

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
January 8, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am  
Baptism of Our Lord



## Gathering

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**10:30: Call to Worship: Alleluia Choir**

**Hymn: *Brightest and Best***

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**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**\**Lord, have mercy on us***

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**\**Gloria***

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**\*Prayer of the Day**

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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:**

**Alleluia Choir**

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## Word

**Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9**

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### **Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of  
splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for-  
| evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**Reading: Acts 10.34-43**

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**\*Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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**\*Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17**

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### **Sermon**

**Hymn: *As With Gladness***

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**\*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.**

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**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:** Pour out your Spirit of unity, triune God. Renew our lives in the promises of baptism. Hold us together in the oneness of the body of Christ. Empower us to be one as you are one. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Pour out your Spirit of life, eternal God. Move over polluted waters. Breathe on barren fields. Strengthen ancient cedars and oaks. Engage us in your care of sea, land, and sky. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Pour out your Spirit of wisdom, holy God. Guide politicians and military officials as they wrestle with complex situations. Grant them courage and compassion to work for peace in every nation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Pour out your Spirit of justice, gracious God. Heal the pain of all who are victims of crime. Be present with all who are imprisoned. Reconcile broken relationships within communities. Comfort the sick and their caregivers. *For the family of Gary "Gumby" Erickson . For Greg Hesper, Warren Isbell, Carol Thorsen and Joanne Dexter.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Pour out your Spirit of love, glorious God. Sustain all who knit prayer shawls, sew quilts, and provide housing for our neighbors who are homeless. Surround those who seek warmth and shelter with grace-filled advocates. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** Pour out your Spirit of peace, resurrecting God. Bring all who grieve into a community rooted in you. Uphold them with your grace and keep us all grounded in your promise of life eternal. 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** *1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.*

**\*Offertory: *He Came Down***

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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**

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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: #715, 593**

**\*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: *Bright and Glorious is the Sky***

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

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

**Weekly Giving for January 1 - \$2179.00**

**Simply Giving for 1/1 – 1/7 - \$4506.50**

**Total Given – \$6685.50**

**Attendance for Sunday, January 1 - 98**