

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The First Sunday after Trinity
13/14/15 June 2020

Faith trusts 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.

The Divine Service

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit – *prayed responsively* Ps. 13:1–4; *antiphon: Ps. 13:5–6*

O Lord, I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O Lord, I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

After 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.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And 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.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual—*prayed responsively*

Ps. 41:4, 1

I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.

Epistle

1 John 4:16–21

So 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. By 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. There 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. We love because he first loved us. If 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. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

Psalms 7:1

Alleluia. O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 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.’ 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. 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.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

The Reception of New Members – 6:00pm and 9:30am

The Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He,

blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

C Our Father...

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ

A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Announcements for the First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our New Members We welcome officially as members Emmett and Belinda Meador who transfer from Zion, Staunton and The Rev. Sean and Audrey Daenzer, and their daughters, Lucia, Monica and Renata, who transfer from Peace Lutheran Church, Barney, ND. May our Lord bless them and us all together as members of His congregation.

Voters Meeting – Sunday, June 28th 1:00pm This meeting will take place outside near the school playground. The action items will be to extend a call to Mrs. Diane Schnare to serve as a teacher of our school, a brief treasurer's report, and nominations for the Office of President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Wednesday Night Zoom Bible Study – Philippians – Pastor Ball has started a new Wednesday Night Bible Study on Zoom, St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. You can still join in, just send him an email and he will send you the link to join. It is a letter of joy, a gift from God we all need.

Wednesday Matins - Every Wednesday throughout the summer we have Matins live on Facebook at 8:30am.

Romans Bible Study - Pastor Weedon continues his Bible study on the Book of Romans. *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org on your favorite podcast provider and on the LPR mobile app.

Metro-East Lutheran High School is seeking HOST FAMILIES for our foreign students for the 2020/2021 school year. Our academic year will run from August through May and we have 4 female and 2 male foreign students who would like to attend our Christian High School and have an American family experience. If you are interested please contact the MELHS office at 618-656-0043 or email Dr. Jay Krause at jay.krause@melhs.org Thanks for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

Equipping the Priesthood of all Believers – 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 topics include: The Vocation of Father, Consolation in Suffering, Christ's Descent into Hell, The Rite of Anointing the Sick with Oil and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Volunteer Nurses Needed for our District Convention The Southern Illinois District Convention will be February 11-13, 2021 in O'Fallon, IL. The planning committee is looking for nurses (retired or active) to volunteer to serve at the wellness table at the convention. If you are a nurse who could volunteer a few hours, please let Pastor Ball know.

Prayer Requests – Please Note – Next week we will be restarting the prayer list. If you would like to have names added for the prayer list simply contact Joanie.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For the Holy Trinity to bless us as we confess His Holy Name
For the Gospel to be spread during these days
For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod
For our country, that we might be at peace and live in harmony
For first responders in our communities
For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace
For those who live alone
For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel
For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19
For our catechumens

Healing and Comfort for: **CAROL SCHWARZ**, hospitalized this week, **CLARA WEHREND**, health issues, **BARB HENSON**, daughter of Donna Bruhn, recovering from surgery, **DON SCHLONAT**, father of Lisa Micnheimer, recovering from a heart attack and open heart surgery, **PASTOR LARRY MEINZEN**, for continued health and strength, **LOIS SANDER**, who suffered a broken arm in a fall, **HARRIET STARNES**, grandmother of Beth, Hellinger, who has entered into hospice care, **ROGER BEST**, brother-in-law of Dale & Shirley Lueker, who has moved into nursing care; **BRANDON CANN, US NAVY**, grandson of Paul and Rose Cann, diagnosed with Covid-19 onboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, **ARLINE BLASE**, health difficulties; **SIDNEE SCHWARZ**, health issues; **GLENN ARMES**, health issues; **LEAH HOWTON**, recovering from surgery; **DALE GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, taking chemo & radiation treatments & **KAY GROTEFENDT**, for strength as her husband undergoes treatments; **KAYLEIGH MEINZEN**, health issues; **RANDY HELLINGER**, recovering at home with health issues; **TOMIKO JUEDEMANN**, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; **EMILY SCHWARZ**, recovering from surgery; **ELDON SCHMIDT**, health issues; **LISA PROFFER**, sister of Aaron Hanks, recovering from mini-strokes; **THOMAS SEXTON**, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; **DORENE LANE**, friend of Dave DeVries, preparing for knee replacement, heart and eye issues; **MARY GRAFF**, friend of Dave DeVries, began treatments for kidney and femur bone cancer, **STEPHANIE VAN ULFT**, treatments and health difficulties from said treatments; **ELLEN MUTH**, mother of Kantor Muth, declining health; **JANE BILYEU**, aunt of Beth Langendorf, health difficulties; **BONNIE WILLIAMS**, friend of Candy Esch, cancer; **ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

OUR FAMILIES PRAY – THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED is confessed by all.

THE PSALM is prayed: Sun-Sat – Ps. 33:12-22

CATECHISM LEARN-BY-HEART:

Catechism Lesson: *7th Commandment & 8th Commandment*

7th Commandment – You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

8th Commandment – You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Bible Verse:

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. Matthew 5:37

HYMN: Sun-Sat – 768

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Sunday-Saturday – 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. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God