

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

September 17, 2017

Pentecost 15

8:15 am Worship



Prelude: Chancel Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus is known by many names:

Congregation: Son of God, Savior, Messiah, Friend, the Good Shepherd

Leader: John the Baptist said, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

And today, we sing the name of Jesus;

**Congregation: The Lord of sea and sky, The Lord of snow and rain,
The Lord of wind and flame.**

Hymn: *Here I am Lord

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

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* *Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands*

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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***Prayer**

God of promise, you stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Keep your promises to us, that we become inheritors of eternal life. Amen.

Special Music: Chancel Ringers

Handel's Allegro

Reading: Genesis 21.1-3, 22.1-14

Page 14 and 15 in the black pew Bible

Sermon

Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

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***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

***Prayers**

Pastor: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations in our community. Unite us in the proclamation of your life-giving gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Creator God, you spoke light into being, you separated the waters, you formed the dry land. Protect and enliven the creation you so love, and make us willing partners in its care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: God of the nations, you love all tribes, peoples, and languages. We pray for all who govern. Give them wise and generous hearts for those they serve. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Divine Healer, calm the anxiety of those who are wrongly accused, who suffer under crushing debt, or who are in prison. Reassure those who are lonely, impatient, brokenhearted, homebound, hospitalized, or ill... *for the family and friends of Joyce Swiggum. Also for Kenneth Smith, Lois Harr, Deb O'Rourke, Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, and Michelle Clark.*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: We pray for this assembly; for our guests and visitors, for newcomers to this community, for those who are certain and those who doubt, and for all who seek you in this place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: We remember and give thanks for the faithful of every age who did not live to themselves but lived to you. Raise us with them on the last day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering *And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:11*

***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.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .**

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***Lord's Prayer**

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Communion

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***Prayer After Communion**

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

***Blessing:**

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

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***Sending**

Go in peace. Sound the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Total general fund giving needed each week to meet budgeted obligations: \$6453.53

Total donations for September 3

General giving, including Simply Giving totaled \$7953.60

Designated giving, including Simply Giving totaled \$322.00

Attendance – September 10 – 8:15 -115 10:30 am - 85