

Sunday 12th September 2021 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

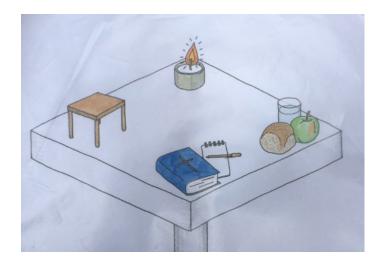
On live stream and in the building

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you. Amen

Theme: Being Church in These Days – The Church Goes to the Unexpected – The murderer!



Church Around the Table

• Candle: Jesus is light of the world

• Food: God feeds us

- Bible, note pad and pen: We love God's word and apply it every day!
- **Table:** We are *all* family together, sat around tables together

Acts 9:1-17

Saul's Conversion

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

 10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Focus Questions/thoughts:

- We know how Saul changed, but what about Ananias?
 How do you think this experience changed what he thought and did?
- How can Jesus help us with the people we find scary?
- Look at 2 Corinthians 4:7-10. What does it mean to be a vessel?

Let's keep asking this last question and let it enrich you and fire you up this term!

Our three stock questions:

- What does the passage say?
- What does it mean?

•	What are v	ou going to	do about it?

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