

## THE NINETEENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

### Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 28:10–17*

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And 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. And 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! And 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. Your 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. Behold, 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." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." And 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*

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let 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*

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

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### ✠ Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us 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)*

# The Nineteenth Week after Trinity

October 18, Year of Our ✠ Lord 2020

**COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Communion is offered today for those who: (1) repent of their sins, (2) believe in Jesus as their Savior, (3) believe that with the bread and the wine Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and (4) desire to amend their sinful ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal with those of the same confession of faith: therefore, we ask that those **NOT** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, or Lutheran Church Canada **please speak with the Pastor before communing.**

**Introit** *(Sing to the Tune of C)*

**☞ 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.**

*(Sing Gloria Patri p.186)*

## Prayers of the Church

☞ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

☞ Heavenly Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have given Your Church the authority on earth to forgive sins. Grant that we may always rejoice to receive the forgiveness announced and delivered by those men who have been called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, and, having been forgiven, give us hearts that are quick to forgive others. 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, and give them patience and endurance as they work through the adoption process. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

☞ Almighty God, we beg You, grant wisdom to all those whom You have placed in temporal authority, both in this country and throughout the world. Renew their diligence, that they would use their offices to serve their fellow citizens with justice and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

☞ Eternal Father, as the paralytic was brought to Your Son, Jesus, so, too, we bring before You in prayer all those suffering in any physical and mental anguish, especially .... According to Your will, grant them healing in this life, and give them faithful friends who will proclaim to them the forgiveness of their sins, so that they would face the trials of this life confident in Your love for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☞ Hear our prayer.**

☞ Whatever else that we need or would be good for us, we entrust to Your bountiful providence, for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

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*Setting Three*



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