

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin  
October 2, 2016 8:15 am and 10:30- am  
Grateful Living



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### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn:** *Christ, Be Our Light* #715

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### Congregation: Amen.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Forgiving God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.**

**We have claimed scarcity in time of abundance. We have looked away from those in need. We have turned in on ourselves and feared that we will not have enough.**

**Forgive us, O God, and open our ears to your commands that we might receive the blessing of joining in your work in the world. Amen.**

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*\* Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands*

God promises to hear our prayers and to forgive our sins. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Trust God's promises and receive the gift of forgiveness and the gift of new life. Begin again to live with generosity open to new ways to love our neighbor as God loves us. **Amen.**

## Greeting

**\*Kyrie** page 184

**\*Glory to God in the Highest** page 185

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Special Music:** Alleluia Choir

**Reading: Psalm 145.13-21** Page 506 in the black pew Bible

**Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.16-18** Page 961 in the black pew Bible

**Sermon: "Grateful Living"**

**Hymn:** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* #712

## Blessing of Quilts

**Luther's Explanation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Petition of the Lord's Prayer**

### **\*World Hunger Litany**

**Pastor:** God of the universe, we bless you for bringing forth wonders beyond our imagining and for providing us who bear your image a suitable place in the midst of your vast creation. Bless us, we pray, with your continual care and grant us an appreciation for the sacredness of all that you have made. Holy and gracious God, **have mercy and hear us.**

**From the Assembly:** God of love, we bless you for the goodness of relationships with others, and for giving us companions and partners in this life. Help us, we pray, to value all people as our neighbors, that we might care for everyone in need, especially those who lack food and shelter. Holy and gracious God, **have mercy and hear us.**

**From the Assembly:** God of righteousness, we bless you that you care enough to be angry at injustice. Open our eyes, we pray, to see how our actions and lifestyles contribute to the exploitation and deprivation of others. Move us to repentance and give us vision for a more equitable and sustainable future. Holy and gracious God, **have mercy and hear us.**

**From the Assembly:** God of mercy, we bless you for coming among us as one of us in Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin, death, and evil. Forgive, we pray, our complicity with the powers that defy you, that rebel against your will, and that draw us away from you. Give us faith to trust your life-giving promises, and inspire us to proclaim your grace in all that we say and do. Holy and gracious God, **have mercy and hear us.**

**From the Assembly:** God of compassion, we bless you for remaining with us through your Holy Spirit, the Advocate. Empower us, we pray, to be persistent advocates on behalf of those who are poor, powerless, or marginalized. Guide us to use our democratic power for the common good of all people, that none may go hungry. Holy and gracious God, **have mercy and hear us.**

**From the Assembly:** God of hope, we bless you for the witness of all your faithful ones who have trusted your Word and embodied your love in selfless service to others. Give us confidence, we pray, that our labor on behalf of others is not in vain. Guard us from despair and fill us with your peace and joy. Holy and gracious God, **have mercy and hear us.**

**Pastor:** We trust your mercy, O God, and we long for the day when you will make all things new, offering these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering** *A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight. Proverbs 11:1*

**\*Offertory:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own  
We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.*

### **\*Offering Prayer**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving:**

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*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

*During communion: #336, #493, #496*

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

O God, you feed us with your very self, living bread for the life of the world. May we who share this blessed meal embody your compassion and faithfully show forth your love on behalf of all who hunger, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Benediction**

May the blessing of God be upon you. May the light of Christ illumine your way. And may the gifts of the Holy Spirit abound in your life to the glory of God and the good of all creation. **Amen.**

### **\*Hymn: *We Are Called***

**#720**

**\*Dismissal:** Go in Peace! Remember the hungry! **Thanks be to God!**

Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$6875.00	Weekly Giving for September 25 - \$ 5211.11
Simply Giving 9/25 – 10/1 - \$90.00	Total Weekly Giving – \$5301.11
Attendance for Sunday, September 25	8:15 - 131                      10:30 - 91