

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
March 19, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am  
Third Sunday of Lent



**Prelude**

**Chancel Ringers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn: *Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross***

**#335**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: In the words of a reformation hymn,  
let us confess our sin before God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Out of the depths I cry to you;

**All: O Lord God, hear me calling. Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.**

**Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs. Without it I am nothing. Amen.**

Pastor: In God alone, in God we hope, and not in our own merit. We hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word. Praise God for grace and mercy! **Amen.**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** **page 175**

**\*Gloria** **page 176**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Chancel Ringers**

**Reading: Exodus 17.1-7**

**Page 56 in the black pew Bible**

**Psalm 95**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>“**Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,  
‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

**Reading: Romans 5.1-11**

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**Gospel Acclamation: *Turn back to the Lord your God***

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord**

**\*Gospel: John 4.5-42**

**Page 864 in the black pew Bible**

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

**#611**

**\*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.**

**\*The Prayers**

**Pastor:** Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** O God, let your church on earth, justified and reconciled through Jesus Christ, be bold in its proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** In your hands are the depths of the earth and the sea which you made. Make us faithful inhabitants of this earth, caring for the waterways and their creatures. (*Local water sources may be named.*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Lead the nations of the world away from the wilderness of sin and evil, and toward the light of love and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** To those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging, give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace. We pray especially for *Pauline and Ron Haug, Ed Peterson Amy Mosley Erickson, Linda Hemmersbach, and Nolan Thesing.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Lead this congregation in service to others. Embolden the faithful here with your promise and your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** We give thanks for the witness and testimony of the saints who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us boast in the hope they have shared, a hope that does not disappoint us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**Pastor:** Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace:**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
We share God's peace with one another.

**Offering** *For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. Timothy 6:7-10*

**\*Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own**

**#686**

*What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. James 4:1-3*

**\*Offering Prayer:**

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

*\*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**

(hymns during communion: #777, 623)

**\*Prayer After Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

#807

**Dismissal**

Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## March 19

### **8:15 am**

**Music** - Bell Choir/Virginia Bolin

**Reader** - Dennis Glaman

**Communion Servers** - Al and Jan Jenkins - Nila Larson

**Greeters** - Dave and Joanie Olson

**Counters - March 20** - Tootie Bennett - Rita Bennett - Roger Strom

**Altar Team for April** – Audrey Zebell and Judy Schure

### **10:30 am**

**Music** - Bell Choir/Virginia Bolin

**Reader** - Mark Baltz

**Communion** - Jeanne Button - Doug Dengel - Edie Habhegger

**Greeter** - Edie Habhegger - Pat Hesel

## March 26

### **8:15 am**

**Music** – Worship Team

**Reader** – **Opportunity to serve**

**Communion Servers** – Chris Milne – Barb Moorhead – Joyce Morrell

**Greeters** – Joel and Tammy Oppriecht

**Counters - March 27** – Pat Hesel – Alice Olson – Gary Peterson

**Altar Team for March** - Audrey Zebell and Judy Schure

### **10:30 am**

**Music** – Worship Team

**Reader** – Doug Dengel

**Communion** – **3 Opportunities to serve**

**Greeter** – Larry and Julee Hopkins

### **Sunday, March 19**

- 8:15 am Holy Communion
- 9:15 am 4G
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:20 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 am Holy Communion
- 2:00 pm 4H - FH
- 6:00 pm BS Troop 7 - FH
- 6:45 Animate Faith

### **Monday, March 20**

- 1:00 pm Lutheran SS - AO
- 6:30 pm Mary Circle – SR

### **Tuesday, March 21**

- Tidings Articles Due!
- 5:00 pm Food Pantry

### **Wednesday, March 22**

- 10:00 am Food Pantry
- 4:00 pm Lutheran SS - AO
- 5:15 pm Lenten Meal
- 5:30 pm JAM – FH
- 6:45 pm Lenten Worship

### **Friday, March 24**

- 1:45 pm Lutheran SS – AO

### **Sunday, March 26**

- 8:15 am Holy Communion
- 9:15 am 4G – Youth Room
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:20 am Coffee & Fellowship – FH
- 10:30 am Holy Communion
- 2:00 pm GS 4377- FH
- 6:00 pm BS Troop 7 - FH
- 6:45 Animate Faith

**Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33    Weekly Giving for Wednesday, March 8 - \$1284.00**

**Weekly Giving for March 12 - \$3624.75**

**Simply Giving for 3/12 – 3/18 - \$482.50**

**Total Given – \$5391.25**

**Attendance - Sunday, March 12 - 8:15 am -128    10:30 am – 79**

**Wednesday, March 15 - 110**