

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE EIGHTEENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

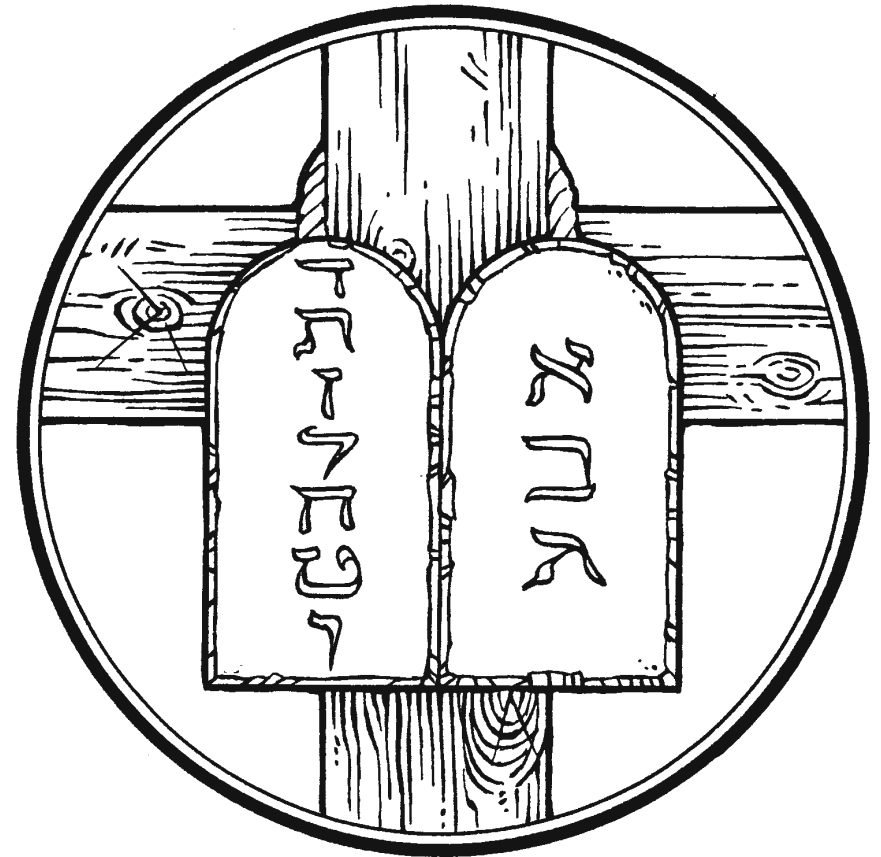
The color for the Eighteenth Week after Trinity is green.



Pharisees
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Mary
serving
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Messiah
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love
neighbor
perfect
Lazarus
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resurrection
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What to listen for during the service?

Listen in the service for when we speak about Christ. What do we say about Him? Who do we say He is? Whose son is He?

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

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

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?

45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What does it mean that the Pharisees "asked him a question to test him"? What does it mean to "test" someone?
- 2) What does Jesus say the great commandment is?
- 3) What does Jesus say the 2nd great commandment is?
- 4) Can we keep these commandments perfectly?
- 5) Who keeps these commandments for us so that God now sees us as perfect before Him?
- 6) How does Jesus outsmart the Pharisees? Does He know more than they do, is He wiser? Does Jesus know all things?

Notes:

People of the Bible: Mary & Martha

Mary and Martha were sisters, and they also had a brother named Lazarus, whom we learned about on the first Sunday of Trinity. In Luke 10, we read the story of Mary and Martha. Martha welcomed Jesus into their home and was very busy serving Him. However, Mary sat at Jesus feet and listened to His teaching, which made Martha upset that Mary wasn't helping her. Jesus reminded Martha it was not her works that were important, but hearing the Word in faith. In Luke 11, we read about Martha going to Jesus after her brother, Lazarus, died. Martha knew Jesus was the Messiah and knew the hope of the resurrection of the dead, but was very sad her brother had died. Jesus went to comfort Mary and Martha, but He surprised them when He raised Lazarus from the dead. Mary and Martha were both faithful followers of Christ, and teach us a good lesson that we should fix our eyes on Jesus and not worry about our life knowing He will take care of us.

Catechism Corner: Morning Prayer

In the morning, when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer: I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.