

The Parable of the Sower

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

Holy Communion

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

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.

Lutherans believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook!
Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☞ 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.
God of overflowing grace,

☩ 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.

☩ 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.

***PEACE**

We greet one other with the peace of the risen Christ.

☩ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☩ And also with you.

*** GATHERING SONG *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW 423)**

***GREETING**

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

☩ And also with you.

*** CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Awesome God***

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God!
(repeat)

Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Please be seated.

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.

☩ A reading from Isaiah..

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.

☩ Word of God, word of life.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

* 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.

☞ The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *When Seed Falls on Good Soil* (LBW 236 - insert)

*CREED

☞ With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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 PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR FISHERS OF PEOPLE

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

THANK & TELL

Please stand as you are able.

*OFFERTORY



*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C 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.

*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

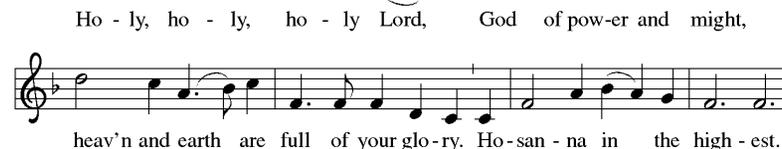
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was handed over,
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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
I n your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. We offer both common cup and individual cups which are filled from the pouring chalice. Cups are available on the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

- *If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your bulletin.*
- *If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will come to you.*

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please stand as you are able.

*TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

☑ Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

*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.

* SENDING SONG *We Plow the Fields and Scatter (SAN FERNANDO): Aramos nuestros campos (ELW 680)*

*DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

☑ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

– PRAYER AND SUPPORT –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Children, counselors, and staff at church camps

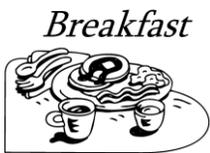
College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

– UPCOMING EVENTS –



Our annual **Church Picnic** will be held at Pine Hill Recreation Area, Pavilion B, on August 6. Our theme is "Barnyard Picnic," so wear your plaid shirts, overalls, bandanas, straw hats, or whatever you can think of related to farming. This year our 10:45 worship service will be at the park also.

Picnic registration will be at noon and the meal at 12:40. We will provide fried chicken and drinks. We ask you to bring a favorite dish to share. In addition to our games, we are fortunate again to have the auction for The Gift Box beach house in Rodanthe, NC donated by Trudy Gift. If you plan to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway off the narthex. If there are questions, contact June Ecker at 794-2013.



Through the month of July, Lunch Bunch is disbanded in favor of **Breakfast Bunch**. We invite all to join us at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning at Waynesboro Diner for breakfast fellowship before worship.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Children's Sunday School and Adult Forum are on summer break. Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast at the Waynesboro Diner Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Please invite someone to come with you to breakfast!! There is plenty of room at the table.

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

Thursday in the Subway at Walmart is every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. Pastor Pam is available to anyone who is seeking prayer or someone to talk to. The invitation extends to our people here at TELC to stop by too. Please pray that this ministry will help TELC to take the gospel of Jesus Christ into the world.

"New Neighbor Baskets" are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

- STEWARDSHIP –

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

Because these envelopes are not found in this year's offering envelope packet, **Building Fund envelopes** are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance.

Sundays are still available on the **flower, bulletin and candle sponsor charts** on the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex. Check today for available Sundays.

Don't forget to drop off your **Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education**, as well as your **all-occasion cards** for St. Jude's' recycled card program, in the appropriate container at the back of our worship area.

Back-to-School Drive

During July, Trinity is collecting back-to-school supplies for Waynesboro Community and Human Services. Needed items are listed below. Please place items in the box at the rear of the sanctuary.

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| pencil boxes | new or gently used clothing: |
| zippered pencil boxes | jeans |
| 24 count #2 pencils | shorts |
| 36 count #2 pencils | shirts |
| 48 count #2 pencils | sweatshirts |
| 24 count crayons | sweaters |
| highlighters - single & 4 count | skirts |
| 4 count dry erase markers | dresses |
| large pink erasers | new clothing |
| pencil top erasers | underwear |
| large glue sticks | socks |
| pocket folders with clasps | toiletries |
| pocket folders without clasps | bars of soap |
| sticky notes | shampoo |
| 3x5 index cards | deodorant |
| wide ruled notebook paper | toothpaste |
| 1-inch three ring binders | |
| 2-inch three ring binders | |
| color pencils | |
| red pens | |
| earbuds | |
| lanyards | |
| back packs | |



- July 16-22 -

- Monday..... 7:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
- Tuesday..... 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
- Thursday 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway

- July 23-29 -

- Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Waynesboro Diner
- Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Service of the Word
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
- Thursday 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,505
Year to Date	\$21,506
Attendance Last Sunday - 42	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To May 31**

Income	\$130,505
Expenses	\$62,226
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	



The floral arrangement is dedicated to the glory of God and is placed by Earl and Carolyn Duffey in celebration of their anniversary.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
Eric Leaper Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Richard Berklite Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs Usher
Melissa Leaper Usher
Pam Lobley & Linda Weddle Altar Care
Eric Leaper After Church Lock-up
Teresa Papoutsis & Ruth Strausbaugh Offering Tellers

- SERVING JULY 23 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Terry Eberly Assisting Minister
Carol Snyder Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Richard Berklite Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs Usher
Melissa Leaper Usher
Pam Lobley & Linda Weddle Altar Care
Eric Leaper After Church Lock-up
Marie Seidel & Linda Weddle Offering Tellers

Seven Faith Practices
Pray
Study
Worship
Invite
Encourage
Serve
Give

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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.