

The First Sunday after Trinity

The Sunday of the Rich Man and Lazarus
June 7, 2026



*If they do not hear Moses and the prophets,
Neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.*

Theme of Today's Liturgy

To trust in God's mercy means to rejoice in His salvation and give thanks for His steadfast love no matter how well or badly things go (*Introit*). That mercy of God is given in His sure promises which comfort us in our present suffering by encouraging us in the hope that this Word gives (*Gospel*). The mercy of God heals our sinful souls, reaches out to the poor in heart, and delivers the troubled (*Gradual*). In short, God is love, and His love dwells in us (*Epistle*). Our prayer is that God will grant us the grace to hear and take to heart His Word, and thereby please Him both in will and deed (*Collect*).

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the card in your pew and pass it towards the center aisle during the offering. We hope you will visit us again!

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

The first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper every week. They gave equal devotion to the apostles' doctrine (Acts 2:42), which is given to us today in Holy Scripture. Fellowship in the Lord's Supper and unity in doctrine go hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also devote ourselves to the shared confession of Scripture. For this reason, we ask that guests who desire to commune speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

Cover: *Lazarus and the Rich Man* (ca. 1605), Frans Francken the Younger (1581–1642), Brot und Kunst Museum, Ulm, Germany.

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

“This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Gen 28:17)

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† **Processional Hymn** TLH 549 *God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven* (see pages 8–9)

† **Confession and Absolution** p. 184–85 *LEFT-HAND COLUMN*
Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 13; antiphon: Psalm 13



MY Lord, my trust is in Your mercy,
and my heart is joyful in Your sal- | vation. *

I will sing of the LORD, because He has dealt so lovingly | with me.

How long will You utterly forget me, | O LORD? *

How long will You hide Your | face from me?



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

O my Lord, my trust is in Your mercy,
and my heart is joyful in Your sal- | vation. *

I will sing of the LORD, because He has dealt so lovingly | with me.

† **Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis** *pp. 186–89*

† **Salutation & Collect of the Day** *SUNG responses p. 189*

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 without You, 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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

In those days 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.

Gradual

Psalm 41



SAID, “LORD, be merciful | unto me; *

heal my soul, for I have sinned a- | gainst You.”

Blessèd is he that considers the poor and | needy; *

the LORD shall deliver him in the time of | trouble.

Epistle

1 John 4:16–21

Beloved 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.

† Alleluia Verse

Psalm 7

The congregation sings the threefold “Alleluia” before and after the Pastor sings the verse.



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



LORD my God, in You have I | put my trust; *
save me from all them that persecute me, and de- | liver me.

† Holy Gospel

p. 190

St. Luke 16:19—31

The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time Jesus said* “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may

testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

† Nicene Creed *p. 191/Inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn of the Day 708 *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

Sermon

Offering/Organ Voluntary

Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.

† Offertory *p. 192–93*

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion follows on p. 194 ff.

Guests who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

619 *Thy Body Given for Me, O Savior*

585 *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

696 *O God, My Faithful God*

798 *The God of Abraham Praise*

609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

† Nunc Dimittis *and the remainder of the service on p. 199 and following*

† Hymn 941 *We Praise You and Acknowledge You*

Organ Postlude

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!”

Psalm 84:4

TLH 549 *God Who Madest Earth and Heaven*

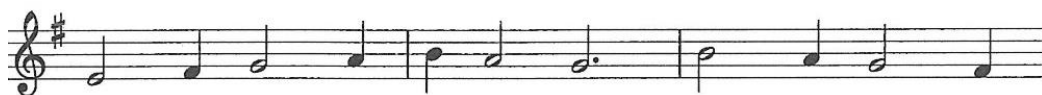
Text: Heinrich Albert; trans., Catherine Winkworth (st. 1 – 6), Matthew Carver (st. 7) Tune: Heinrich Albert



1. God whomad - est earth and heav - en, Fa - ther, Son, and
 2. God, I thank Thee, in Thy keep - ing Safe - ly have I
 3. Let the night of my transgres - sion With night'sdark - ness
 4. Help me as the mornis break - ing, In the spir - it
 5. Lead me, and for - sake me nev - er, Guide my wand' - rings



Ho - ly Ghost; Who the day and night hast giv - en,
 slumbered here; Thou hast guard - ed me while sleep - ing
 pass a - way. Je - sus, in - to Thy pos - ses - sion
 to a - rise, So from care - less sloth a - wak - ing,
 by Thy Word; As Thou hast been, be Thou ev - er



Sun and moon and star - ry host; Whose al - might - y
 From all dan - ger, pain, and fear; And the cun - ning
 I re - sign my - self to - day; In Thy wounds I

That, when'o'er the a - ged skies Shall the Judg - ment
 My Def - ense, my Ref - uge, Lord. Nev - er safe ex -



handsus - tains Earth and all that it con - tains:
 e - vil Foe Hath not wrought my o - ver - throw.
 find re - lief From all sor - row, sin, and grief.

Day ap - pear, I may see it with - out fear.
 cept with Thee, Thou my faith - ful Guardian be.

6. O my God, I now commend me
Wholly to Thy mighty hand;
All the pow'rs that Thou dost lend me
Let me use at Thy command.
Lord, my Shield, my Strength divine,
Keep me with Thee, -- I am Thine.

7. Set me in Thine angel's keeping,
That he may the foe repel,
Curb his crafts, awake or sleeping,
Guard me from his fury fell;
Lastly, to Thy hands addressed,
Bear me to Thy heav'nly rest.

TODAY'S NOTICES

Submit Tuition Scholarship Requests for the 2026/2027 School year to the Board of Endowment ASAP. An overview of available scholarship funds, requirements, and the application process is available on the hallway table in the Admin/Education building, or by contacting the church office. Questions can be directed to Bd of Endowment Chair Austin Van Velson (avanvelson@gmail.com).

Opportunity to serve: Seeking a volunteer to manage **Cradle Roll**. Parents of children aged 0–3 are periodically sent materials to nurture their child's spiritual, emotional, and physical development. You would be responsible for sending out these materials following a prescribed schedule. Contact a member of the Board of Christian Education or Pastor Gerike if you would like to serve or if you have questions.

Sign up in the narthex for the **church picnic at Elmwood Park on Saturday, June 13th from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**. Please bring a side or dessert dish to share for the potluck, and bring any outside games or activities you enjoy!

Prayer Requests: *Work with churches in:* Argentina, Benin, Australia and New Zealand; *Persecuted Christians in:* North Korea; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Peace in the world:* the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Norma Kelly, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Shayla Gerike, Jill Raak; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Jean Young, Hayes Gonzalez, Nancy Goesch, Jeremy Long, Milo Peters, Mark Roberts, Jim Bygrave, Tim Lonergan, Austin Van Velson & Katie Long (married this afternoon)

This Week's Calendar

- Today (6/7) THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am
Divine Service 10:00 am
Board of Elders meeting after church
Centennial Committee meeting after church
Van Velson/Long wedding 4:00 pm
- Wednesday (7/10) Matins 10:00 am
Vespers 6:30 pm
- Saturday (7/13) Board of Finance & Stewardship meeting 9:30 am
Church Picnic at Elmwood Park 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Next Sunday (6/14) THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am
Divine Service 10:00 am
Board of Christian Education meeting after church

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Our Service Schedule:

The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins is prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Vespers is prayed in Advent & Lent on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Receiving Communion at Mt. Calvary: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Adult Christian Education is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

Sunday School for children ages 3–12 is year-round. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

SERVING TODAY

Organist – Annika Buckley

Elder – Joseph Buckley

Altar Care – Nora Ogden & Bonnie Luedeman

Trustee – Bob Vondrasek

Counters – Franklin Harmon & Nancy Reynolds

Ushers – Josh Bohnert, Dave Emken, Chris Blank, Austin Van Velson