

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

July 31, 2016 9:00 am

Lectionary 18C



## Gathering

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Hymn:

*Earth and All Stars*

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### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Just and gracious God,

**Congregation: we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: The apostle Paul assures us: “When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross.” Jesus says to you, † “Your sins are forgiven.” Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you. **Amen.**

**\*Kyrie**

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**\*Glory to God**

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**\*Prayer of the Day:**

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

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**Psalm 49.1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another’s life;

<sup>8</sup>for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

**Reading: Colossians 3.1-14 (From The Message)**

**3**<sup>1-2</sup> So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides.

Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from *his* perspective.

<sup>3-4</sup> Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

<sup>5-8</sup> And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

<sup>9-11</sup> Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe.

Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

<sup>12-14</sup> So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

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**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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**\*Gospel: Luke 12.13-21**

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**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers:**

**Pastor:** Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**From the Assembly:** O God, enliven the body of Christ with energy and creativity. Work through partnerships across towns, denominations, and ministry contexts, that Christ be shared with all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Guard your creation against greed and over-consumption. Restore polluted air and waters, protect animal habitats, and send new growth where it is needed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Break down barriers between neighborhoods, peoples, and nations. Sustain community leaders, legislators, volunteers, peacemakers, and all who seek the good of their communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Soothe furrowed and fevered brows. Give energy and compassion to caregivers, those who sit at bedsides or wait by the phone. Comfort all in need of healing, for the family and friends of Stan Hays. Also for Connie Slotten, Barb Bendel Sandvigen, Delainey Hayden and Joanne Dexter Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Inspire our congregation to live in the present moment, O God, and to trust in you. In committee meetings, classrooms, and all ministries, give us flexibility to follow where you lead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** We give thanks for those who have died recently and across the ages, and we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**Pastor:** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering** *Luke 14:28-30* For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he may have enough to finish it; lest perhaps, after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish, all those seeing begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish.

**\*Offertory:** *Salvation Belongs to Our God* **Page 219**

**\*Offering Prayer:**

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

**\*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** **Hymns during Communion: #704, #583**

**\*Prayer after Communion:**

**O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Blessing:**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* **#538**

**\*Dismissal:** Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News! **Thanks be to God!**

**Monday, August 01**

8:00 am Day Camp  
10:00 am Bible Study- FH  
5:00 pm Lutheran SS – AO

**Tuesday, August 02**

8:00 am Day Camp  
10:30 am Lutheran SS - AO  
5:30 pm Parish Ed - SR

**Wednesday, August 03**

8:00 am Day Camp  
10:00 am Food Pantry  
10:30 am Morrow Home Communion  
1:45 pm Rolling Hills Communion  
6:00 pm L2 - Worship Service  
6:00 pm Bell Choir-SR  
7:00 pm Alleluia Choir

**Thursday, August 04**

8:30 am Quilting- FH  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm Day Camp  
5:00 pm Lutheran SS - AO  
5:00 pm Closing Worship & family potluck to follow in Fellowship Hall  
5:45 pm Girl Scouts - EW  
6:30 pm Building and Grounds-Jakes

**Friday, August 05**

10:30 am Lutheran SS - AO

**Sunday, August 07**

9:00 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship

<p><b>Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00</b>    <b>Weekly Giving for July 17 - \$3473.00</b> <b>Simply Giving 7/17 – 7/29 - \$4883.00</b> <b>Attendance for Sunday, July 24 - 142</b>                      <b>Attendance for L<sup>2</sup> - July 27 - 12</b></p>
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**Sunday, July 31 - 9:00 am**

**Organist** - Jan Olson

**Readers** – Joel Opprecht

**Communion Servers** – Rita Bernette - Churck Amundson - Gail Clark

**Greeters** – Beth Roehm and Joyce Anderson

**Counters** –August 1 - Janice Janzen - Dave Olson - Pete Perkins

**Food Pantry** - **August 3** - Dennis Glaman and Les Stanley

**Flowers** – **August** – Gary and Sharon Nelson

**Coffee Fellowship** - **July 31** - **Opportunity**

**Sunday, August 7 - 9:00 am**

**Organist** - Jan Olson

**Readers** – Jan Jenkins

**Communion Servers** – Dennis and Carol Glaman - Jeanne Button

**Greeters** – Mick and JoEllen Siver

**Counters** –**July 18** – Jeff Powell - Adell Morton - Brenda Degenhardt

**Flowers** - Gary and Sharon Nelson

**Coffee Fellowship** - Bill and Sherry McClain

**Sunday, August 14 9:00 am**

**Organist** – Debbie Larson

**Readers** – Jim Moorhead

**Communion Servers** – Kathleen Sumrall – Cindy Thesing – Shirley Weibel

**Greeters** – Wayne and Connie Slotten

**Counters** –**August 15** – Fred Olson – Nancy Oswald – Carol Thorsen

**Flowers** - Gary and Sharon Nelson

**Coffee Fellowship** – Mary Circle

**Sunday, August 21 9:00 am**

**Organist** – Adell Morton

**Readers** – Joyce Putman

**Communion Servers** – Al and Jan Jenkins – Chuck Hogan

**Greeters** – **Opportunity to Serve**

**Counters** –**August 22** – Carol Glaman – Gary Peterson – Kathleen Sumrall

**Flowers** - Gary and Sharon Nelson

**Coffee Fellowship** - **Opportunity**