

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

September 10, 2017

8:15 am Worship

פְּרָאשִׁית בְּרֵא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.

In the beginning . . .

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (John 1.1-5)

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Hymn: *All That is Good

(lyrics on screen)

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Kyrie** **page 175**

***Gloria!** **page 176**

***Prayer**

Grand designer of all things,

The light and the darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and the dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. **Amen.**

Special Music: Virginia Bolen

Reading: Genesis 1.1-2.4a

Page 1 in the black pew Bible

Sermon

Hymn: *This is My Father's World* **#824**

Blessing of Back Packs

***Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: We pray for the church universal. Reconcile our differences. Forgive our divisions. Unite us at your table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: For your creation. Increase our stewardship of all that you have given to us. Let the earth flourish for those who come after us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: For peace in the world. End conflicts among nations. Help leaders and citizens truly to listen to one another and to act for the good of all. Teach us by your example. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: For all those in need. Bind up our hurts. Heal divisions in our families, friendships, and neighborhoods. Comfort those who need your special care; *for the family and friends of Harley Jenkins. Also for Kenneth Smith, Lois Harr, Joyce Swiggum, Deb O'Rouke, Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, Michelle Clark, and Pauline Haug.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: For this congregation. Make us signs of your love and forgiveness in this community and in the world. Help us to grow in our love for one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: In thanksgiving for all the faithful witnesses who put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful until the day we rejoice in your majesty with them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering *And He sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44*

***Offertory: We Come to The Hungry Feast**

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***Offering Prayer**

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .	page 181
*Lord's Prayer	page 182

Communion **During Communion: #455, 808**

***Prayer After Communion**

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

***Blessing:**

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living **#881**

***Sending**

Go in peace. Sound the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

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