

# **Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA**

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

**July 23, 2017**



**Welcome to Worship! Children and their families are invited to sit “up front” this morning!**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Noisy Offering for SACS**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In baptism, God puts new clothes on us, the clothes of mercy and forgiveness and love.

Let’s say thank you to God for everything!

O God, thank you! Thank you for making the world; for water and earth, and us!

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O God, thank you for the gift of water, that makes life happen. And more than anything, thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, who gives us new life; who loves us, who washes us clean, who forgives us.

O God, thank you for your Spirit, that protects us and brings us together. **Amen!**

**\*Song: *Cannot Say Enough***

*(lyrics on screen)*

**\*Prayer**

**Faithful God, you care for your children. You let us know when we have done wrong, and you care for us with everything you are. By your Holy Spirit, take care of us, so that Jesus is in everything we are and everything we do. Amen.**

**Special Music: *Your Love is Deep***

**Reading: Isaiah 44.6-8 (from *The Message*)**

God, King of Israel,

your Redeemer, God-of-the-Angel-Armies, says:

"I'm first, I'm last, and everything in between.

I'm the only God there is.

Who compares with me?

Speak up. See if you measure up.

From the beginning, who else has always announced what's coming?

So what is coming next? Anybody want to venture a try?

Don't be afraid, and don't worry: Haven't I always kept you informed, told you what was going on?

You're my eyewitnesses:

Have you ever come across a God, a real God, other than me?

There's no Rock like me that I know of."

**Sermon**

**Song: *Reamo Lebōga***

*(lyrics on screen)*

**\*Prayers: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

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**Pastor:** Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for God to make the world well.

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** O God, make your church alive with love for your world. Make all of us from Africa to Asia to Europe to the Americas give our undivided hearts to all of your children all over the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it cries out because of our misuse. Help us see the beauty and wonder of this healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Make a bridge across all that divides the nations, O God. Give our leaders a vision of your love. Help all of us care for those who don't have enough. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Embrace those who suffer, O God. Give peace to all who are near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick, *Audrey Johnson, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, Shirley Hobson, Joyce Swiggum, Michelle Clark, and Pauline Haug. Also for the family and friends grieving the loss of Larry Erickson (Eldie Erickson's brother).* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** Make us bold witnesses to your love, O God. Send us out into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and holy wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children's faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**Pastor:** 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** *Proverbs 13:11 Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles, but the one who gathers by labor increases it.*

**\*Children are invited to use the card to draw or write something they can offer to God in addition to a money offering.**

### **\*Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this amazing meal 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**

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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**

**Sung during Communion: *I Want To Thank You, Lord* by Bill Herrman**

**O for the beauty of the earth, I want to thank you my Lord**

**O for the wondrous things you've done, I want to thank you my Lord**

**You give me hope and you give me peace, You give me life to enjoy.**

**O for the beauty of the earth, I want to thank you my Lord.**

**O for the gift of your dear Son, I want to thank you my Lord.**

**O for the gift of your dear Son, I want to thank you my Lord.**

**He gives me hope, and He gives me peace, He gives me life to enjoy.**

**O for the gift of your dear Son, I want to thank you my Lord.**

**O for the Spirit three in one, I want to thank you my Lord.**

**O for the Spirit three in one, I want to thank you my Lord.**

**They give me hope and they give me peace, they give me life to enjoy.**

**O for the Spirit three in one, I want to thank you, my Lord.**

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### **Prayer after communion**

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and wine, but you give us your self. You have filled us up with your love. Help us give others what they need; things like your love, and your peace. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

May God, whose power working in us  
can do more than we can ask or imagine,  
give you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Song: *Peace Like a River* (lyrics on screen)**

**Sending: Go in peace, serve the Lord, OK, we will!**

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

**July 9** - General fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$4499.50

**July 9** - Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$193.00

### **Attendance**

July 16 - 143

July 19 - 5

## July 23 - Loose Change Offering

**Music** – Praise Team

**Reader** –Roxanne Powell

**Communion** – Terry and Joyce Putman - Anje Schmitz

**Greeter** – Terry and Joyce Putman

**Coffee Fellowship** – Council - Renee Gavilan and Chris Milne

**Counters** - July 24 - Janice Janzen - Dave Olson - Pete Perkins

**Food Pantry** – July 26 - Ann Kvale and Mary Herrman

**Altar Team for August** – Dave and Lori Stigen

## July 30

**Music** – Ann Kvale

**Reader** –Chuck Hogan

**Communion** – Dave and Joanie Olson - Barb Selbrede

**Greeter** – Dave and Lori Stigen

**Coffee Fellowship** – Opportunity To Serve

**Counters** - July 31 - Pat Hesel - Alice Olson - Gary Peterson

**Food Pantry** – August 2 - Al and Jan Jenkins

**Altar Team for August** – Dave and Lori Stigen

## August 6

**Music** – Deb Larson

**Reader** – Jack Miller

**Communion** -Al and Jan Jenkins - Cindy Thesing

**Greeter** – Wayne and Connie Slotten

**Coffee Fellowship** – Opportunity To Serve

**Counters** - Jeff Powell - Adell Morton - Brenda Degenhardt

**Food Pantry** – August 9 - Anita Jensen and Julie Ericson

**Altar Team for August** – Dave and Lori Stigen

## August 13

**Music** – Adell Morton

**Reader** – Sarah Tripp

**Communion** – Barb Moorhead – Ann Kvale – Opportunity to Serve

**Greeter** – Mick and JoEllen Siver

**Coffee Fellowship** – Mary Circle

**Counters** – Tootie Bernett – Rita Bernette – Roger Strom

**Food Pantry** – August 15 – Jeanne Button and Kathleen Haag

**August 16** – Maureen Sullivan and Amy Stoffregen

**Altar Team for August** – Dave and Lori Stigen

**Altar Team for September** – Pauline Haug and Barb Selbrede

**Sunday, July 23**

9:00 am Holy Communion  
After Worship JAM Potluck – Congregation Invited  
10:20 am Coffee Fellowship  
2:00 pm GS Troop 4377—FH

**Monday, July 24**

12:45 pm LSS - AO  
5:30 pm Stewardship - SR

**Tuesday, July 25****TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE!!!**

6:00 pm Brownies - EW  
6:00 pm CS Pack 67—FH  
6:00 pm BS Troop 67 - EW

**Wednesday, July 26**

10:00 am Food Pantry  
6:00 pm Wednesday Worship

**Thursday, July 27****Friday, July 28**

12:45 pm LSS—AO

**Saturday, July 29****Sunday, July 30**

9:00 am Holy Communion  
10:20 am Coffee Fellowship  
6:00 pm BS Troop 7 - FH

**Monday July 31**

12:45 pm LSS - AO