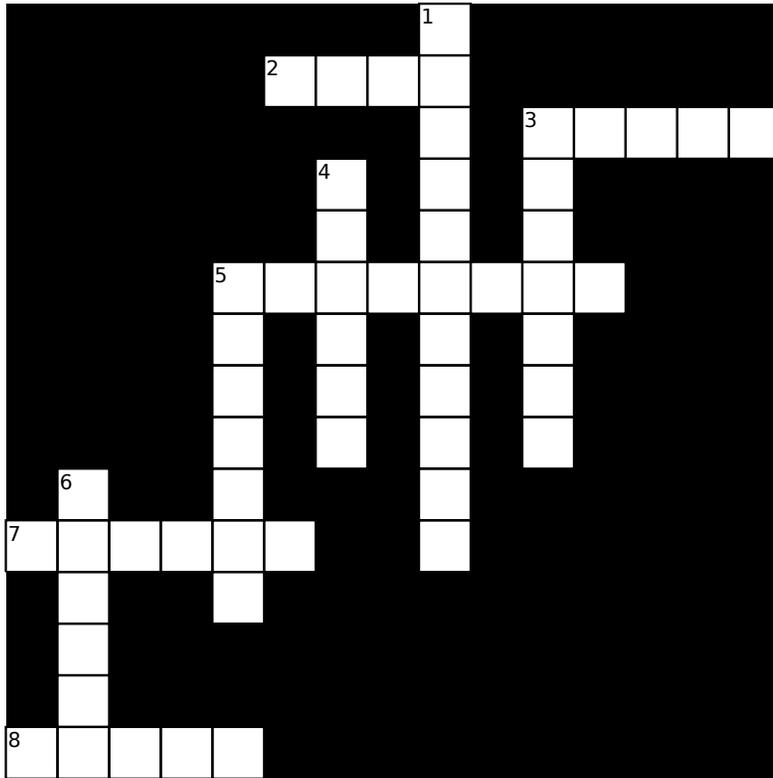


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE NINETEENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Nineteenth Week after Trinity is green.



Across

- 2 Jesus healed the paralytic by saying, "_____."
3 The color for the 19th Week after Trinity is _____.
5 Jesus told the paralytic, "Your sins are _____."
7 Melchizedek was a faithful priest of _____.
8 Jesus went to the _____ to forgive our sins.

Down

- 1 _____ was a priest for God Most High.
3 Melchizedek is first mentioned in _____ 14.
4 The king talked about in Psalm 110 is _____.
5 Christ is the real High Priest, the "priest _____."
6 Who proclaims Christ's forgiveness to us during the service?

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the time when Jesus forgives our sins as He did for the man in the Gospel reading. Who proclaims (tells us about) the forgiveness of sins from Christ to us?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:1-8

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 And getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. 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." 3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? 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." 7 And he rose and went home. 8 When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Why did some people bring a paralytic to Jesus? What did they want Him to do?
- 2) What is harder to do for Jesus: forgive sins or heal?
- 3) What must Jesus do to forgive all of our sins? Where does He go and do that? What happens to Him?
- 4) What is more important to us: the forgiveness of sins or our health?
- 5) What do we inherit by the forgiveness of sins?

People of the Bible: Melchizedek

Melchizedek was the King of Salem and a priest for God Most High during the time of Abram. In Genesis 14, we read about when Melchizedek blessed Abram after his victory in war. Melchizedek provided bread and wine for Abram after his battle, and Abram gave a part (tithe or tenth) of what they won in war to Melchizedek. Melchizedek is also mentioned in Psalm 110 when a king was called a successor of Melchizedek as a priest. In the book of Hebrews, we learn that this king spoken about in Psalm 110 is Christ, the real High Priest. He is the eternal High Priest, who is "priest forever." Melchizedek was a faithful priest of Yahweh, the one and only true God. He proclaimed the works of God to all people and looked ahead to the coming Messiah, the "priest forever."

Hymn - "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
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.