

Historic Scripture Lessons for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament

Genesis 28:10-17 NIV Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it stood the LORD, and He said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your Offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." 17 He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of Heaven."

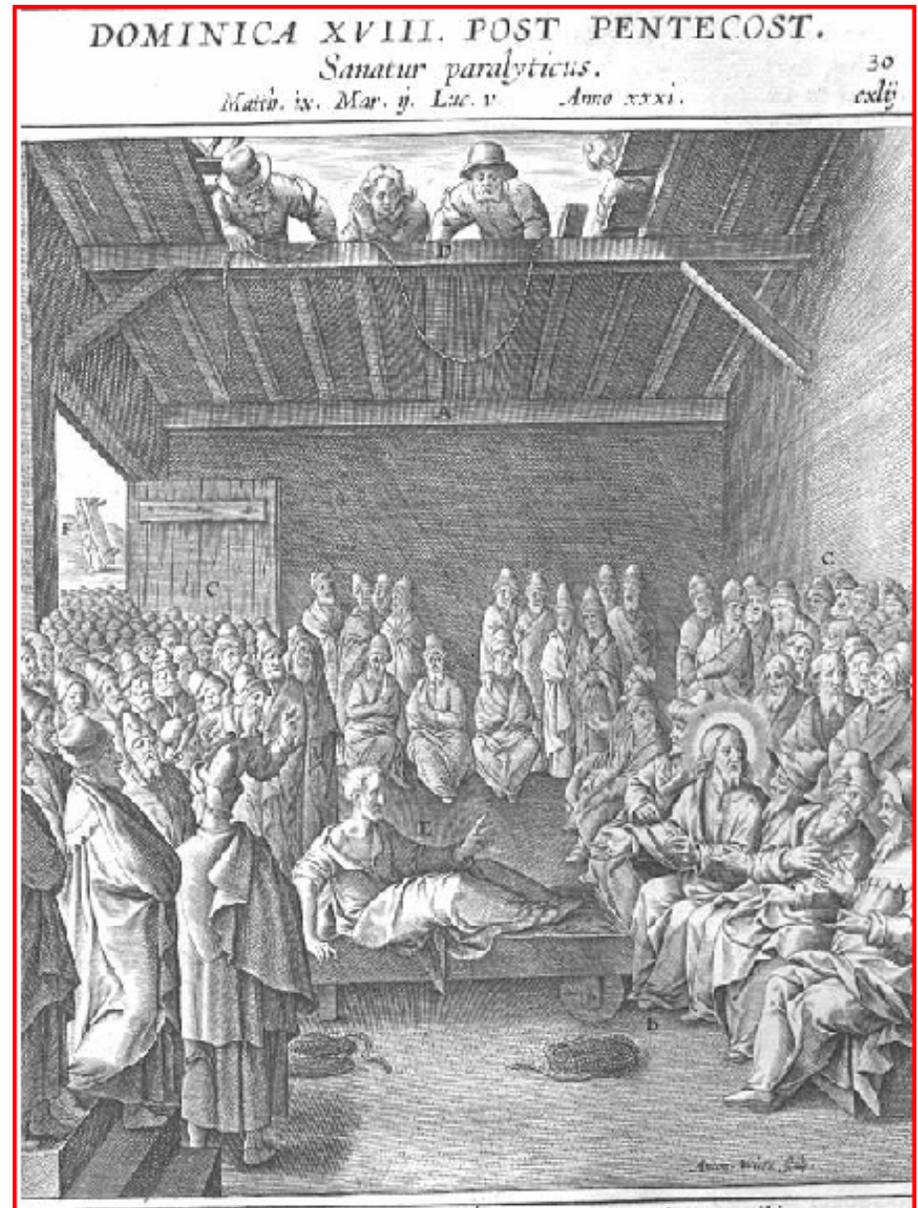
Epistle

Ephesians 4:22-28 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Gospel

Matthew 9:1-8 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to His own town. 2 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." 3 At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This Fellow is blaspheming!" 4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." 7 And the man got up and went home. 8 When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

 Our Savior & Peace Lutheran of Lakeland 
19th Sunday after Trinity ✠ Confession & Absolution
October 11th, 2015 ✠ 9:30am & 11:00am



From "Illustrations of the Gospel Stories" by Jerome Nadal -- **Matthew 9:1-8**
Jesus heals a paralytic and is accused of blasephemy by Pharisees.

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October 11th, 2015 Trinity-19 Confession & Absolution

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 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 you.**

OUR SAVIOR WORSHIP ORDER (Red) TLH hymnals starting at **p. 5**
PEACE ORDER OF WORSHIP (Red) CW hymnals start at **p. 38; Ps. 32**

Hymns	OSL# (v)Peace#	1 st Line of Hymn
Opening	26 (4v) 235	Praise the Almighty, the King of Creation
Sermon	326 (3v) 302	Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart
Offertory Verse	41 (4v) - - -	<i>Sing v.1 "Wondrous King, All-Glorious"</i>
Distribution	- - - (3v) 490	Love in Christ Is Strong and Living ↗
Closing	581 (4v) 233	All Ye Who on the Earth Do Dwell

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 19th Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nehemiah 1:1-11	Neh. 2:1-20	Nehem. 4:1-23	Nehe. 8:1-18	Nehemiah 9:1-38	Zech. 8:1-23
I John 1:1-10	I John 2:1-17	I John 5:1-3	I John 5:10-21	II (2 nd) John	III (3 rd) John

PROPERs for THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  **OCT 11**

INTROIT Say to my soul, "I am your Salvation." The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears. He delivers them out of their troubles. Give ear, O My people, to My law; Incline your ears to the words of My mouth. ...from Psalm 138

COLLECT O almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech You, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have us do; 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: Let my prayer be set before You as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 103

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

O.T. Genesis 28:10-17	Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven.
Epi. Ephesians 4:22-28	Put on the new man of Christian Renewal.
Gos. Matthew 9:1-8	Jesus forgives & heals the paralyzed man.

3RD HYMN (NOT in the TLH) "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" (3 verses)

- Love in Christ is strong and living, - Binding faithful hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giving – May His Will in us be done!
- Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ's- humility, Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in char-i-ty.
- Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not- when ill's attend; Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall en-dure until- life's- end.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
	Jeanette Ammann (Donna's daugh.)	High platelets, tests for blood diseases
	Alex & Ilene Gourley	Warm Welcome to Our (Savior) newest members!
	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	Dee doing better after fall (3 ribs), recovering at home
	Mary, Pam & Karen	All friends, family of Donna Martin, all battling cancer
	Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is recovering at home. Tom is helping her
	Janice Thomas	Janice goes in Tuesday for CT scan result. Pray for negative
	Delores Platt & Jim Vanesky	Delores – healing. Jim – has a back tear (pain)
	Steve Wendt, Rita & Victor, George & Heidi Wendt	Victor passed Sat.

Volunteers	Today OSL/PLL	Next Sunday
Greeters	E&J Hendricks/(Everyone)	Barb Wolkens/(Everyone)
Treaters	Volunteers /(Volunteers)	Volunteers / (Volunteers)
(Head) Usher	Leroy Dux / Phil Steinberg	Leroy Dux / Phil Steinberg

Statistics	Last Sun. O/P	Year to date (Avg)
Sunday Attendance (Communion)	23(23)/28(18)	29 (24) / 37 (23)
Bible Class Attend (Sunday School)	12 (-) / 8 (5)	15 (-) / -- (5)

Calendar of Events		
Sunday, 10/11 <i>Trinity-19 Sunday</i> <i>C. & A. = Confessor & Absolution</i>	8:30 am	OSL Bible Study Sacraments, Baptism
	9:30 am	OSL Worship (NO Communion)
	10:45 ff...	OSL Fellowship, Coffee... <i>Please stay</i>
	10:00 am 11:00 am	PEACE Sunday School PLL Worship (NO Communion) –AB
Saturday, 10/17	10:00 am 11:00 am	OSLadies Guild October Meeting -Elma OSL Catechism Class (Mariah) at OSL
	Sunday, 10/18 <i>Trinity-20 Sunday</i> <i>Perserverance</i> ... <i>Oktoberfest! OSL</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 ff... 11:00 am 4:00 pm, ff

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OSL Next Sun. 10/18 Trinity-20 (W/ L.S. p.15) #s 451 422 400.1,6 315 338

PLL Next Sun. 10/18 Trinity-20 (W/ L.S. p.26) #s 474 Ps.73 473---(596) 426

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TRINITY-19(B) Matthew 9:1-8 "FEEL-GOOD FORGIVENESS?" 10.11.15 OSL

PRAYER *O mighty and everlasting God, who by Your Son Jesus Christ mercifully helped the paralytic both in body and soul, we beseech You for the sake of Your great mercy, be gracious to us, forgive us all our sins, and so govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may not ourselves be the cause of sickness and other afflictions. Keep us always in Your fear, and strengthen us by Your grace that we may escape temporal and eternal punishment; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.*

In the Name of the One who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, dear fellow redeemed;

(Button in a tourist shop: To err is human, to forgive is out of the question.)

INTRODUCTION You confessed it this morning: "I, a poor, miserable sinner..." In our "feel good" age, many find those words offensive. But just because we do not feel particularly miserable does not get us off the hook. C.S. Lewis writes, "I do not think whether we are feeling miserable or not matters. I think it (the liturgy) is using the word miserable in the old sense - meaning an object of pity. That a person can be a proper object of pity when he is not feeling miserable, you can easily understand if you imagine yourself looking down from a height on two crowded express trains that are traveling towards one another along the same line at 60 miles an hour. You can see that in forty seconds there will be a head-on collision. I think it would be very natural to say about the passengers of these trains, that they were objects of pity. This would not mean that they felt miserable themselves; but they would certainly be proper objects of pity" (God in the Dock, p.121). You see, it is **not** a question of how we feel, but the reality that **apart from faith in Jesus Christ, we are paralyzed by our sin**, unable to save ourselves.

OLD TESTAMENT STORY (Gerhardt's Postilla) GOOD KING HEZEKIAH

Read **Isaiah 38** (:1-10) *Hezekiah prays, asks for more life ... God grants.*

The poor man in today's Holy Gospel was paralyzed. He could not get up and walk to Jesus. He had to be **carried to our Lord on a stretcher** by his friends. This man's friends did for him what he could not do for himself - they carried him to the Lord. They did not let the pressing crowds prevent them from getting their friend to Jesus. When the men could not get through the crowds to the door, they climbed up on the roof, removed some tiles and lowered their crippled friend to the place where the Lord was preaching. There is an urgency about their action - they would not let the **throng of the people or the architecture of the building** get in the way of getting their friend to Jesus.

Forgiveness of sins is where Jesus is. Where Jesus is, there is the forgiveness of sins. And to the man lying on that pallet the Lord Jesus says,

"Son, your sins are forgiven you." Jesus is the Son of Man who has authority on earth to forgive sins and that **is exactly what He does** for the paralytic.

Now there are **two things** for us to understand about the forgiveness of sins.

1. **First**, the forgiveness of sins was acquired by our Lord Jesus Christ for us by His obedient life and His holy death in our place. In other words, Jesus is our Substitute. He took our sins in His own Body and paid for them with His Blood. His Blood covers our sin. God doesn't wink at our sins - He fully and completely punishes those sins in His Son. That is why **St. Paul** says that Jesus was **made a curse for us**. Or Jesus who knew no sin was **made sin for us**. On the Cross the Son of God died the death that we deserved. On the basis of that death - the death of the One who is both God and Man in one Person - the Father declares the sins of the world to be atoned for, forgiven. **That is why we Christians glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

STORY *In a dream, Martin Luther found himself being attacked by Satan. The devil unrolled a long scroll containing a list of Luther's sins, and held it before him. On reaching the end of the scroll Luther asked the devil, "Is that all?" "No," came the reply, and a second scroll was thrust in front of him. Then, after a second came a third. But now the devil had no more. "You've forgotten something," Luther exclaimed triumphantly. "Quickly write on each of them, 'The blood of Jesus Christ God's son cleanses us from all sins.'" [K. Koch, Occult Bondage and Deliverance, p. 10.](#)*

QUOTE *Forgiveness is a funny thing; it warms the heart and cools the sting.*
[William A. Ward.](#)

2. **Second**, the forgiveness of sins which Jesus won for us on the Cross is **delivered to you in Holy Absolution**, that word of the Gospel which actually forgives you all of your sins for Jesus' sake. That Word is spoken to you here and now, in time and space. The Jews of Jesus' day thought of forgiveness **as a verdict that God would announce on the Last Day**. Forgiveness was far off and it was hidden. Here in time one would have to live in a state of uncertainty, waiting and hoping for vindication at the end. Some people still live like that, ignorant of God's forgiveness in the Cross of Jesus Christ and unsure of whether or not it is for them.

Our Lord Jesus Christ not only won forgiveness of sins for us but He also delivers that very same forgiveness into our ears and our lives through His Word. And He does that on earth. Right here and now He gives to you the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord has the audacity to say through His servants, (pastors) **"I forgive you all your sins."** Faith says, **"Amen,"** not doubting, but firmly believing that this forgiveness "is as valid and certain, in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us Himself." You see, the forgiveness is **not just up there in heaven, but down here on earth!**

To such an **earthy** forgiveness the Pharisees object: *"Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"* Well, the Pharisees are right - **only God can forgive sins**, but they miss the fact that

the One who stands in their midst forgiving the sins of the paralytic is God. He has the authority to forgive sins because He is God. And this Man who is True God exercises that authority by **stooping down to die our death and be raised to life again for us**. He has authority over your sin and He forgives it. And where sin is forgiven it no longer has the authority to condemn you and hold you captive.

When it comes to the Lord's forgiveness, there is no need for the **spiritual gymnastics** that try to jump over sin or deny it, because the Lord does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He forgives us full and free. He says, *"My son - my daughter, your sins are forgiven you."* His Word does what it says - it actually dispenses forgiveness. **Faith clings to that Word. Believes it. Lives by it.** For the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

On earth is where we live and where we sin. If there is to be forgiveness for our sin it must be here on earth. And here on this earth, where our Savior suffered and died and rose again, there is forgiveness of sins. Our Lord locates that forgiveness in **Holy Baptism** given to wash away our sins. He locates that forgiveness in His Body and Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins and in the words of absolution which pronounce God's own verdict: *"Your sins are forgiven you."* **Here. Right now. Today.**

STORY **Thomas A. Edison** was working on a crazy contraption called a "light bulb" and it took a whole team of men 24 straight hours to put just one together. The story goes that when Edison was finished with one light bulb, he gave it to a young boy helper, who nervously carried it up the stairs. Step by step he cautiously watched his hands, obviously frightened of dropping such a priceless piece of work. You've probably guessed what happened by now; the poor young fellow dropped the bulb at the top of the stairs. It took the entire team of men twenty-four more hours to make another bulb. Finally, tired and ready for a break, Edison was ready to have his bulb carried up the stairs. He gave it to the same young boy who dropped the first one. That's true forgiveness.

Karl Menninger, the famed psychiatrist, once said that if he could convince the patients in psychiatric hospitals that their sins were forgiven, 75 percent of them could walk out the next day! Today in the Word, March 1989, p. 8.

CONCLUSION When God announced the forgiveness of sins to His people in the Old Testament, He said to them, *"For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you"* (**Exodus 34:10**). When the people saw the Lord's gracious dealing with the paralytic, they said, *"We never saw anything like this."* Indeed, it is an **awesome thing** that the Mighty God would have mercy on us poor miserable sinners who deserve death and hell. But that is what He has done. And He puts that mercy on display here today in this Divine Service as He **gives you the forgiveness of ALL your sins.** (HYMN?) *IJ'N, Amen. SDG*

Possible Prayer of Church for 19th Sunday of Trinity October 11th, 2015

Let us pray to the living God, the God of **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**, who has promised to be with us and to keep us wherever we go.

Heavenly Father, You gave us Your Son, Jesus, the authority on earth to **forgive sins**. Grant that we may always rejoice to receive this forgiveness in Your Church, through Your Absolution and Your Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Keep us faithful in receiving Your gifts, that by Your grace we may cling to You in faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, our Savior sent forth His Church to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News of salvation in Him. Give us willing hearts to support the preaching of Your Word in our community and throughout the world. And today we especially ask Your blessing upon the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and all who proclaim the Good News in Christ, that through their efforts, all the families of the earth may be blessed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You blessed Jacob with offspring as numerous as the dust of the earth. Give comfort to those in our midst who long for children but are unable to conceive. May they find in the Church a family to love and cherish. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, in the waters of Baptism You rescued us from our fallen condition and adopted us as Your own children. Guide those who are seeking to adopt children of their own, that they may be a model of Your love. Give them patience and endurance as they work through the adoption process. Place children in need into loving homes with faithful parents, that they may be baptized in Your name and taught the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have given to man the breath of life. Provide Your ongoing care to those who are unable to leave their homes and to those who are nearing death. Give them consolation, that they may know You are with them as they await the hour when they will be raised to a glorious life with You in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, by His authority on earth, Your Son made the lame to walk. Restore all who are ill, injured or in need of treatment [*especially OSL*]. Grant them swift recovery, that they may rejoice in You as the source of all healing of both body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bountiful Lord, You have prepared a feast for us in which You have given us the forgiveness of all our sins. Help us to put away all falsehood and be reconciled with one another, that through this meal we may be renewed in Your Spirit, putting on the new self, created after Your likeness in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Join our prayers and praises to those of Your faithful people of every time and every place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, until He comes again as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. **Amen.** *After the General Prayer, The Lord's Prayer*