. Whoever hears my Word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."** No longer are we dead in our trespasses and sins. **God has made us alive in Christ by the forgiveness** of our sins. In the midst of our dying condition, our Lord gives Himself to us in the Holy Supper, that we may partake of His life-giving body and blood. The Risen Jesus is with us and in us. **HE WILL NEVER FORSAKE US.**

In response to this miracle, **holy fear** came upon the people, and they glorified God, saying, *"A great prophet has risen up among us,"* and *"God has visited His people."* Indeed, God has visited His people in Christ, the greatest of all prophets, the very Son of God raised up from the dead to bring life and immortality to all who take refuge in Him. **Even today He visits us in His Word/s and Sacraments.** He raises us up and creates the faith we need to rely on Him to see us through all our earthly losses.

**CONCLUSION** And all this He does simply because of **His mercy**, because His heart goes out **to you** in compassion. Remember, the widow **never says a word here.** She makes no request. You might say she "doesn't have a *prayer*." And yet **with Jesus, she does.** For He will not ignore her. Our Lord acts not based on anything in us, but because of His own grace and goodness. It is written, **"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."** If that is how God treated us when we were **yet His enemies**, how much more should we have confidence in Him now that we are reconciled to Him **as His children!** What a comfort to know that in Jesus, God has rescued us from our sin and death even before we could utter any prayer. And now He hears and answers our prayers through Jesus, even the prayers of our heart that words cannot express.

How fitting, then, are the words of the **Benedictus** (which **Zechariah** spoke) near the time of Jesus' birth: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people." And He will visit us yet again at His return. He will come to the caskets of all who believe and are baptized, and He will say to you, **"My sister, my brother, I say to you, . . . ARISE!!!"**

**Death**, then... We can define it, we can study it, we can "count" it, and count **ON IT**, but we **never need fear it. Jesus has conquered it forever!** (HYMN)

Once in the blest Baptismal waters - I put on Christ and made Him mine;  
Now numbered with God's sons and daughters - I share His Peace and Love divine.  
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray - Thy peace shall bless my dying day! **Amen. SDG**

*The Peace of God which passes All understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus to Life everlasting. Amen.*

## **POSSIBLE Prayer of Church ☩ 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, September 20<sup>th</sup> '15**

O living and eternal God, Father in Heaven, we give You heartfelt thanks for the multitude of Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindness, which have ever been from old. We praise You for creating us for eternal life, redeeming us through Jesus Christ from sin and destruction, and for sanctifying and calling us by the Holy Spirit to the knowledge of Your glory. Lord in mercy **hear our prayer.**

Father, we are not worthy of the least of all these mercies and of all Your faithfulness. It is due to Your mercies alone that we are not consumed, because Your compassion never fails. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, as no unclean person shall ever stand in Your sight, blot out all of our transgressions by the merits of Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, and grant us Your grace that we may not deceive ourselves and devise excuses for our sin. But denying ungodliness and worldly passions, enable us to take up our cross and follow our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Do not allow Your Word to return to You empty. Instruct both old and young in the truths of Your Gospel; enlighten and sanctify the ministers of Your Word; and cause all hearers to receive the Word, not with ears only, but in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with favor on all civil authorities and those under their jurisdiction - on churches and schools, parents and children, employers and employees, so that they may faithfully carry out their various duties according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those people still living in darkness and bring them to the knowledge of Your dear Son. You did not create man for vanity, we know, so send faithful laborers into Your harvest and strengthen those whom You have called, so that they may proclaim Your truth with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O faithful Father, we commend to Your care all Your children throughout the whole world who cry for Your mercy and love [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*].

|   |
|---|
| <b>Jeanette Ammann</b> (Donna's daugh.) High platelets, tests for blood diseases          |
| <b>Don Bires</b> (Linda) Don had oral surgery (all teeth replacement) Monday              |
| <b>Alex Gourley</b> (Ilene) Alex in rehab from shoulder replacement. At home              |
| <b>Jim &amp; Elma Hendricks</b> Elma's <b>brother and sister-in-law</b> both with strokes |
| <b>Linda Kryszak</b> Still recuperating at home. Degenerative disc. Pain relief           |
| <b>Dee Kurczewski</b> Pray for relief. Dee fell, broke 3 ribs, recovering at home         |
| <b>Mary, Pam &amp; Karen</b> All friends, family of Donna Martin, all battling cancer     |
| <b>Vivian Temple</b> (Tom) Vivian is (back) in hospital with inflamed gall bladder        |
| <b>Delores Platt &amp; Jim Vanesky</b> Delores - therapy, rehab. Jim - back (pain)        |
| <b>Steve Wendt</b> (Ethel) Steve diagnosed with (2) ulcers and hiatal hernia              |
| <b>Rita &amp; Victor Wendt</b> (Steve's parents) Both are battling health issues (in AL)  |
| <b>George &amp; Heidi Wendt</b> (Steve's bro.) Care for Rita & Victor and their health    |
| <b>Families of Marjory Harm</b> (BevW's cousin) & <b>Ken Rosenhauer</b> (Bev&Don's        |

As You love Christ, the head of the body, so bless and increase His members according to Your great goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we beseech You, hear our prayer and do not let our petition fail, for the sake of the perfect Redemption and powerful intercession of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Then, after the General Prayer... The Lord's Supper (p.24)**