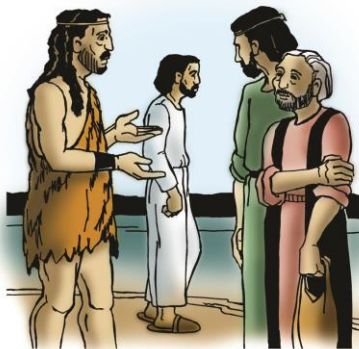


Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
January 15, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am
2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary 2



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,

All: 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*

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: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

#310

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music: Chancel Ringers

Word

Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7

Page 592 in the black pew Bible

“40”an interpretation of Psalm 40 by the group U2

Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-9

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***Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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***Gospel: John 1.29-51**

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Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn: *O Day Full of Grace*

#627

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

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: Gather us in, gracious God. Bring together Methodist and Pentecostal, Baptist and Roman Catholic, Lutheran and AME-Zion, and all who gather in your name. Form us in worship into your united people. Send us out as one in you, proclaiming your glory and serving all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: Fed with bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, make us eager to care for your good creation. Send us to pick up litter from highways and lakeshores and protect animal habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: We pray for all the nations of the world. Help us to reach out to the places where the scandal of hunger resides. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: Quell the anxieties of all who wait for test results. Bring hope to all whose life is a struggle and filled with despair. Send us to care for those who suffer Joanne Dexter and Warren Isbell, Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

From the Assembly: Open us to see how our congregation abounds with every spiritual gift. Send us out to share our abundant gifts and proclaim your steadfast love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: We thank you for the faithfulness of your prophets, *especially Martin Luther King Jr.* Strengthen our faith in you. Send us out to proclaim and live your justice boldly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

Offertory: *This Little Light of Mine

#677

***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**

***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: #308, 472

***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: *We Are Marching

#866

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

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00

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Simply Giving for 1/8 – 1/14 - \$452.50

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Attendance for Sunday, January 8 - 8:15 am - 92 10:30 am - 81