

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
March 12, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am
Second Sunday of Lent



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: *All Who Believe and Are Baptized

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: In the words of a reformation hymn,
let us confess our sin before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Out of the depths I cry to you;

All: O Lord God, hear me calling. Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling. Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs. Without it I am nothing. Amen.

Pastor: In God alone, in God we hope, and not in our own merit. We hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word. Praise God for grace and mercy! **Amen.**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

***Kyrie**

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***Gloria**

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***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a

Page 8 in the black pew Bible

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

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Gospel Acclamation: *Turn back to the Lord your God*

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord

***Gospel: John 3.1-17**

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Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: *God So Loved The World*

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***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.

***The Prayers**

Pastor: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need; praying: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: O God, you love the entire cosmos. Help us to love all of the creatures and life within it. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: O God, our help is in you. Keep the nations, their governments, and their people from all evil. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: O God, your promises ease our pain and sorrow. Grant comfort, healing, and joy to all who are in need. *For Pauline and Ron Haug, Ed Peterson, Amy Mosley Erickson, Sophia, Sydney Haag, Linda Hemmersbach, Nolan Thesing, and Stefhanie Greenwell.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: O God, lead this assembly in its Lenten journey toward faith, works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here be fed and nourished by your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: O God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who have joined your saints in light. Let their lives be guides to our own. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace:**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
We share God's peace with one another.

Offering *The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower becomes the lender's slave*
Proverbs 22:7.

Offertory: *We Give Thee But Thine Own

#686

***Offering Prayer:**

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord**

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***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: #759, 397)

***Prayer After Communion**

***Blessing**

Hymn: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33	Weekly Giving for Wednesday, March 1 - \$541.12
Weekly Giving for March 5 – \$6468.63	Simply Giving for 3/5 – 3/11 - \$1,152.50
Total Given – \$8,162.25	
Attendance - Sunday, March 5 - 8:15 am -128	10:30 am – 79
Ash Wednesday, March 1 - 19	Wednesday, March 8 – 110