

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE ELEVENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Eleventh Week after Trinity is green.



Trinity
perfect
forgive
sons
shepherd
jealous
sorry

Pharisee
sinner
Cain
firstborn
sacrifices
murder
forgiveness

Law
humbled
Abel
vegetables
angry
punish
Enoch

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the part of the service when we admit we are sinners and confess our sins to God. How does the pastor respond? Who is the pastor speaking for?

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

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

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) The Pharisees think they can keep the Law and are saved because of it. Can anyone really keep the Law?
- 2) What is a "sinner"? Are you a sinner?
- 3) What does it mean to "be humbled"? Does it mean you should think you are better than other people?
- 4) Jesus is the only one who is really perfect and without sin. Will He forgive us if we are sorry for our sin and we ask for forgiveness?
- 5) Who should we put our trust in for salvation from sin?

People of the Bible: Cain and Abel

The Old Testament reading today is about Cain and Abel. But who were Cain and Abel? Cain and Abel were sons of Adam and Eve. They were the first sons born into the world. Cain was the firstborn of Adam and Eve. Eve thought Cain was the promised Messiah, but she was wrong. Cain was a farmer, who grew vegetables, and Abel was a shepherd, who took care of sheep. Cain and Abel both offered sacrifices to God. Cain offered some vegetables and Abel offered firstborn sheep from his flock. God was pleased with Abel's offering but was not pleased with Cain's offering. Cain became angry and jealous that God was pleased with Abel. God warned Cain not to be angry and sin, but Cain got so

angry he murdered (killed) his brother Abel. God punished Cain for this terrible sin. Cain was afraid someone else would kill him because he killed Abel. God protected Cain so no other person would try to hurt him because of his sin. Cain later got married and had a son named Enoch. No matter what terrible things we might have done in our past, God will forgive them if we are sorry and ask for forgiveness.

Hymn – "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

- 1 Oh, how great is Your compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally!
- 2 Your great love for this has striven
That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally.
Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call,
To His supper leads us all.
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word.
There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith
That we fear not hell nor death.
- 4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;
Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide.
Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Safe and sure eternally.
- 5 I will praise Your great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally.