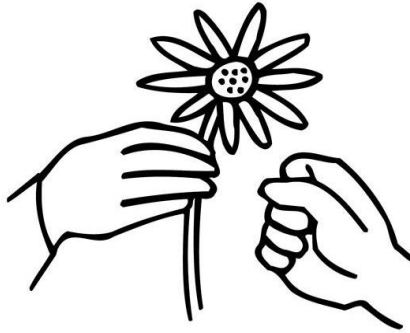


# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
February 19, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am  
7th Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary 7



## Gathering

**Prelude – Chancel Ringers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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.**

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.**

**\*Hymn: *Built on a Rock***

**#652**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Chancel Ringers**

## **Word**

**Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18**

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**Psalm 119.33-40**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;**

**I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees, and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant; which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

**Reading: 1Corinthians 3.10-11, 16-23**

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**\*Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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**\*Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48**

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**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil***

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**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

## **Prayers**

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

**From the Assembly:** Make the church in every land holy as you are holy, O God. Join the voices of rich and poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise of you. Orchestrate harmony among us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world. Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or eating disorders. Provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting – *For the family of Dick Morrell. Also for Nolan Thesing, Amy Mosely Erickson, and Stefhanie Greenwell.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them. Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** We give thanks for the faithful departed and we pray for those who will die today. Hold them in your loving embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them. 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** And to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you... 1 Thessalonians 4:11

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

**#691**

**\*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:**

**#658, 471**

**\*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: *The Church of Christ in Every Age***

**#729**

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

**Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33**

**Simply Giving for 2/12 – 2/18 - \$ 4157.50**

**Attendance - Sunday, February 12 - 8:15 am - 126**

**Weekly Giving for February 12 - \$9154.46**

**Total Given – \$13,311.96**

**10:30 am – 121**