

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
February 12, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am
6th Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary 6



Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

8:15: Celebration of Scouting Sunday

**Hymn: O God, My Faithful God*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

Congregation: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

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Pastor: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Kyrie**

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***Gloria!**

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***Prayer of the Day**

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

10:30: Special Music: Sunday School Students

Children's Message

Word

Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20

Page 163 in the black pew Bible

Psalms 119.1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching | of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

Reading: 1Corinthians 3.1-9

Page 927 in the black pew Bible

***Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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***Gospel: Matthew 5.21-37**

Page 786 in the black pew Bible

Sermon

Hymn: *O Christ, Our Hope*

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Sunday School Teacher Recognition

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Prayers

Pastor: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

From the Assembly: Holy Lord, you alone are God. Remove jealousy and quarreling between Christian denominations. Hold us in the unity of our baptism as we work together to serve you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: You called into being the first fruits of the earth. Guide gardeners and farmers who till the soil and tend the fields. Bless their work and in due season bring forth the bounty of the land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Merciful Lord, your love knows no bounds. Break down barriers caused by nationalism. Challenge our stereotypes. Give us courage to engage in difficult conversations with those whose experiences are different from our own. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Pour out your Holy Spirit on all who struggle (*especially*). Ease the pain of families affected by divorce. Grant life-giving work to all who seek employment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: You know every hair on our heads. Yet we do not even know each of our neighbors. Equip our outreach ministry and this assembly to get to know the people in our community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: Eternal Lord, you are the God of our ancestors in faith. You are our God. Keep us faithful until we join all the saints at your heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Meal

Offering *Some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages."* Luke 3:14

***Offertory: Accept Oh Lord, The Gifts We Bring**

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***Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord God**

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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:

#612, 605

***Prayer after Communion**

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

***Blessing**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33

Simply Giving for 2/5 – 2/11 - \$4581.50

Attendance for Sunday, January 29 - 8:15 am - 102

Weekly Giving for February 5 - \$7329.83

Total Given – \$11,911.33

10:30 am – 103