

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

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8:15 am

Giving

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

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Stories to Tell/Gifts to Share

*\*Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving*

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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

**\*Kyrie** page 165

**\*This is the Feast** page 169

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

Gracious and holy God, feed us at the table of holy wisdom, that we may honor, love, and obey you as your children. May we remember your wonders and ponder your works, so that we delight to do what you ask of us, by the power given to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.**

**Reading: Acts 4.32-37**

**Page 888 in the black pew Bible**

**Sermon: "Giving"**

**Hymn: *Great is the Lord*<sup>1</sup>**

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.

Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

**Blessing of the Quilts**

**\*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.**

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<sup>1</sup> Text and Music: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith  
1982 Meadowgreen Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing

## The Prayers

### \*Sharing of the Peace

**Offering** *Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.*  
*1 Chronicles 29:9*

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

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\***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, 838, 810*

\***Prayer after Communion**

\***Benediction**

\***Hymn: *Blessed Assurance***

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