

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

September 4, 2016 9:00 am

Lectionary 23C



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands;

Congregation: Yes, Lord, establish the work of our hands.

***Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

#858

***Prayer of the Day**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20

Page 163 in the black pew Bible

Psalm 1 (read responsively)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Reading: Philemon 1-21

Page 970 in the black pew Bible

***Gospel Acclamation:** *Lord, Let My Heart, Be Good Soil* **#512**

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

Page 850 in the black pew Bible

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me* **#798**

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: Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments, that they be strengthened in their discipleship through these means of grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Let us pray for the creation, that it thrives and flourishes. Make us good stewards of the land with all its vegetation, mammals, birds, and creatures of all kinds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Let us pray for all who lead and direct us: for elected officials, school boards, pastors, bishops, councils, ministry teams, business owners, judges, and community organizers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Let us give thanks for the ability and chance to work, to provide for our families, to be challenged, to work for all of God's creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Let us pray for all who are unemployed and underemployed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Let us pray for refugees, immigrants, prisoners, and all who seek new life. Show life and prosperity to those who struggle with injury or illness *Ed Peterson, Stanley Kirkeeng, Eleanor Hansen, and Joanne Dexter.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Let us pray for our congregation and community, that they be safe places for all, especially the young and mature. Revive and refresh our hearts as we receive the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: Let us remember with thanksgiving the dearly departed who rest from their labors. Instruct us by their witness and bring us, with them, into the Promised Land. 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

***Offertory:**

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

#814

***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**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

C: We praise you for all who labor for the common good and for those whose service is unappreciated. We thank you for children whose play is the work of learning to live in the world.

We thank you for disciples who are obedient to the promptings of your Spirit in all their relationships. We thank you for your yearning mercy that waits for us to make all our hours and days participation in your healing and blessing of the earth and all peoples.

P: You made us in your image and set us in a lush garden as caretakers. When we chose to have it all to ourselves, you turned our freedom to the toil for survival. When we cried out in our misery, you delivered us from captivity and made covenant to be our sovereign God. By the prophets you called us to return to you and delight in good food without price. You confronted us with the waste of laboring apart from you, and you asked us, "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? ...

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." (Isaiah 55:2-3)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Hymn:**

You Are Holy

#525

Pastor: Holy are you and holy is your work among us in Jesus Christ, who came to be born in the home of a carpenter, a trade he learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst. He called out fishermen and activists. He healed the servant of a soldier.

He received the support of resourceful women. He delegated his ministry to his disciples, empowered all his followers to do his divine work in this world.

By his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from the bondage of sin and the power of death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so as a baptized and commissioned people, remembering your mighty work in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our daily lives, and our unique locations for ministry in the world- homes and hospitals, parks and stores, prisons and concert halls- as a living and holy sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

***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: #801, #815

***Prayer After Communion**

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Blessing**

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn:**

Let us Ever Walk with Jesus

#802

***Sending:**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Congregation: Okay, we will!

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00	Weekly Giving for August 21 - \$2438.50
Simply Giving 8/28 - 9/3 - 402.50	Total Weekly Giving - 2041.00
Attendance for Sunday, August 21 - 118	Attendance for L² - August 31 - 9

Sunday, September 4 9:00 am

Organist – Virginia Bolin

Readers – Carol Glaman

Communion Servers – Al and Jan Jenkins – Chuck Hogan

Greeters – Al and Jan Jenkins

Counters –**September 6 (please note date change)**– Fred Olsen – Nancy Oswald – Carol Thorsen

Flowers – **September** – Cora Ashwander

Coffee Fellowship –

Sunday, September 11 – Rally Sunday

8:15 am

Organist – Worship Team

Readers – Sarah Tripp

Communion Servers – Anita Jensen – Connie Jerome – Nila Larson

Greeters – Jim and Barb Moorhead

Counters –**September 12** – Jeff Powell – Adell Morton – Brenda Degenhardt

Flowers – **September** – Cora Ashwander

10:30 am

Organist – Worship Team

Readers – Mark Baltz

Communion Servers – Jeff and Tracy Kingsley – Ann Kvale

Greeters – Bert Anderson and Brenda Lydon

Sunday, September 18

8:15 am

Organist – Bell Choir- Deb Larson

Readers – Trevor Tripp

Communion Servers – Chris Milne – Barb Moorhead – Joyce Morrell

Greeters – Bill and Sherry McClain

Counters –**September 19** – Carol Glaman – Gary Peterson – Kathleen Sumrall

Flowers – **September** – Cora Ashwander

10:30 am

Organist – Bell Choir – Deb Larson

Readers – Doug Dengel

Communion Servers – Ron and Karen Wall – Carol Thorsen

Greeters – Phil and Diane Dammen

Monday, September 5

Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

10:30 am Lutheran SS – AO

5:30 pm Parish Ed - SR

Wednesday, September 7

10:00 am Food Pantry

10:30 am Morrow Home Communion

1:45 pm Rolling Hills Communion

5:30 pm JAM Potluck

7:00 pm Faith Formation Orientation

6:00 pm Bell Choir – SR

7:00 pm Alleluia Choir

Thursday, September 8

Pray for peace in Middle East

1:30 pm Shalom Circle - Marycrest

5:00 pm Lutheran SS – AO

6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds – Jake’s

Friday, September 9

9:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry – HR

10:30 am Lutheran SS - AO

Saturday, September 10

7:30 am Men’s Bible Study

9:00 am Bridal Shower Rental

Sunday, September 11- Rally Sunday

8:15 am Holy Communion Service

9:15 am Sunday School

9:15 am 4G – Youth Room

9:15 am Altar Team Meeting - SR

9:20 am Coffee and Fellowship - FH

10:30 am Holy Communion Service