

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
October 16, 2016 8:15 am and 10:30- am  
Cheerful Sacrifice



## “Cheerful Sacrifice”

**Prelude: Chancel Ringers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn:**

*I Come with Joy*

**#482**

**A Litany of Telling and Sharing**

*Most Precious Savior,*

Leader: You claim us as your own,

**All: but too often we forget that we are yours.**

Leader: You call us to many tasks,

**All: but too often we neglect that which you ask of us.**

Leader: You created us and gifted us with your marvelous story,

**All: but too often we keep the story and fail to share it.**

Leader: You shower us with the many gifts of your grace,

**All: but too often we take the gifts for granted and keep them as if they were our own.**

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\* Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands

Leader: You send us to share the good news of the gospel with others,

**All: but too often we do not speak it, afraid or embarrassed to bear witness.**

Leader: You gave us gifts and graces beyond measure,

**All: but too often we fail to live in grateful praise for the gifts we are given.**

Leader: You challenge us to be the bearers of your good gifts to all,

**All: but too often we fail to live gracefully and gratefully as we share.**

Leader: *Gracious and loving God*, forgive our lack of doing, our lack of giving, and our lack of trust. Guide us to live and act out of the love you have so generously given us. Make this community of faith a place in which we are nurtured and supported in the faith and encouraged to live gracefully and gratefully.

**All: Remind us of our calling to share many gifts you give, to proclaim the gospel in word and deed; to move gratefully and graciously in the world, to give freely from that which each has been given; to live lives of worship, praise, thanksgiving, and honor for the gift of life and salvation given to us in Christ. Amen.**

## Greeting

\*Kyrie

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\*Glory to God in the Highest

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\*Prayer of the Day

Special Music:

Chancel Ringers

## Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-8

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Sermon:

“Cheerful Sacrifice”

Hymn:

*We Plow the Field and Scatter*

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\*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:** Set free by the truth of God’s gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** Protector of all, you guard your people from evil. Help your church to provide sanctuary for all who are in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars. Bless efforts to restore clean air; that your pure light may shine in the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations. Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart. Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the dying, and calm the troubled, *the family of Einar Olson, also for Alma Sherpe, Barb Bendel Sandvigen, Mark Mattke, Dalton Mattke, Gene Gowey and Joanne Dexter* . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**From the Assembly:** God of unfailing love, you are our first and best teacher. Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** Holy One, you bless all those who cry out to you. We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**Pastor:** Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

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

**\*Offertory:** **We Are An Offering** **#692**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving:** **page 190**

**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** **During communion: #689, 691,484**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn:** **When the Poor Ones** **#725**

**\*Dismissal:** Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

<b>Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00</b>	<b>Weekly Giving for October 9 - \$5474.35</b>	
<b>Simply Giving 10/9 – 10/15 - \$730.00</b>	<b>Total Weekly Giving – \$6204.35</b>	
<b>Attendance for Sunday, October 9</b>	<b>8:15 - 86</b>	<b>10:30 - 190</b>