

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

September 24, 2017

“Graceful Living”



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stories to Tell/Gifts to Share

Song: *Amazing Grace*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

Congregation: we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in † Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Kyrie**

Behold, I Make All Things New

***This is the Feast**

Behold, I Make All Things New

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Bibles to the 3Rd Grade Students

Reading: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Reading: Philippians 4.4-13

Page 955 in the black pew Bible

Sermon: "Graceful Living"

Song: Amazing Grace/Alleluia

***Prayers: Lord, Listen to your children praying**

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Pastor: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

From the Assembly: God, we thank you for the church, its mission, and its ministry. Help us to be examples of the faith and to pursue righteousness in all we say and do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: We pray for the well-being of all creation. Make us wise stewards of your rich and beautiful world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: Ruler of the nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war. We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. Especially we pray for *Kenneth Smith, Lois Harr, Deb O'Rouke, Karla May, Joanie Olson, Dalton Mattke, and Michelle Clark.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the Assembly: God who sits high but looks low, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet. Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

From the Assembly: We remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died. Thank you for the good foundation of their lives and witness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering *But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. Matthew 6:3-4*

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* Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands

Offertory: *Take My Life

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Offering Prayer

***Great Thanksgiving**

****You Are Holy***

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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

***Prayer After Communion**

Blessing

Song: *I'll Fly Away*

Sending

Postlude