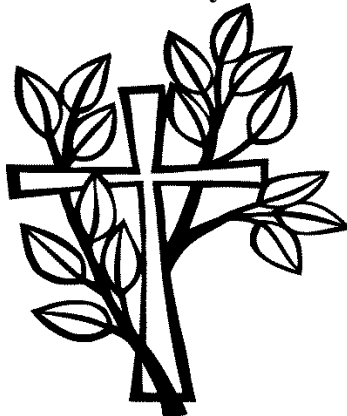


# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 N. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

September 3, 2017

Lectionary 22a



## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prayer for Labor Day

\***Hymn:** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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## \*Confession and Forgiveness

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**All: So often, our trust in you wavers and we do not walk with integrity.**

**So often our hearts and minds are not turned to you.**

**So often we say one thing and do the other.**

**So often we are complacent in the face of evil and wickedness.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

Pastor: God is faithful. God's steadfast love is ever present and never failing. God's mercy rains and reigns. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts. **Amen.**

**\*Kyrie** **page 175**

**\*Gloria** **page 176**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Reading: Jeremiah 15.15-21**

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**Psalm 26.1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

**Reading: Romans 12.9-21**

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**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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**\*Gospel: Matthew 16.21-28**

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**Sermon**

**\*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:** We pray for the church and its mission. Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for the earth and its well-being. Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for the nations and their leaders. Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for those in any need. Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages. Keep safe all those impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and help us find ways to help. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for this community and its ministry. Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** We pray for all those in need of your healing presence. *For the family and friends of Corinne Wold (Mother of Karen Wall) and for Pastor Amanda Schultz and her son Carter. Also for Dan Mikkelson, Joanie Olson, Lois Harr, Bert Anderson, Joyce Swiggum, Deb O'Rouke, Karla May, Dalton Mattke, Michelle Clark, and Pauline Haug.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with them until we are joined around your throne. 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** *Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty.*

**\*Offertory: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ vs1-2**

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**\*Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving: Here is Bread**

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Pastor: Here is bread, here is wine,

**Congregation: Christ is with us, he is with us.**

P: Break the bread, taste the wine,

**C: Christ is with us here.**

**All: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

P: Here is grace, here is peace.

**Congregation: Christ is with us, he is with us.**

P: Know his grace, find his peace,

**C: feast on Jesus here.**

**All: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

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

P: In the night in which he was betrayed. . . . do this in remembrance of me

**All: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.**

**We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.**

**In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

**In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**\*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 vs 1-2, 879, 656**

**\*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**

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: *Jesus Still Lead On***

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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 August 20:** General fund giving including Simply Giving is \$5804.12

Designated fund giving including Simply Giving is \$551.00

**Attendance - August 27 - 157**

## September 3

**Music** - Virginia Bolin

**Reader** - Anita Jensen

**Communion** - Rita Bernette - Karen Edwards - Dale Frei

**Greeter** - Russ and Tootie Bernett

**Coffee Fellowship** - Bill and Sherry McClain

**Counters** - **September 5 Please note date change!** Fred Olsen - Nancy Oswald - Carol Thorsen

**Food Pantry** - **September 6** - Dennis Glaman and Les Stanley

**Altar Team for September** - Pauline Haug and Barb Selbrede

## September 10

**8:15 am**

**Music** - Ann Kvale/ Virginia Bolin

**Reader** - Connie Jerome

**Communion** - Debbie Bassett – Les Stanley - Chuck Amundson

**Greeter** – Dave and MaryAnn Bolstad

**Coffee Fellowship** - Mary Circle

**10:30 am**

**Music** - Ann Kvale/ Virginia Bolin

**Reader** - Mark Baltz

**Communion** - Michael Bonello - Gary Peterson - Edie Habegger

**Greeter** - Michael and Deb Bonello

**Counters** - Jeff Powell - Adell Morton - Brenda Degenhardt

**Food Pantry** - **September 13** - Audrey Zebell and Alice Olson

**Altar Team for September** - Pauline Haug and Barb Selbrede

## September 17

**8:15 am**

**Music** – Deb Larson/Bell Choir

**Reader** – Ann Kvale

**Communion** – Anita Jensen – Chris Milne – Phil Dammen

**Greeter** – Dave and MaryAnn Bolstad

**Coffee Fellowship** – Council – Sherry McClain and Alton Ask

**10:30 am**

**Music** - Deb Larson/Bell Choir

**Reader** – Michelle Hyatt

**Communion** – Ron and Karen Wall – Roxanne Powell

**Greeter** – Tony and Annette Guldenaar

**Counters** – Carol Glaman – Gary Peterson – Kathleen Sumrall

**Food Pantry** - **September 19** – Maureen Sullivan and Edie Habegger

**September 20** – Rita Bernette and Alma Beranek

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

**Sunday, September 3**

9:00 am Holy Communion  
10:20 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 am Wedding  
2:00 pm Girl Scout - FH  
2:00 pm Hispanic Ministry  
6:00 pm Boy Scout Trp 7 - FH

**Monday, September 4**

Office Closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 5**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts - EW

**Wednesday, September 6**

10:00 am Food Pantry  
10:30 am Morrow Home Communion  
1:45 pm Rolling Hills Communion  
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, September 7**

8:30 am Quilting  
5:45 pm Girl Scouts - EW

**Friday, September 8**

9:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
12:45 pm LSS -AO  
7:00 pm Hispanic Ministry

**Saturday, September 9**

8:00 am Hispanic Ministry  
7:30 am Council Retreat  
12:30 pm Council Meeting - SR  
1:00 pm Wedding Rental

**Sunday, September 10—Rally Sunday**

8:15 am Holy Communion  
9:15 am 4G  
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship  
9:20 am Sunday School  
9:20 am Altar Guild Meeting  
10:30 am Holy Communion  
2:00 pm Houston Fundraiser  
2:00 pm Hispanic Ministry  
6:00 pm Boy Scout Trp 7 - FH