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IX. THE SEASON OF THE HOLY TRINITY: WHITSUNTIDE
“The Basis of the Christian Life: the Work of the Holy Spirit”

The 1st Sunday After Trinity: The Sunday of Lazarus and the Rich Man “The Spirit’s Words in Holy Scripture” 23 June 2019

God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him 1
John 4.16 [EHV]

WELCOME TO FAITH! GOD’S HOUSE, YOUR HOME! To the friends who know us and to the visitors who are with us for the first time, the pastor and members of Faith Lutheran extend you a sincere welcome. We pray that your faith will be strengthened by your worship with us. *We invite our guests to sign the guest book in the entry way and worship with us again.*

ORDER OF SERVICE—THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE—

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THE PREPARATION

Pre-service prayers (hymnal pg. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)

Prelude—*Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist*, D. Buxtehude BuxVW 212

Hymn #227 Come, Holy Ghost, in Love

Invocation hymnal pg. 5

Confession/ Absolution hymnal pg. 5-6

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD—*Jesus comes with His word to*

enlighten us

Introit: (Psalm 34. 22, 1, 4, 8-10)

- P** The Lord redeems the soul of His servants,
- C** **And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.**
- P** I will bless the Lord at all times;
- C** **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- P** I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
- C** **And delivered me from all my fears.**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;
- C** **Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!**
- P** Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!
- C** **There is no want to those who fear Him.**

- P** The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
- C** **But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.**

Gloria Patri pg. 6

Kyrie pg. 7

Gloria in Excelsis [Glory in the Highest] pg. 7-9

Salutation/ Collect pg. 9

O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without You, grant us the help of Your grace that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle: 1 John 4.16-21 [EHV]

God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. ¹⁷In this way his love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? ²¹This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

Gradual: (Psalm 41. 4, 1; 5.1)

- P** I said, “Lord, be merciful to me;
- C** **Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”**
- P** Blessed is he who considers the poor.
- C** **The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Hallelujah!**
- Hallelujah!**
- P** Give ear to my words, O Lord,

☐ consider my meditation. Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah

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Gospel— St. Luke 16.19-31 [EHV]

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¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²²Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He called out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.’

²⁵“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s home, ²⁸because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.’

³⁰“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“Abraham replied to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Apostles’ Creed

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Sermon—1 John 4.16-21

Love’s Saving Power On The Heart

1. It unites the heart separated from God

2. It quiets the troubled heart

3. It warms the cold heart

[Silence for meditation]

CATECHISM REVIEW: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

P: What is the First Commandment?

C: You shall have no other gods.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

P: What is the Second Commandment?

C: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

P: What is the Third Commandment?

C: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

P: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Offertory

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Offering

Stewardship Thought— 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.

The Prayer Of The Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name would be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, especially those of our parish and those who have requested our prayers, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Word

Benediction

Hymn #351 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Silent Prayer

Worship Continues With The Service of the Sacrament where Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood

TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday—Bible Study	6.30 pm
Thursday—Bible Study	9.30 am
Sunday—Catechism Study	9.45 am
5 th Sunday Dinner	following service
PLEASE PRAY FOR: Marianne Grabenhofer, Arthur Scott, Hugo Sutton, Karen Weiner; Mary Ellen Carl, Ginny Pawlak, Lynn Walz.	



I always sin, therefore I always go to Communion. –St. Ambrose

[*De sacramentis*, IV, 6, 28]

RECEPTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: At Faith we offer Holy Communion to members in a separate brief service following morning services of Matins, Morning Prayer or Morning Service. Striving to confess and practice all that God has taught us in His Word, we offer the Blessed Sacrament to our own members and members of other congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as we express our unity of faith on the basis of all of God’s Word [1 Cor. 10.16-17].

PRAYER OF COMMUNICANTS: Lord Jesus Christ, the temple of Your body was destroyed on the cross and three days later raised from the dead and exalted to the right hand of the Father. Visit us now with the same body, that we may not deny that that we know You, but in faith hear in our ears Your life-giving voice and receive on our lips Your very body and blood to strengthen us in times of temptation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray that You would lead and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that unlike the rich man, we may hear Your precious Word and let it bear fruit in our lives. Let us

not be so occupied with the earthly things that we forget the eternal. Let us gladly and generously help the poor as we are able and not sin with pride and abundance. Let us not despair when we are afflicted with the cross and suffering, but grant us, instead, to have every hope in Your eternal help and grace and patiently overcome everything. Amen.

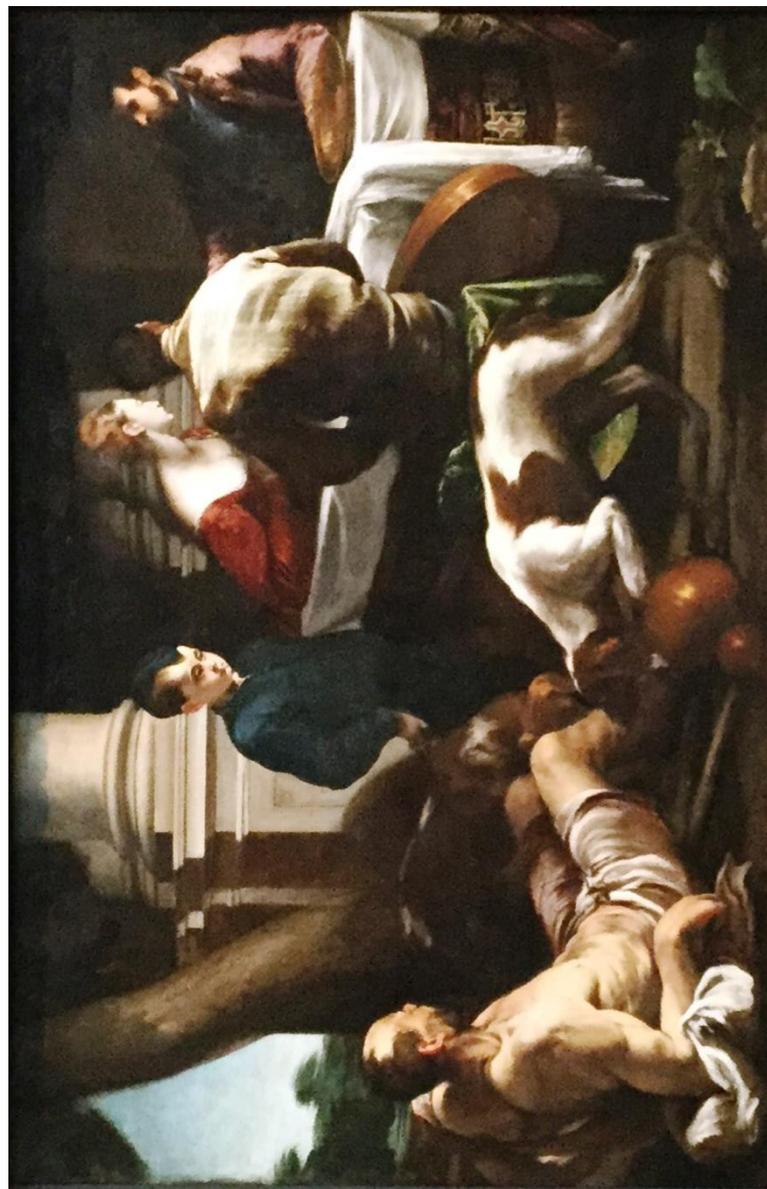
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GOSPEL: Luke 16.19-31 Abraham replied to [the rich man in hell] that [his brothers] have Moses and the prophets, the Word of God, which they may hear, and an apparition from the dead, a miraculous vision, would not help them. There is no other means that helps us to repentance and life, than the Word of God. But the brothers were like the rich man during his time, despising God's Word. (Stoeckhardt)

EPISTLE: 1 John 4. 16-21 Therefore, if the love of God does not reside in a person's heart, he boasts of faith and relies upon it in vain. Faith is not a dead thought, and it is not an intention to acquire all the comfort of the Gospel. It is a heavenly light, a divine power, that God, with His grace, implants in the heart. Faith without love for God is an empty product of our imagining, a hull without fruit, a shell without a kernel, a painted picture without life. Wherever there is true faith, love comes forth like the shining of the sun. Wherever love is absent from the heart, God, the eternal love, cannot be found there. And where there is no God, there is also no faith. Darkness and light cannot coexist, and it is the same with the loveless person and God. (Walther)

LUTHER NOTES ON THE GOSPEL: All believers are like poor Lazarus; and every believer is a true Lazarus, for he is of the same faith, mind and will, as Lazarus. For we all must, like Lazarus, trust in God, surrender ourselves to him to work in us according to his own good pleasure, and be ready to serve all men. And although we all do not suffer from such sores and poverty, yet the same mind and will must be in us that were in Lazarus— cheerfully to bear such things, wherever God wills it. Abraham had the mind and will to bear what Lazarus did. Therefore he recognized Lazarus as one of his own and received him into his bosom.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Lazarus and the Rich Man, c. 1550 by Jacopo Bassano il Vecchio
From the collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art