

The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>He 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.'

<sup>25</sup>"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. <sup>26</sup>Besides 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.'

<sup>27</sup>"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, <sup>28</sup>because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup>"Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

<sup>30</sup>"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

<sup>31</sup>"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.'"

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## A Word from Luther

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. And whoever will not be a Lazarus, will surely have his portion with the rich glutton in the flames of hell. 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. For such poverty of spirit may exist in those who have very great possessions; as Job, David, Abraham were poor and rich. For David in Psalm 39:12 says: "I am a stranger with thee, a sojourner, as all my fathers were." How could that be, since he was a king and possessed extensive lands and large cities? Thus it came about; although he indeed possessed these, yet his heart did not cleave to them, and they were as nothing compared with the riches he had with God. Likewise he had said of the health of his body that it was as nothing compared to the health of his soul before God, and he would indeed not have murmured, had God afflicted him with bodily sores and sickness. So Abraham also, although he had not the poverty and affliction of Lazarus, yet he had the mind and will to bear what Lazarus did, if God had visited him thus. For the saints should have one and the same inner mind and spirit, but they cannot have the same outward work and suffering.

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# Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

We are glad that God has brought you here to hear his Holy Word. God bless you.

The service we will be using is from our hymnal. Instructions with page numbers are on the tab sticking out on the right margin of this bulletin.

If you lose track of where you are in the service, ask one of our members sitting near you. They would be happy to help.

## Propers for the First Sunday after Trinity

### Collect

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.

**Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-6** After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup>Abram said, "LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>Abram also said, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup>Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, "This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>The LORD then brought him outside and said, "Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "This is what your descendants will be like." <sup>6</sup>Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

**Epistle: 1 John 4:16-21** We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us.

God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. <sup>17</sup>In 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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.

<sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If 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? <sup>21</sup>This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

**+ Gospel: Luke 16:19-31** "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and <sup>21</sup>longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side.

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