

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

October 15, 2017

8:15 am

God's Love ~ Our Hearts ~ God's Work ~ Our Hands

Prelude: Chancel Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: *I Come with Joy

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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.

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

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***Prayer of the Day**

O God, maker of heaven and earth, you help us in times of distress and watch over us day and night. Hold us securely in your mercy, that in the midst of fear and danger we may depend on you, our sure deliverer; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music: Chancel Ringers

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my | help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

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

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

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

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-9

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Sermon

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; *Alisa Dragseth, Cindy Moseley, Eleanor Mull, Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, and Michelle Clark.* 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 *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Malachi 3:10*

***Offertory: We Come to the Hungry Feast**

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***Offering Prayer**

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving:**

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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: #820, 661

***Prayer after Communion**

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

***Benediction**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *When the Poor Ones

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

Attendance - October 8 - 8:15 -115 10:30 am - 120

For September 24th:

General fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$4971.75
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$298.00

For October 1st:

General fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$4835.50
Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving: \$3862.96

Sunday, October 15

8:15 am Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School and 4G
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Holy Communion
2:00 pm Hispanic Ministry
6:00 pm Boy Scout Trp 7 - FH
6:30 pm Study on Muslim Faith

Monday, October 16

12:45 pm LSS - AO
6:30 pm Mary Circle – SR

Tuesday, October 17

5:00 pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 am Food Pantry
5:30 pm JAM - FH
6:00 pm Bell Choir - SR
7:00 pm Alleluia Choir
7:00 pm Faith Formation
7:00 pm Hispanic Ministry

Thursday, October 19

8:30 am Quilting
5:45 pm Girl Scouts - EW
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry – SR

Friday, October 20

12:45 pm LSS - AO
7:00 pm Hispanic Ministry

Saturday, October 21

8:00 am Hispanic Ministry

Sunday, October 22

8:15 am Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School and 4G
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6:00 pm Boy Scout Trp 7 - FH
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October 15

8:15 am

Music – Bell Choir/Deb Larson

Reader – Connie Jerome

Communion – Al and Jan Jenkins – Kathleen Sumrall

Greeter – Al and Jan Jenkins

Coffee Fellowship –

10:30 am

Music – Bell Choir/Deb Larson

Reader – Nancy Sikorsky

Communion – Dawn Jacobson – Gary Peterson – Carol Thorsen

Greeter – Matt and Dawn Jacobson

Counters – Alton Ask – Gary Peterson – Bill McClain

Food Pantry – **October 17** – Jeanne Button and Kathleen Haag

October 18 – Ray and Donna Boland

Altar Team for October - Linda Erickson - Kevin and Sarah Nelson

Altar Team for November – Jana Fortuna – Alice Olson

October 22

8:15 am

Music – Worship Team

Reader – Joel Opprieht

Communion – Joel and Tammy Opprieht – Alice Olson

Greeter – Bill and Mary Herrman

Coffee Fellowship –

10:30 am

Music – Worship Team

Reader – Karen Wall

Communion – Ron and Karen Wall – Doug Dengel

Greeter – Larry and Lana Zwiefel

Counters – Jeff Powell – Adell Morton – Brenda Degenardt

Food Pantry – **October 25** – Carol Glaman and Ann Kvale

Altar Team for November – Jana Fortuna and Alice Olson