

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
November 27, 2016 8:15 am and 10:30- am



Gathering

Prelude: *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. As we light the candles of this wreath may its growing brightness remind us of the coming of your Son, so that we may be ready and filled with joy. Amen (The first candle is lit)

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 1&2*

#257

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace. **Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news! **Amen.**

Hymn: *Come Now, O Prince of Peace

#247

***Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

Page 550 in black pew Bible

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

²**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good.”

Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Page 923 in the black pew Bible

***Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44**

Page 806 in the black pew Bible

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn: *My Lord, What a Morning*

#438

*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.

**Lord, Listen to your Children*

#752

Pastor: As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: For the church and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel; that the compassion of Christ break down all divisions, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For the well-being of creation, for mountains and hills, lakes and rivers, snow and sunshine, plants and animals, and for all who care for the earth; that God raise up stewards to protect this good creation, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For peace among nations, for those who lead all levels of government, for judges and magistrates, and for those who speak for the voiceless; that all are treated with equity and fairness, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, for those in any need (*especially*); that the compassion shown by Christ be embodied in caregivers and advocates, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

From the Assembly: For those who gather for word and sacrament, for those who travel, and for our holiday preparations; that in all our activities we give thanks to the Lord, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: In thanksgiving for those who have died and are at rest; that their witness to the gospel serve as examples of living the life of faith, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Meal

Offering: During offering we sing *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* #242

***Offertory:** *We Are an Offering* #692

Offering Prayer

***The Great Thanksgiving**

***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: #253, 266

***Prayer after Communion**

Sending

***Blessing**

***Hymn:** *Soon and Very Soon* #439

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Blessed be the God of Israel* #250

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Attendance for Sunday, November 20 8:15 - 103

10:30 - 96