



Ears to Listen,



Seeds to Sow

**6th Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Traditional Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am
July 16, 2017**



trinity | camp hill
LUTHERAN CHURCH



trinity | camp hill

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

Prelude: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

arr. David Cherwien

Welcome

[Stand]

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

(10:45) Please turn to face the processional cross as it enters our midst.

Gathering Hymn No. 533: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

[Sit]

✠ Word ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,

could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Stand]

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Sit]

Sermon: "Ears to Listen, Seeds to Sow"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

Children's Message

Pastor John H. Brock

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 516: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ST. FLAVIAN

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayer Response (sung by all) "Spirit of the Living God"

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

† Meal †

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

[Sit]

Announcements

Offering

Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Kiosk in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

Worship Witness: *(Please sign booklet and return to center aisle.)*

Solo: "If You Search With All Your Heart"

Craig Courtney

When you seek me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.

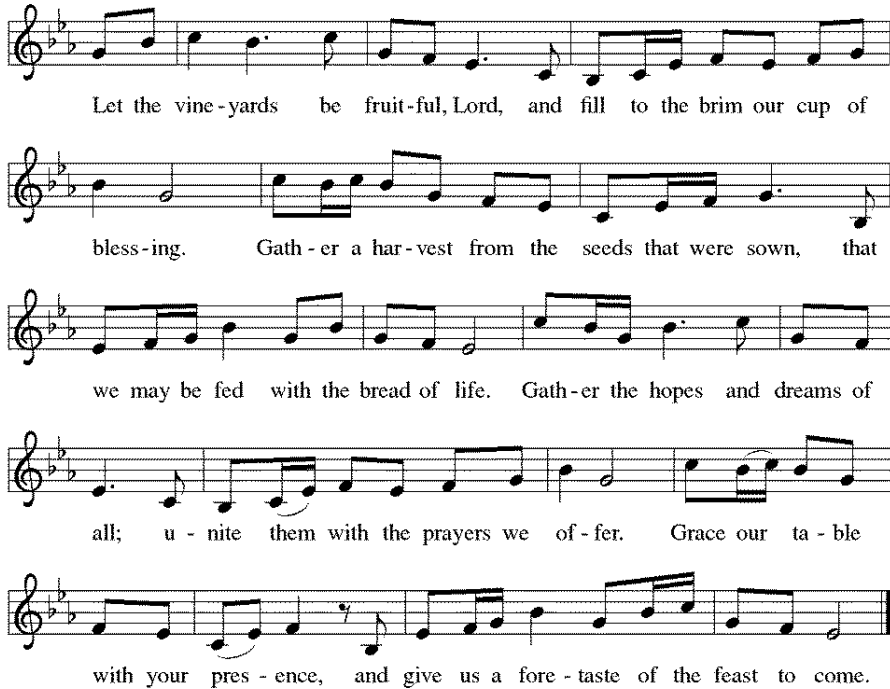
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.

I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

Julie Stambaugh, soloist

[Stand]

Offertory



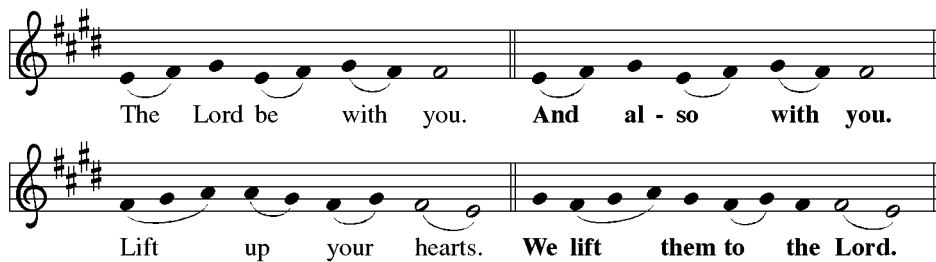
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set his 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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord ...

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

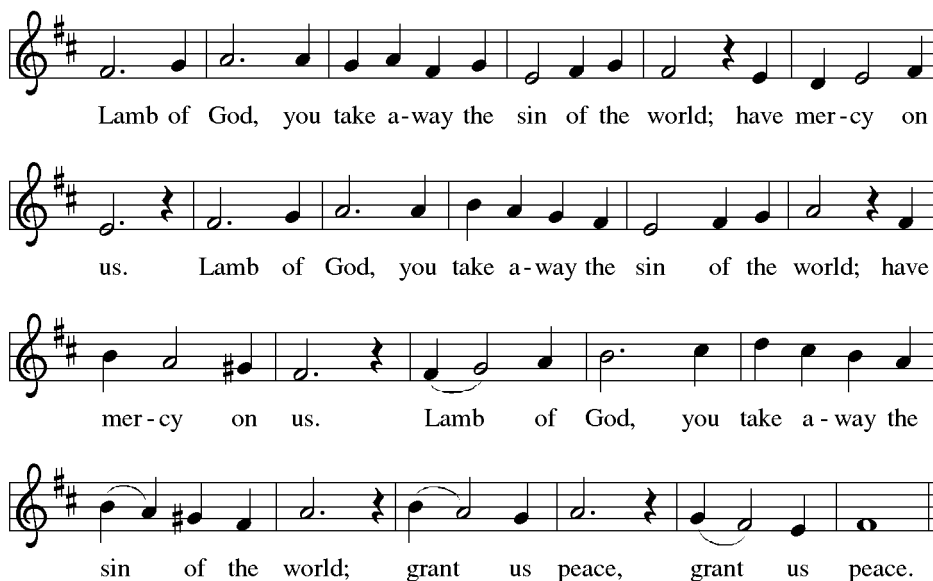
Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

[Sit]

Lamb of God



Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. Children and adults who aren't communing may come forward to receive a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers, available upon request – please ask at the time of communion.

(10:45) Anthem: “Thy Perfect Love”

15th cent./K. Lee Scott

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast
that I Thee love and never rest; and make me love Thee of all things the best,
and wound (discipline) my heart in thy love free,
that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.*

*Therefore, be a reflection of God, as dearly loved children;
and lead a life of love, just as Christ has loved us and gave Himself for us.*

Summer Choir

Hymn No. 551: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

[Stand]

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

P: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament to those at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

Blessing

P: The Lord be near you at all times, the Lord walk beside you so that you will not be troubled, the Lord fill your heart with gladness, and your mouth with joyful songs; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn No. 545: Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata in A

Johann Anton Kobrich

Portions of the service are reprinted from: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. *Sundays & Seasons*, Copyright © 2016 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress License # 23686.

worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. John H. Brock

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Assisting Minister: Jeff Weaver

Lector: (8:30) Sarah Hancock; (10:45) Margy Fox

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Fran Jacobs, Anne Stafford, Frank Bertovich; (10:45) Margy Fox, Grace Hoyt, Steve Kauffman, Greg Woods

Acolyte: (8:30) Danielle Miller

Crucifer:(10:45) Rob Kozicki

Book Bearer: (10:45) Josh Easley

Soundboard: (8:30) Jim Kincaid; (10:45) Rob Hoyt

Greeters: (8:30) Barbara Kriebel (head greeter), H. L. Bishop, Carol MacConnell; (10:45) Dave Reeser (head greeter), Joanne Austin, Neil and Jeanie Bentzel

Ushers: Timothy Sheaffer (head usher), Rick and Ardelle Barry, Terri Denison, John Greenleaf, Joyce Grier, Rob and Grace Hoyt, Joseph Hunter, Chris Jacobs, Richard Jacobs, H. Jay Killian, John Powell, Teresa Sheaffer, Scott and Karen Smith, Bruce Stauffer, Bill Tauriello, George Thompson

Altar Care: Fran Jacobs, Stephanie Jacobs, Linda Penny, Teresa Sheaffer, Vicki Wilken

Carillonneur: Charlie Suhr

Flower Delivery: Bob and Vonnie Sadler

Garden of Eatin': (GOE I) Mary Ellen Hettinger; (GOE II) Fellowship Team

Cover art/design: Trinity Staff



trinity | camp hill

LUTHERAN CHURCH

2000 chestnut street
camp hill, pa 17011-5409
office: 717.737.8635
fax: 717.730.9297
trinluth@trinitycamphill.org
www.trinitycamphill.org

office hours:
monday-friday, 9am-4pm

gathering space receptionist hours:
sunday-thursday, 6pm-9pm

worship notes

Attendance at our worship services last week was 563. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website (www.trinitycamphill.org).

Our guest organist for this week is Karen Appel. Welcome, Karen!

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Patterson, by Barbara Catlin; Merlin L. and Marjorie P. McCulloh by their family; Mrs. James F. Enterline by her daughter, Joan; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzgerald, by Maryellen Harner; our daughter, Suzanne R. Peters, by Eric and Marla Peters; My beloved father, Basil Edward Gantt, by Marsha Elizabeth Gantt.

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Staff

Lead Pastor – The Reverend Dr. Jack M. Horner
Ministry Director for Parish Life – The Reverend John H. Brock
Director of Congregation Care – The Reverend Dr. Guy S. Edmiston, Jr.
Interim Associate Pastor – The Reverend Jennifer A. Crist
Ministry Director for Music - H. Timothy Koch
Director of Youth and Student Ministries – Peter A. Fox
Director of Contemporary Music – Debra D. Wilson
Director of Faith Formation – Kelly C. Falck
Director of Children's Music – Amy L. Koch
Director of Preschool – Heather F. Rose
Ministry Director for Communications – Stephanie G. Maurer
Office Manager – Nancy J. Martin
Ministry Director for Finance and Property – Paul A. Hensel
Administrative Assistant for Ministry – Thomas A. Notestine
Sunday Morning Receptionist – Criss Floray
Evening Receptionists – Lori Anne McBride, Glenn Plott, Beth Hinkle
Sextons – Russell Brown, Erich Sprowls, La'Mont Randolph

Congregation Council Members

Rob Bertram – <i>President</i>	Kathy Holmes	Dave Miller
Dave Maser – <i>Vice-President</i>	Steve Kauffman	Mike Schwalm
Dave Reeser – <i>Secretary</i>	Jay Killian	Anne Stafford
Mike Finio	Barbara Kriebel	Charlie Suhr

Administrative Committee Chairs

Administration & Personnel – Mike Finio	Finance – Dave Miller
Property – Charles Suhr	Strategic Planning – Bob Frymoyer

Ministry Team Facilitators

Arts – Mary Haar	Parish Ministry – Donna Sprowls
Education Ministry – Kelly MacConnell	Pub. & Communication – Danelle Andrews
Fellowship – Kathy Holmes	Social Ministry – Mitzi Jones
Hospitality	Stewardship – Dave Maser
IT / AV – Jonathan Lobaugh	Worship – Jane Killian
Missions – Brice Arndt	Youth – Sarah Fogg