

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
March 26, 2017 8:15 am and 10:30 am  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



**Prelude: Worship Team**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn: *God, Whose Almighty Word***

**#673**

**\*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  
rebellious. 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**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Special Music: 10000 Reasons** **Worship Team**

**Reading: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-23** **Page 2 in the black pew Bible**

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14** **Page 951 in the black pew Bible**

**Gospel Acclamation: Turn back to the Lord your God** **Page 179**

**Gospel: John 9.1-41** **Page 871 in the black pew Bible**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: Amazing Grace (Camp Style)** **#779**

### **\*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**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children #752*

**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:** God of the ages, as your church prepares your table for all to celebrate in one holy meal, restore the unity of those who gather in your name. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** You shed light on your creation. Let the changing of the seasons bring forth growth and new life from what was dormant and fallow. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Shine your light on the people of every nation. Reveal your reconciling love in places where fear and conflict thrive. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusing times, bring healing to those in painful times, bring peace to those in trying times. *We pray especially for the family and friends of Ryan Mutschler. Also for Jack Benning, Pauline Haug, Ed Peterson Amy Mosley Erickson, and Linda Hemmersbach.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Restore, renew, and enliven the ministry and work of this congregation. Help us to see your purpose clearly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** We remember and give thanks for those who have joined you in eternal light. Let their lives of faith shine in our hearts and guide our paths. 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**

**Offering** *It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. Ecc.5:5*

**\*Offertory: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (refrain, verse 1, refrain)*** #815

**\*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: #581**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

**\*Blessing**

May God, who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn: *I Saw the Light***

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.  
(Refrain)

I saw the light I saw the light  
No more darkness no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light. (refrain)

I was a fool to wander and a-stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light. (refrain)

**Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33**

**Simply Giving for 3/12 -3/18 - \$4702.50**

**Attendance - March 19 - 8:15 am - 109 10:30 am – 100**

**Wednesday, March 22 - 120**

**Weekly Giving for March 19 - \$4793.49**

**Total Given – \$9495.99**

**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

**Monday, March 27**

- 1:00 pm Lutheran SS - AO
- 6:30 pm Stewardship - SR

**Tuesday, March 28**

- 6:00 pm Brownies - EW
- 6:00 pm CS Pack 67 - FH
- 6:00 pm BS Troop 67 - SS Kitchen Rm
- 6:00 pm BS 67 - FH

**Wednesday, March 29**

- 10:00 am Food Pantry
- 12:00 pm Midday Lenten Lunch
- 4:00 pm Lutheran SS - AO
- 5:15 pm Lenten Meal
- 5:30 pm JAM – FH
- 6:45 pm Lenten Worship

**Thursday, March 30**

- 8:30 am Quilting

**Friday, March 31**

- 1:45 pm Lutheran SS – AO

**Saturday, April 1****Sunday, April 2**

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

## **March 26**

### **8:15 am**

Music –Worship Team

Reader –Dennis Glaman

Communion- Chris Milne-Barb Moorhead – Joyce Morrell

Greeters – Joel and Tammy Opprieht

Counters- Pat Hesel –Alice Olson –Gary Peterson

Altar Team for April - Audrey Zebell and Judy Schure

### **10:30 am**

Music – Worship Team

Reader – Doug Dengel

Communion – 3 Opportunities to serve

Greeter – Larry and Julee Hopkins

## **April 2**

### **8:15 am**

Music – Alleluia Choir/Adell Morton

Reader – Shirley Hobson

Communion Servers – Dave and Joanie Olson – Alice Olson

Greeters – Joyce Morrell – Opportunity to Serve

Counters Janice Janzen-Dave Olson-Pete Perkins

### **10:30 am**

Music – Alleluia Choir/Adell Morton

Reader – Michelle Hyatt

Communion – Larry and Nila Larson – Ann Kvale

Greeter – Matt and Dawn Jacobson