

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

January 1, 2017 9:00 am

First Sunday of Christmas



## A Folk Worship of Lessons and Carols

**\*Hymn:** *O come, all ye faithful*

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**Dialogue:**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.**

**\*Prayer:**

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**Lessons and Carols**

<b>Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7</b>	<b>Page 555 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>In the Bleak Mid-Winter</i></b>	<b>#294</b>
<b>Reading: Micah 5:2-5a</b>	<b>Page 757 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>O Holy Night</i></b>	<b><i>Insert</i></b>
<b>Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38</b>	<b>Page 831 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness</i></b>	<b>#251</b>
<b>Reading: Luke 2:1-7</b>	<b>Page 832 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>What Child is This</i></b>	<b>#296</b>
<b>Reading: Luke 2:8-16</b>	<b>Page 833 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i></b>	<b>#289</b>
<b>Reading: Luke 2:21-36</b>	<b>Page 833 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>Silent Night</i></b>	<b>#281</b>
<b>Reading: Matthew 2:1-11</b>	<b>Page 783 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i></b>	<b>#282</b>
<b>Reading: John 1:1-14</b>	<b>Page 862 in the black pew Bible</b>
<b>Hymn: <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i></b>	<b>#289</b>
<b>Sharing of the Peace</b>	

**Offering** *Ecclesiastes 5:10* *Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.*

### **\*Offering Prayer**

God with us:

You came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

And then, through these gifts,

help us to bless the lives of others

in the strength of your holy name. **Amen.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary.

You share our humanity.

**Have mercy on the sick, the dying,**

**and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament**

**that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love The God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn . . .

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

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**\*Lord's Prayer**

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**Communion**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

On this day, O God, you gave us  
Christ the Son to save us.  
As you sent the one foretold,  
send us now with good news for all people.  
Let the gladness of this feast have no end  
as we share with others the joy that fills us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.  
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn: *Hark! The herald angels sing***

**#270**

**Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00**

**Weekly Giving for December 25 - \$7622.72**

**Christmas Eve - \$2,136.00**

**Christmas Day - \$1,175.00**

**Simply Giving for 12/25 – 12/31 - \$427.50**

**Total Given – \$11,361.22**

**Attendance for Sunday, December 25 – 9:00 am - 43**

**December 24**

**3:00 pm - 270**

**5:00 pm - 290**

**7:30 pm - 102**