

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
February 26, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am



Prelude: Song of Hope, Days of Elijah

Worship Team

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,

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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** Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands*

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: *How Good, Lord, To Be Here!

#315

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Worship Team

Reading: Exodus 24.12-18

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Psalm 2

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶**“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me,

“You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Reading: 2Peter 1.16-21

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!

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Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

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Sermon

Hymn: *Drawn to the Light*

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Reception of New Members

Prayers: *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

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

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: God of Moses, you revealed your glory on Mount Sinai. Reveal your glory through missionaries and campus ministries. Shine your light through their acts of caring, justice, and mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: God of Eve, you create humankind in your image. Cultivate in us a passion for your good creation. Transform our daily routines so that our stewardship reveals your image. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: God of David, you equip shepherds to care for your people. Where leaders rule by fear, transform their hearts with compassion and mercy. Send advocates for peace. We pray for your justice in every land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: God of Naomi, you care for the widow. Be with all who mourn. Connect children in foster care with loving families. Protect refugees. Heal the sick and strengthen caretakers. *For Sydney Haag (granddaughter of Kathy Haag), Sally Simpson (daughter of Dorothy Peterson), Nolan Thesin, and Stephanie Greenwell*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: God of Zechariah, you invite us to worship. Teach us to sing your praise in all places and in all circumstances. Embolden us to proclaim the joy of your faithfulness with our whole being. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: God of Lazarus, you resurrect the dead. Deepen our trust in the resurrection promise. Grant us peace as we grapple with what it means to die and live in you. 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 God's Peace**

Offering *If a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution. Exodus 22:14*

***Offertory**

***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.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

***You Are Holy**

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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:

During Communion: #493, 483, 464

***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.**

***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: Shine! Jesus, Shine!**

#671

Sending

Go in peace! Be the Light of Christ!

Thanks be to God

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33

Simply Giving for 2/19 – 2/25 - \$967.50

Attendance - Sunday, February 19 - 8:15 am - 117

Weekly Giving for February 19 - \$6615.87

Total Given – \$7583.37

10:30 am – 76