

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

July 16, 2017 Lectionary 15a

9:00 am



## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

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## Baptism

### \*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 55

Page 598 in the black pew Bible

## Psalm 65.1-13

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

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<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

**Reading: Romans 8.1-11**

**Page 918 in black pew Bible**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**page 179**

**Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

**Page 794 in the black pew Bible**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: *God, Whose Farm is All Creation***

**#734**

**\*Blessing of Marriage**

**\*Prayers**

**Leader:** Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** Gracious God, we give thanks for your living word that goes out and does not return empty. Make your church a partner in accomplishing what you desire. Unite us in faith, witness, and mission. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** For land, creatures, and people suffering from drought, that gentle rain bring life and hope. For mountains, hills, and the trees of the field, that all creation clap for joy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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**From the Assembly:** For nations suffering the violence and hunger of war. For exiles and refugees. Lead them home in peace and bless them with your fullness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** For victims and perpetrators of race-based crime. For all who suffer sorrow, illness, or injury; *for the family and friends grieving the loss of Linda Deters and Linda Hemmersbach. Also for Audrey Johnson, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, Shirley Hobson, Joyce Swiggum, Michelle Clark, and Pauline Haug.* Bring them justice, healing, and new life by the power of your Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** For this congregation and its leaders; through our shared work, let your word prosper among us and bring life to the community beyond our doors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** In thanksgiving for all who have died recently, for strangers and dear ones who have blessed our lives and sparked our hope. Give comfort and confidence to all who mourn. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**Leader:** All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of The Peace**

#### **Offering**

**\*Offertory:** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* **#674**

#### **\*Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving:** *Here is Bread* **#483**

Pastor: Here is bread, here is wine,

**Congregation: Christ is with us, he is with us.**

P: Break the bread, taste the wine,

**C: Christ is with us here.**

**All: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

P: Here is grace, here is peace.

**Congregation: Christ is with us, he is with us.**

P: Know his grace, find his peace,

**C: feast on Jesus here.**

**All: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed. . . . do this in remembrance of me

**All: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.**

**We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.**

**In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**\*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: #336, vs. 1; 679**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Hymn: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

**#547**

**Sending:**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to**

Total general fund giving needed each week to meet budgeted obligations: **\$6453.53**

**July 2** - Total general fund giving including Simply Giving: \$9736.65

**July 2** - Total designated giving including Simply Giving: \$11388.73

**Attendance**

July 9 - 142

July 12 - 12