

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

**August 27, 2017**

**God Gives!**



## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Noisy Offering**

**\*Song:** *Here I am to Worship*

**\*Litany:** **God Gives!!**

Leader: God gives us . . .

**Congregation: JOY!!**

Reader: "this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (Nehemiah 8.10)

Leader: God gives us . . .

**Congregation: LOVE!!**

Reader: And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (1Corinthians 13.13)

Leader: God gives us . . .

**Congregation: PEACE!!**

Reader: Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14.27)

Leader: God gives us . . .

**Congregation: PATIENCE!!**

Reader: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! (Psalm 27.14)

Leader: God gives us . . .

**Congregation: COMFORT!!**

Reader: God comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are consoled by God. (2Corinthians 1.4)

Leader: God gives us . . .

**Congregation: COMFORT and PATIENCE and PEACE and LOVE and JOY!**

**\*Song: *Song of Hope***

**\*Prayer:** O God, we can never even begin to out-give you, out-love you. You love us beyond measure. You give us everything; life, forgiveness, mercy, and joy! This you give us through your Son, Jesus Christ and we thank you with everything we can and everything we are. **Amen!**

**Special Music: *Proof of Your Love***

**Reading: 1Corinthians 13**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

<sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

<sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

<sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

<sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

<sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

<sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## **God Sightings**

*(During this time, the congregation will be invited to write down on a strip of paper, places or situations in which they have encountered God during the past week. The strips will be gathered together, made into chain links, and added to the growing chain that was begun in Family Camp. Also, the congregation will be invited to share with each other; in the pews, any prayer requests or petitions. These will be written down, and collected, and then prayed together during the prayers of the church.)*

**\*Song: All That is Good**

**\*Prayers: Lord, Listen to Your Children**

**#752**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

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

**\*Offertory: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**#674**

**\*Offering Prayer:**

**Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving: Here is Bread**

**#483**

Pastor: Here is bread, here is wine,

**Congregation: Christ is with us, he is with us.**

P: Break the bread, taste the wine,

**C: Christ is with us here.**

**All: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

P: Here is grace, here is peace.

**Congregation: Christ is with us, he is with us.**

P: Know his grace, find his peace,

**C: feast on Jesus here.**

**All: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed. . . . do this in remembrance of me

**All: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.**

**We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.**

**In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**\*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: *I Want to Thank You Lord, Sanctuary***

**Lyrics on the screen**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

**\*Blessing:**

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

**\*Song: *10,000 Reasons***

**\*Sending**

Go in God's peace, love, comfort, patience, and joy! Serve our Lord, Jesus Christ! The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Ok! We will! Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Total general fund giving needed each week to meet budgeted obligations: \$6453.53**

**Total donations for August 13:** General fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$5135.56

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$621.00

**Attendance - August 20 - 99**