

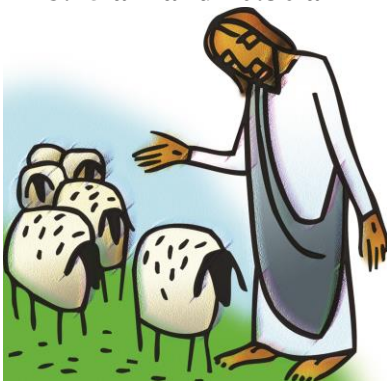
Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:15 am and 10:30 am



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

10:30 Alleluia Choir

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

Congregation: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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***Prayer of the Day**

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice; that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8:15: Special Music

Alleluia Choir

Reading: Acts 2.42-47

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Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

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

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

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**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: 1Peter 2.19-25

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***Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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***Gospel: John 10.1-10**

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*

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Affirmation of Baptism

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*The Prayers

Pastor: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: We pray for the church. Strengthen ministers of word, sacrament, and service who are called to shepherd your people. Renew your church and unite us through your Spirit. Send us out to serve our neighbors and to receive their care with gratitude. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: For the earth. For pastures and prairies, rivers and streams, oceans and mountains. For those who care for livestock and pets. For all animals, wild and domestic, with whom we share this world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: For the nations. Guide leaders into the path of peace. Uphold all who govern. Bring an end to injustice, warfare, and violence. Protect those who risk their lives to shield others from danger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: For those in need. For those who lack safe housing and adequate food. For workers whose pay is insufficient to meet their daily needs. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick, *Linda Hemmersbach, Harley Jenkins, Joan Roche, Michelle Clark and Pauline Haug.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: For this assembly. For ushers, acolytes, and greeters. For those who clean and prepare this space for worship. Give wisdom to our councils, committees, and all who guide this congregation's ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith, *for the family and friends of Kathryn "Kathi" Gajewski.* In your goodness and mercy, bring us to the fulfillment of your promise to dwell in your house forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering *Romans 13:8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.*

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

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***Offering Prayer**

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord God**

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***Lord's Prayer**

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Communion

Hymns during communion: 336, 778, 764

***Prayer after Communion:**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

***Blessing:**

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33

Simply Giving for 4/23 – 5/6 - \$4994.00

Sunday, April 30 – 8:15 am – 89 10:30 am - 174

Weekly Giving for April 30 - \$3942.79

Total Amount Given - \$8936.79