



Ears to Listen,



Seeds to Sow

**6th Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Contemporary Worship
9:30 and 11:00 am
July 16, 2017**



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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 are available at the Gathering Space desk.

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: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song of Praise: "Majestic"

Verse

- Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
- Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

Chorus 1

The heavens declare Your greatness.
The oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You.
So I'll join with the earth, and I'll give my praise to You.

Verse

Chorus 2

The heavens declare Your greatness.
The oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You.
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing...
The heavens declare Your greatness.
The oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You.
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You.

Bridge

I will worship You. I will worship You.
I will worship You. I will worship You.
We will worship You. We will worship You.

Chorus

Tag (2X): So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You.

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Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

Song: "I Love to Be In Your Presence"

Chorus (2X)

I love to be in Your presence, with Your people singing praises.
I love to stand and rejoice, lift my hands and raise my voice.

Verse

You set my feet to dancing, You fill my heart with song;
You give me reason to rejoice, rejoice.

Chorus

Verse

Chorus (3X)

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Confessional Prayer

P: (Pastoral Prayer) ... trusting in your power to make all things new, we confess our sin to you and our neighbor.

C: Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we

have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

P: God loves you and forgives you all your sins. Hear this word of forgiveness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Verse (2X)

Lord, Let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of Your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on Your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Greeting

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 +

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

Children's Story

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.

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)

Gospel Acclamation: **"The Word of the Lord is Good"**

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! The word of the Lord en - dures. - Al - le - lu - ia! The". The second system also has two staves, continuing the melody and accompaniment with the lyrics: "word of the Lord is good!". The piece concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

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Gospel

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: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Ears to Listen, Seeds to Sow"

Pastor Jack M. Horner

(Stand)

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 the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Hear us, O God."

Please respond with: "Your mercy is great."

✝ Meal ✝

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

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.

Special Music: "I Will Follow"

Intro

Where you go, I'll go.
Where you stay, I'll stay.
When you move, I'll move.
I will follow.

Verse 1

All your ways are good.
All your ways are sure.
I will trust in you alone.
Higher than my sight,
High above my life.
I will trust in you alone.

Chorus 1

Where you go, I'll go.
Where you stay, I'll stay.
When you move, I'll move.
I will follow you.
Who you love, I'll love.
How you serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow you. Yeah.
I will follow you. Yeah.

Verse 2

Light unto the world,
Light unto my life,
I will live for you alone.
You're the one I seek.

Knowing I will find
All I need in you alone, in you alone.

Chorus 1

Bridge

In you, there's life everlasting.
In you, there's freedom for my soul.
In you, there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow.

Chorus 2

Where you go, I'll go.
Where you stay, I'll stay.
When you move, I'll move.
I will follow You.
Who you love, I'll love.
How you serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow.

Chorus 1

Tag

I will follow you. Yeah.
I will follow you. Yeah.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God,

**C: Receive these gifts we bring that you first gave to us. Let our offering
proclaim the news of your redeeming love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: Almighty God, we praise you, for you are the source of all goodness. When we sinned and turned away, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth and the life. He shared our human nature, and by his death on the cross, he brought us your forgiveness. You raised him from

death, forever destroying its sting. In him you make us a holy people by pouring upon us your Spirit of life and power. Through this meal, join us together with one another in the bond of your Son's love.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: This is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for 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 the pastor at the time of communion.

(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.

P: Let us pray. We thank you Jesus for giving us not only this bread and cup, but your very self. Filled again by your grace and love, may we hunger for your justice, and may we thirst for your peace.

C: Amen.

✝ Sending ✝

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table.
Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

Blessing

P: May the God who breathed life into creation be your delight. May the love of Christ Jesus ✝ give you hope. And may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter, set your hearts afire to serve.

C: Amen.

Song: "Jesus Lead On"

Verse 1

This is my cry, this is my song. You are my guiding light when the way is unknown.
And when these sunny skies turn shades of gray,
I'll stay close by your side as you lead the way.

Chorus

Jesus lead on, I will follow, Jesus lead on. Let your love light the way.
Jesus lead on, I will follow, Jesus lead on.

Verse 2

Hear now this cry, hear now this song.
You are the guiding light for this journey I'm on.
And when my vision is clouded by the wind and the rain,
I'll stay close by your side as you lead the way.

Chorus

Bridge: Lead me on, lead me on, lead me on, I will follow.

Chorus

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Dismissal

P: Go out into the world and labor to bring forth new life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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worship notes

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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.

leaders

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Storyteller: Becky Enney

Lector: (9:30) Donna Roberts; (11:00) Jane Killian

Greeters: (9:30) Barbara Kriebel (head greeter); (11:00) Dave Reeser (head greeter), Ann and Olivia Shields, Joyce Roy

Communion Assistants: (9:30) Garry Orner, Lisa Buffington, Donna Roberts, Debbie Wilson, Marianne Brock, Shannon Jones, Tom Reddinger; (11:00) Ryan and Kellie Argot, Jane Killian, Debbie Wilson, Marianne Brock, Pam Hess, Shannon Jones

Offering Assistants: (11:00) Leah Balasundram, Chase Funk, Charlie MacConnell, Aidan Lilienthal

Ushers: (9:30) Mark Doeing, Lois Lamarca; (11:00) Dave and Karen Rupnik

Altar Care: (9:30) Donna Roberts; (11:00) Dennis and Julie Geib

Flower Delivery: Bob and Vonnie Sadler

Sound Technician: (9:30) Daryl Ackerman; (11:00) Royce Hoffman

Video Presentation: (9:30) Barb Henderson; (11:00) Chuck Roy

Slide Show Production: Barb Henderson

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