

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
September 18, 2016 8:15 am and 10:30- am  
Lectionary 24C



## Gathering

**Prelude:** *Canon in D, Deep River*

**Chancel Ringers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Stories to Tell, Gifts to Share*

**Call to Worship:** *Celebration No. 1 in G*

**Chancel Ringers**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;  
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of overflowing grace,

**Congregation: we come to you with repentant hearts.**

**Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.**

**Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.**

**Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.**

**Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.  
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,  
and strengthen us to serve you  
in all that we do and say;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** *We Are Called* #720

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.  
Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the  
grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music:** *With a Bold Voice* Chancel Ringers

**Reading: Amos 8.4-7**

**Page 749 in the black pew Bible**

**Psalm 113 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

**Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7**

**Page 963 in the black pew Bible**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

**page 188**

**Gospel: Luke 16.1-13**

**Page 851 in the black pew Bible**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn:**

*Take My Life*

**#583**

**\*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:** Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** Giver of the feast, bless your church and all who hunger and thirst. Nourish us richly with your word and meal, and send us as signs of your living presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Ruler of the earth, bring forth an abundant harvest from fields, orchards, and gardens. Renew fields that will soon lie fallow. Feed and protect all wild creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** God of the nations, we pray for places in the world affected by conflict, war, and turmoil. We pray that your perfect peace and order be restored. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** God of our weary years, we remember before you those among us who are sick or who are recovering from illness or surgery Joan Roche, and Joanne Dexter. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** God our beginning and ending, we thank you for hope even in the midst of despair. Visit this assembly with your light and truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** God of our silent tears, we remember the faithful departed who make up the great cloud of witnesses Gather us all in praise around your throne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering** *It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5*

**\*Offertory:** *We Are An Offering* #692

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving** page 190

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** page 190

**\*Lord's Prayer** page 191

**Communion**

**Sung During Communion: Lamb of God page 191, *Be Thou My Vision* #793, *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* #717**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Hymn:** *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* #669

**\*Sending:** Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Congregation:** Okay, we will!

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00	Weekly Giving for September 11 - \$ 3806.75
Simply Giving 9/11 – 9/17 \$402.50	Total Weekly Giving – \$4209.25
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