

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

December 4, 2016 10:30 am



Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 3&4*

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Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 2

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. As we light the candles of this wreath may its growing brightness remind us of the coming of your Son, so that we may be ready and filled with joy. Amen (Two candles are lit)

Special Music: Alleluia Choir

Holy Baptism

***Hymn:** *Hark a Thrilling Voice*

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***Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Page 558 in the black pew Bible

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,

and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Reading: Romans 15.4-13

Page 924 in the black pew Bible

***Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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***Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12**

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: On Jordan's Bank

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Prayers

Pastor: As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need, praying, Have mercy, O God.

From the Assembly: For the whole church in the world, for all led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the awesome deeds of God; that all divisions and disagreements cease, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For the earth and its creatures, for animals of every size, for plants that provide shade and food; that we see God's goodness in every living thing, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For the nations and those in authority, for police officers and firefighters, for social workers and attorneys; that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For the poor, the meek, the unwelcomed, the sick and the sad, especially David Walker and Joanne Dexter, that they experience Christ through the care of others, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For those traveling and those absent from this gathering, for those serving in the military, for those preparing for baptism, and for our congregation; that in all we do we praise and glorify God, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have died in Christ; that they show us the way of hope through the incarnate Word, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Meal

Offering *Ephesians 6:9*

And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

***Offertory: He Came Down**

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** Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands*

Offering Prayer

***The Great Thanksgiving** page 180

***Holy, holy, holy Lord** page 181

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Sung During Communion: #239, 247

***Prayer after Communion**

Sending

***Blessing**

Hymn: *Prepare the Royal Highway #269

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00

Weekly Giving for November 27 - \$4344.54

Thanksgiving Eve - \$435

Attendance for Wednesday, November 23, Thanksgiving Eve - 60

Attendance for Sunday, November 27 - 8:15 - 115 10:30 - 80