

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

August 20, 2017

Lectionary 20a



Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign

#434

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,

Congregation: in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. **Amen.**

***Lord, have mercy on us . . .** page 175

***Gloria . . .** page 176

***Prayer of the Day**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music: Joel Opprecht

Reading: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

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Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Reading: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

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***Gospel Acclamation**

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Sermon

Hymn: *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

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***Prayers**

Leader: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

From the Assembly: Unite us, O God, so that all who worship receive assurance and nourishment by faith. Rescue those who suffer from religious persecution.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Teach us, O God, so that the holy mountains and peaceful valleys of your good creation can be restored to the health you intend.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Empower us, O God, to advocate for those on the margins. Open the hearts of leaders in every nation to serve those who are most vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Equip us, O God, with your love for our brothers and sisters. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, and calm those in distress... *the family of Margene Peterson. Also for Shirley Vandervort, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, Joyce Swiggum, and Michelle Clark.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Rouse us, O God, to praise you with gladness. We give thanks for musicians, worship leaders, intercessors, those who prepare the communion table, and all who make our worship express our joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints who have deepened our lives of prayer. Gather us with them in endless praise of you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering *The naive believes everything, but the sensible man considers his steps.*
Proverbs 14:15

Offertory: *Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674

***Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***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.

***Blessing:**

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

***Hymn: In Christ There is No East or West**

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***Sending:**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

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General fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$7984.00

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Attendance

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