

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

7 October 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Ps. 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a*)



*Say to my soul, "I am your sal- / vation!"**

When the righteous cry for help, the / LORD hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

*Give ear, O my people, to my / teaching;**

incline your ears to the words / of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a | parable;*

I will utter dark sayings | from of old,
*things that we have / heard and known,**
that our fathers have / told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, |
and his might,*

and the wonders that | he has done.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 141:1-2*)

*O LORD, I call upon you; hasten / to me!**

Give ear to my voice when I / call to you!

*Let my prayer be counted as incense be- / fore you,**

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening / sacrifice!

Old Testament:

Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Epistle: Ephesians 4:22-28

²²Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the

spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

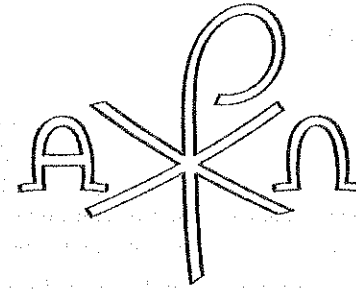
Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

¹Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he then said to the paralytic— "Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

- Jesus does what is lesser in order to prove what is greater. He heals the paralytic with a word in order to prove that He has authority to forgive sins with a word.
- The Son of Man still has authority on earth to forgive sins, but He now exercises that authority through pastors, who are commanded by Christ to forgive the sins of the repentant: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 20:23)

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- As in the previous account of the healing of the two demon-possessed men, the crowds react with fear. This is a common response to Jesus' demonstration of divine power and authority (see also Luke 5:8). A god who has the power to do anything is no comfort to the sinner who deserves nothing but death and judgment. Rather, the sinner is comforted by faith in the almighty God who has compassion on sinners and uses His divine authority to forgive sins. Having seen this, the crowds here, unlike the crowds in the Gadarenes, respond by glorifying God.



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

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Introit:

Psalm 78:1-3, 4b (antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a) — *When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.*

Psalm:

Psalm 84 (antiphon: v. 8) — *How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 28:10-17 — *Jacob dreams of a ladder from earth to heaven.*

Gradual:

Psalm 141:1-2 — *Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!*

Epistle:

Ephesians 4:22-28 — *Put off your old self and put on the new self*

Verse:

Psalm 98:1a — *Alleluia. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Alleluia!*



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MATTHEW 9:1–8 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused St. Matthew Levi the Apostle and Evangelist to write this gospel around AD 50. This account takes place during Jesus' ministry in Galilee, which is summarized in Matthew 4:23, "And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people."

¹ And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

- After concluding the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus traveled to Capernaum, where he healed (8:5-17). After this, he decided to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (8:18) and arrived on the other side in the country of the Gadarenes (8:28). There he healed two men afflicted by demons (8:28-33), but when the residents of that city heard what he had done, "they begged him to leave their region." (8:29) Thus Jesus got into a boat in the Gadarenes, crossed over the Sea of Galilee, and returned to his own city of Capernaum.

² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

- Perhaps these people had heard or possibly even witnessed Jesus' healings when He was last in Capernaum. Therefore they believed that Jesus would be able to heal the paralytic man and brought him to Jesus.
- Jesus saw their faith in their deeds. Their faith was not silent, hidden away in their hearts. It was evident in bringing the paralytic to Jesus. "Our churches teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit." (*Augsburg Confession* VI:1) Our faith in Christ, through which alone we are justified, will necessarily show itself in works of love for the neighbor, just as the faith of these people was shown in their love for the paralytic.
- Their faith in Jesus and love for the paralytic is even more apparent in the parallel accounts in Mark and Luke. There we learn that the men had to lower the paralytic's bed through an opening in the roof because there was no way for them to pass through the great crowd that surrounded Jesus (Mark 2:4; Luke 5:18).
- In his *Annotations on Matthew* from 1538, Martin Luther points out the apparent contradiction in Jesus' words: "The one whom He defines as a sinner—saying 'your sins,' etc.—He calls 'son.' How is he who is a sinner a son? Who will make these [two] things agree?" (*Luther's Works* 67:61-62) By grace alone are sinners forgiven and declared to be sons of God and heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

- The scribes were experts in the Old Testament. They knew well the laws of Moses that prescribed sacrifices to atone for sins (see, for example,

Leviticus 4-5). The law demanded burnt offerings from the guilty. Jesus, however, forgave the sins of the paralytic apart from an offering on his part, for He offered Himself as the once-and-for-all sacrifice for sin on the cross.

- This is the first time in Matthew's Gospel that the religious leaders of the Jews charge Jesus with blasphemy. Blasphemy would be the final charge by which they were able to sentence Jesus to death (see Matthew 26:65-66).
- In the parallel accounts in Mark and Luke the reason for their charge of blasphemy is clearer: "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7; see also Luke 5:21) Clearly they do not believe that Jesus Christ is true God with the authority to forgive sins.

⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

- The scribes accused Jesus in their hearts, rather than publicly. However, Jesus, being true God, knows their hidden thoughts. This testifies to Jesus' omniscience as the Second Person of the Holy Trinity and answers the question found in the accounts of Mark and Luke: "Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

- On the one hand, it is easier to say "Your sins are forgiven," than to say, "Rise and walk," for the former statement cannot be verified by sight. It can only be received by faith.
- On the other hand, it is easier for God to say "Rise and walk." He does this daily through various earthly means, such as medicine, surgery, physical therapy, and the like. However, it required His own death for Christ to declare to the rich man, and to all men, "Your sins are forgiven." For "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." (Hebrews 9:22) It was easier for God to say, "Rise and walk," and yet because of His boundless love toward us sinners, "He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure." (*LSB* 556:4)

⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he then said to the paralytic — "Rise, pick up your bed and go home."

- "Son of Man" — Jesus alone uses this title for Himself, and He uses it more than any other. It comes from Daniel 7:13, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven, there came one like a Son of Man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him." Thus it serves as a testimony to the exaltation and glory of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, while acknowledging His true humanity. Here Jesus uses this title to remind us that His "glory...is always to have mercy." (Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent)

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30am-10:15am! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT has resumed! May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, that we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 10/07 Ruth Ohlsen 10/08 Susan Hartman, Alex Meier 10/12 Ronda Rosenau, Randy Scott, Brandt Ruppert 10/13 Jim Jacobs, Ruth Larson

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 10/08 Vicci Willmon 10/09 Derek Zeisler 10/10 Enoch Dixon, Rachel Witt 10/11 Sebastian Stack 10/12 Melissa Hart 10/13 Kathy Lundquist, Willard Garlock

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex September 23–November 3, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

BUCKET: October – Pastor Appreciation Month by Elders L.W.M.L. collecting Gift Cards for Seminary Students now through Wednesday, Oct. 31. envelopes available.

TODAY: Barbecue for Wellspring Pregnancy and Health Care Center in Hastings, 11:00a to 1:30p at Adams County Fairgrounds. Enjoy lunch and make a donation for pro-life!
LIFE CHAIN: 2:00p-3:00p along Burlington Ave. and also 2nd Street in Hastings. Please line up by 1:45p

SILENT AUCTION: Baby Blankets: Proceeds go to support Peace Lutheran Human Care Committee, winners may keep their blankets or gift to the Wellspring Pregnancy Health Center. Thanks for Your Support!

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT: Now Collecting dry goods, canned food, and non-perishable items until Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2018. Boxes are on 1st floor Education, Narthex, & Fellowship Hall. Thanks For Your Support Carol Krause

LIFEQUOTE "It is our faith that compels us to venerate life from its moment of conception. It is by faith that we treat life not as an entitlement or possession but as a steward for the Creator who gives life. Only by faith do we accept that life at its earliest possible moment has culpability for sin before the Divine Judge and benefits from the sacrifice of our Savior." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Rich Man and Lazarus, Coveting, Martin Luther on Isaiah, Moses and the Burning Bush and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 19)

Ephesians 4:24 - "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man that is created in the image of God. Our sanctification, our growth in godliness, is a growth into God's image. We do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything: in love, in kindness, in self-giving generosity.

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October 7th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor or an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Chuck Theesen **Expecting** + Sara Armon + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzel + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan **Holy Matrimony** + Roger & Julie (Klat) Volk + Matt & Andrea (Hesterman) **Simianer Divine Call** + Pastor Mackay & family **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Sandy Nissen + Jean Thom + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus Mackay
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Altar Guild: Oct. Shannon B., Jeanne Buck Nov. Lisa N., Janelle H.
 Ushers: 8:00am Dale B., Craig W., 10:30am Shannon, Collin, Hunter F.
 Elders: 10/07 Wes C. 402-984-4650 10/14 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472
 Bus Drivers: 10/07 Gary O. 402-469-9797 10/14 Mike N. 402-469-4838

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	162	<u>YTD Avg Weekly Attendance</u>	151
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,497.00	<u>Jan-August Income</u>	\$ 104,302.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-August Expense</u>	\$ 132,221.00

OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of 8/31/18 \$ 192,260.00

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.
 Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com*

The Lord's Week

Sunday, October 7th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, October 8th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
Tuesday, October 9th	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Finance Board Meeting
	7:00pm	Trustees' Meeting
Wednesday, October 10th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/11:30a Lunch
	5:30pm	Meal 6:00pm Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship 7:30pm High School Youth
Sunday, October 14th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service

*Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.
 The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush,
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Jesus' Incarnation Secures Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10-17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (Matt. 9:1-8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22-28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen. 28:17)



DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#814
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Introit	<i>insert</i>
Kyrie	
Gloria in Excelsis	
Salutation & Collect	
Old Testament Reading	
Gradual	
Epistle Reading	
Alleluia & Verse	
Gospel Reading	
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	#708
Sermon	Matthew 9:1 "He Came to His Own City"
Prayer of the Church	
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Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
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Nunc Dimittis & Collect	
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Hymn	#895
Announcements	
Postlude	