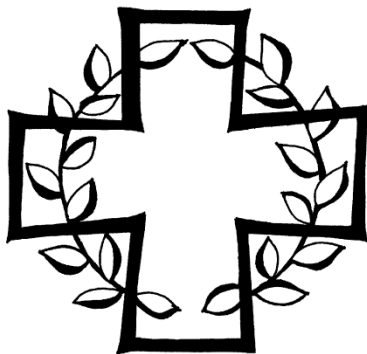


Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
April 2, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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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**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Special Music: Alleluia Choir

Reading: Ezekiel 37.1-14

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Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Reading: Romans 8.6-11

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

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Gospel: John 11.1-45

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Sermon

Hymn: *What Wondrous Love is This*

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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.

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: God, our sure strength, set the mind of your church on the Spirit of love and kinship. Bring healing where there is division and hope where there is worry. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: You bring life where there was despair and death. Bring new hope and new growth to barren lands and water to parched earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: Listen to the voices of the weak and oppressed. Guard people in all lands from danger and injustice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: Martha and Mary pleaded for healing. Hear the cries of your people who call out in need and pain. Grant healing and comfort to those who are ill. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: Bring life to dry bones in our community. Breathe your life-giving Spirit into the corners of our ministry that need renewal. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: We give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Ryan Mutschler, and for the assurance that we will join with them in the heavenly banquet. 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:**

Offering *For the Lord your God will bless you as He has promised you, and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; and you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. Deuteronomy 15:6*

***Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own**

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***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: #336, 483)

***Prayer After Communion**

***Blessing**

Hymn: *Abide With Me

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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

Simply Giving for 3/19 – 4/1 - \$497.50

Attendance - March 26 - 8:15 am - 107 10:30 am – 75

Wednesday, March 22 – 120 and \$377.31

Weekly Giving for March 26 – 6,992.95

Total Given – \$7490.45