

Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact an Elder.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Betty LeBeau **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Patty Whitten + Jenny Brogan + Lindsay Brettman + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U.S. Navy Retired
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
Altar Guild: Jun. Lisa Novak Jul. Brenda Christensen
Ushers: Jun. Mike Nissen Jul. Wes Christensen
Elders: 6/23 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472 6/30 Kevin H. 402-984-2182
Bus Drivers: 6/23 Gary O. 402-469-9797 6/30 Mike N. 402-469-4838

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	117
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,960.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 5/31/2019</i> \$ 107,622

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, June 23rd	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class
Tuesday, June 25th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, June 26th	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
Sunday, June 30th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class

Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays/errands. Secretary Mrs. Jeri Dush, ph. 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord *"counted it to him as righteousness"* (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means *"God is my help."* The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And *"he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen"* (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting Four

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#948
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Introit	<i>insert</i>
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Salutation and Collect	
Old Testament Reading	
Gradual	
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Apostles' Creed	p. 207
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Prayer of the Church	
Offering	
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Prayer & Lord's Prayer	
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
Distribution & Hymns	#625 #851 #852 #797
Nunc Dimittis & Collect	
Benedicamus and Benediction	
Hymn	#919
Postlude	

News and Notes of Interest

Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

Divine Service: Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 6/24 Carolyn Fredricks 6/26 Ronda Johnson 6/28 Joyce Giese

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 6/24 Sawyer Blackwell, Ryder Hammond 6/25 Kathy Hromadka 6/29 Brooklyn Boutin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 6/24 Tom & Kari Wolfe 6/29 Ernesto & Bertha Alvidrez

YOU ARE NEEDED! VOLUNTEERS are the heartbeat of VBS. You Are Priceless In This Important Job. One-day VBS on Saturday, August 3, 2019, 9 am to 5 pm. The theme is "Daniel and the Lions Den, Babylon." Please call 402-469-6335 to volunteer.

VBS REGISTRATION FORMS are now Available - Narthex Table. Return to Church Office or give to an Elder or Ushers. Thanks! Joan Primrose

CUSTODIAN: Jeff Lacy is no longer Custodian as of May 31, 2019. Michael Nissen will be our new Custodian as of July 1, 2019. No change in costs.

NEED A FEW VOLUNTEERS:

Because June is not covered we need some volunteers for the last two weeks in June. If you would just volunteer for a part such as a specific bathroom, Fellowship Hall, etc. The entrance, Narthex and all carpets in church have been vacuumed. Please let me know if you are going to do a part as it may already have been done. Glen Krueger

L.W.M.L. Collecting items for School Kits in July & August, Thanks for Your Support! Nadeen Debban

LIFEQUOTE "People with Alzheimer's or dementia often tragically lose their short-term memory while the long-term memory continues. They may go back to the memories of the good old days. Those memories can bring peace and happiness. When the Holy Spirit, your perfect memory aid, reminds and re-teaches you everything about Jesus, He removes the bad memories of sin and punishment and fear. He replaces them with joy, confidence, hope, and forgiveness in Jesus. That results in a peace that goes beyond understanding and beyond this life." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Prophet Jeremiah, Apostles Peter & Paul, 5th Century Archbishop Cyril of Alexandria, 2nd Century Bishop Irenaeus of Lyons, The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS Trinity I

Luke 16:19 - "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." This is often called the story of "The Rich Man and Lazarus." But it should really be called the story of "The Two Rich Men and Lazarus." The other rich man in this story is Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man's life and choices flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. So Abraham was kind and generous, reflecting his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man? Well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

First Sunday after Trinity

June 23rd
9:00am



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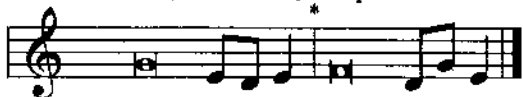
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First Sunday after Trinity

23 June 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 13:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 13:5-6*)



*[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;**
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

*I will sing | to the LORD,**

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

*How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever?**

How long will you hide your | face from me?

*How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?**

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?

*Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;**

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

*lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"**

lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

and to the Holy | Spirit;

*as it was in the be- | ginning,**

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 41:1, 1*)

*I said, "O LORD, be gra- | cious to me;**

heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!"

*Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!**

In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Epistle: 1 John 4:16-21

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

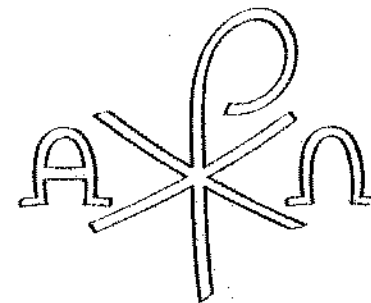
¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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- Finally, we see in the rich man's plea and response to Abraham the true condition of his heart. Just as the rich man failed to listen to Moses and the Prophets and heed their warning against failure to love his neighbor, he also did not believe that the Scriptures contained everything we needed to know in order to be saved. The rich man believed that a miracle would need to take place in order for his brothers to believe. But as we see from the Scriptures, miracles aren't what convert an unbelieving heart. Even after witnessing all the events surrounding the Exodus, including seeing the presence of God in the pillar of cloud and fire, many in Israel disbelieved God's Word and thus failed to obey Him. Likewise, Jesus' miracles in John often hardened the hearts of His opponents. After Jesus fed the 5,000 in John 6, nearly all who followed Him turned back.
- Jesus points us to Moses and the Prophets (and now, we also have the Apostolic writings of the New Testament), because the Word alone has the miraculous power to convert the unbelieving heart. "Faith comes by hearing," says St. Paul (Romans 10:17; see also Isaiah 55:10-11). The Word is powerful enough to bring salvation to us (Romans 1:16), because it points us to the greatest miracle of all—that a Man truly did rise from the dead to bring life and immortality to light. Jesus is the greater Jonah (Matthew 12:38-42) who, though He was rich, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped and emptied Himself (Philippians 2:6-8) of all His riches to give us the wealth of His holy and precious blood, which redeems us from all sin and death (2 Corinthians 8:9).



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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER **TRINITY** Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Jordan McKinley

Collect of the Day:

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Introit:

Psalm 13:1-4 (antiphon: Ps. 13:5-6) — O LORD, I have trusted in Your steadfast love

Psalm:

Psalm 33:12-22 (antiphon: v. 20) — The steadfast love of the LORD

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6 — Abraham believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness

Gradual:

Psalm 41:4, 1 — O LORD, be gracious to me

Epistle:

1 John 4:16-21 — God is love

Verse:

Psalm 7:1 — Alleluia. O LORD my God, in You do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me. Alleluia.

Luke 16:19–31 ESV

Author and Date:

Luke the Evangelist around AD 55-60. This section is part of a larger teaching discourse, which mostly takes the form of parables. Interestingly, this lesson is not specifically called a parable. This teaching takes place during the period of Jesus' travel toward Jerusalem and the cross (see Luke 9:51).

¹⁹ [Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

- Traditionally, the rich man has been named "Dives," which is the Latin translation of "rich man." It may be significant, however, that Jesus doesn't name him. Perhaps the rich man is unknown to Jesus because his name isn't written in the Book of Life (see John 10:14).
- Jesus specifically mentions the rich man's clothing and eating habits not to condemn wealth and fine clothing specifically, but as symptoms of the rich man's diseased heart. After all, Abraham and David were both very wealthy men, and we can be certain that they are at Abraham's side. The rich man saw his great wealth and possessions as his god, rather than fearing, loving, and trusting in God above all things and could not bear to part with even a little comfort to feed and clothe Lazarus.

²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

- Lazarus is specifically named by Jesus—perhaps an indication of his status before God. The name Lazarus even means "God is my help." I suggest that Lazarus' name indicates that the poor man commended all his troubles and care into God's hands, seeking every good thing from Him alone.
- Similar to the rich man, being destitute is not necessarily an indication of God's favor upon a person. Temptation to covetousness (which St. Paul calls idolatry in Colossians 3:5) and despair (a lack of trust in God) can certainly accompany poverty. What is striking is the similarity in language with Jesus' dialogue with the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15, who wants to be fed with "the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (Matthew 15:27), perhaps indicating further trust in the Lord's provision.

²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'

- This might be an indication that this story is a parable, because it seems to move directly from death, which is the separation of body and soul, directly to a corporeal reality in heaven and hell, where both men have their bodies again. As the Scriptures teach in Revelation 20:11-15, the resurrection of the dead (rejoining body and soul) will take place before a person is sent corporally to paradise or torment. Also, since Revelation 7:17 teaches that there will be no sorrow in eternity, the "geography" of being able to see between heaven and hell doesn't quite match up with the clearer passages of Scripture.

- Although this is parabolic language, it is quite graphic. Jesus' depiction of hell tells us that it is a place of torment, anguish, and flame. This is in clear opposition to the modern notion that Jesus didn't teach about a literal hell (see also Matthew 25:41-46). The rich man is not annihilated or put into some sort of sleep, as some suppose happen to the wicked, but is aware of the constant torment of hell. This is a stark warning not to regard sin lightly!

²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

- As was said earlier, the rich man's wealth is not what condemned him, but how he uses that wealth is a symptom of his condition and standing before God. The entire second table of the law directs us to love our neighbors as ourselves. James 2:14-17 precisely describes the man's condition here. Though he is likely a Jew (as we see in his recognition of Abraham), his is a dead faith. Had the rich man trusted in God as the provider of all things, being of service to Lazarus would have flowed as a natural fruit of faith. Instead, the rich man trusted in his wealth, which was unable to save him. Each act of love for the neighbor, done in faith, is an echo of God's mercy toward us and an expression of God's work of providing daily bread for those around us through our various vocations.

- There is no relief or aid for those in hell. There are no second chances. As Dante portrays the lowest level of hell in *Inferno* as a cold place, hell is truly a place lacking in God's divine love and care. Those who rejected God in this life will not be required to spend eternity with Him. The sad reality is that God does not force Himself on us. He loves us enough to let us go down into destruction, if that is truly our desire.