

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
December 11, 2016 8:15 am and 10:30 am



## Gathering

**Prelude: Chancel Ringers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs 5&6**

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**Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 3**

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. As we light the candles of this wreath may its growing brightness remind us of the coming of your Son, so that we may be ready and filled with joy. Amen (Three candles are lit)*

**\*Hymn: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn***

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**8:15 Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**\**Lord, have mercy on us***

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**10:30 Holy Baptism – Carver Matthew Jacobson**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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: Chancel Ringers**

**Word**

**Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10**

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**Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55**

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our forbears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

**Reading: Romans 15.4-13**

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**\*Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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**\*Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11**

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**Sermon**

**Hymn: All Earth is Hopeful**

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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.**

**Prayers**

**Pastor:** As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need. And we pray; **Have mercy, O God.**

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** For the church and all messengers of the gospel, for all who call upon the name of the Lord, and for congregations throughout the world; that God work through us to bring harmony and reconciliation, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**From the Assembly:** For rain forests and deserts, for wilderness and developed land, and for plants blossoming and dormant; that the splendor and diversity of creation proclaim the glory of the Lord, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**From the Assembly:** For our government, for the military and international relief workers, and for those who care for the stranger, widow, and orphan; that God raise up leaders who work for the protection of all, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**From the Assembly:** For the hungry and homeless, for those in captivity, for the fearful and sorrowful, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for the sick, Carol Thorsen and Joanne Dexter and that those who help others serve with patience and grace, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**From the Assembly:** For all who call this community home, for those visiting from near and far, and for those preparing for the holiday season, that the advent of Christ make our hearts and minds rejoice, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** In thanksgiving for the departed who were faithful to God's word; that their words and actions direct us to the one who prepares a way for us, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

**Pastor:** Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

## Meal

**Offering** *Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven. Colossians 4:1*

**\*Offertory: He Came Down**

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**\*Offering Prayer**

Savior of the nations; come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love; That our faith shines ever new and our lives reveal your light. **Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

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**\*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**

**Sung During Communion:**

**#485, 461**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, Announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sending**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Hymn: *Joy to the World***

**#267**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

<b>Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00</b>	<b>Weekly Giving for December 4 – 11,112.80</b>
<b>Simply Giving for 11/20 – 12/3 - \$4787.00 and 12/4 – 12/10 - \$452.50</b>	
<b>Attendance for Sunday, December 4 - 8:15 - 117</b>	<b>10:30 - 105</b>

**Sunday, December 11**

8:00 am Youth Bake Sale  
8:15 am Holy Communion  
9:15 am Sunday School  
9:15 am 4G  
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 am Holy Communion  
10:30 am Jacobson Baptism  
11:30 am Kitchen Rental  
2:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 4377 – FH  
6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 7 - FH

**Monday, December 12**

12:00 pm Blood Drive - FH  
1:00 pm Lutheran SS – AO  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Wolf Den – EW  
6:00 pm Webelos – EW  
6:30 pm Worship and Music Team

**Tuesday, December 13**

1:00 pm Blood Drive – FH  
4:00 pm Lutheran SS – AO  
5:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack 67 Bears - EW  
6:00 pm Fellowship & Outreach – HR  
6:00 pm Brownies – EW  
6:00 pm Webelos – EW  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts – EW

6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 67 – FH  
7:00 pm Council Meeting – SR

**Wednesday, December 14**

10:00 am Food Panty  
1:00 pm Lutheran SS – AO  
5:30 pm JAM – FH  
7:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Bell Choir – SR  
7:00 Alleluia Choir

**Thursday, December 15**

5:45 pm Girl Scouts – EW

**Friday, December 16**

9:00 am Arranging Poinsettias  
1:00 pm Lutheran SS - AO

**Saturday, December 17**

9:00 -11:00 am SS Christmas Program Practice

**Sunday, December 18**

8:00 am Youth Bake Sale  
8:15 am Holy Communion  
9:15 am Sunday School  
9:15 am 4G  
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 am Holy Communion  
10:30 am SS Christmas Program  
6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 7 - FH

## Sunday, December 11

**8:15 am**

**Organist** – Deb Larson/Bell Choir

**Readers** – Joyce Putman

**Communion Servers** – Dave and Joanie Olson - Tom Schauer

**Greeters** – Dale and Linda Frei

**Coffee Fellowship**- Mary Circle

**10:30 am**

**Organist** – Deb Larson/Bell Choir

**Readers** - Karen Wall

**Communion Servers** – Michael Bonello - Jeanne Button - Doug Dengel

**Greeters** - Tony and Annette Guldenaar

**Counters** –**December 12** -Jeff Powell - Adell Morton - Brenda Degenhardt

**Flowers** – **December** -Glamans

**Food Pantry** – **December 14** - Rita Bernette and Alma Beranek

**Altar Team for December** - Ann Kvale and Alice Olson

## Sunday, December 18

**8:15 am**

**Organist** – Deb Larson/Worship Team

**Readers** – Monte Roche

**Communion Servers** – Joel and Tammy Opprieht – Anje Schmitz

**Greeters** – Ron and Pauline Haug

**Coffee Fellowship** -

**10:30 am**

**Organist** – Sunday School Christmas Program

**Readers** – Mark Baltz

**Communion Servers** – Bill and Mary Herrman – Siri Donskey

**Greeters** - Siri Donskey – Brenda Lydon

**Counters** –**December 19** – Fred Olsen – Nancy Oswald – Carol Thorsen

**Flowers** – **December** -Glamans

**Food Pantry** – **December 20 Tuesday** – Karen Wall and Mary Herrman

**December 21** – Ron and Pauline Haug

**Altar Team for December** - Ann Kvale and Alice Olson

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*\* Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands*