



Growing among weeds

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

Traditional Worship  
8:30 and 10:45 am  
July 23, 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 and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

### about today's service

*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

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

### ✝ Gathering ✝

Prelude: "For the Fruit of all Creation"

arr. David Lasky

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. 693: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

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.**



## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

[Sit]

## ✠ Word ✠

### First Reading

Romans 8:12-25

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 86:11-17

*The assisting minister will sing the refrain, then the congregation will sing it.*



Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.



A: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth; \* give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

**C: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart, \* and glorify your name for- | evermore.**

**Refrain:**

A: For great is your | love toward me; \* you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

**C: The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life; \* they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

A: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion, \* slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

**C: Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me; \* give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.**

A: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame; \* because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.

**Refrain:**

[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 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will

collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

[Sit]

Sermon: "Growing Among Weeds"

Pastor Jennifer A. Crist

Children's Message

Pastor Jack M. Horner

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day No. 679: For the Fruit of All Creation

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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: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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 method of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$").*

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

Solo: "Creation Hymn"

Bryan Chapell/arr. C. Courtney

*(Based on Psalm 19:1-6 and II Cor. 5:17)*

*His praise appears in all I see, the stars declare His hands to be;*

*Creation speaks in sky and sea and shore,*

*proclaiming forth their sov'reign Maker, "Lord".*

*High mountains rising to the sky, bow down before their Author's eye;*

*Sea depths now echoing the land's refrain,*

*their vast expanse too small to hold His name; He is Lord.*

*But though I see, my heart cries out, "So great a God, cares He for me?"*

*Yes, He who rules the hosts above, surrendered, yet, His life in love,*

*Embraced me on a mountain full of pain,*

*released me from an ocean's debt of shame; He is Lord.*

*Yes, now I see, my heart cries out, "So great a God, He cares for me!"*

*And, thus, a new creation made, I see Him more and more each day;*

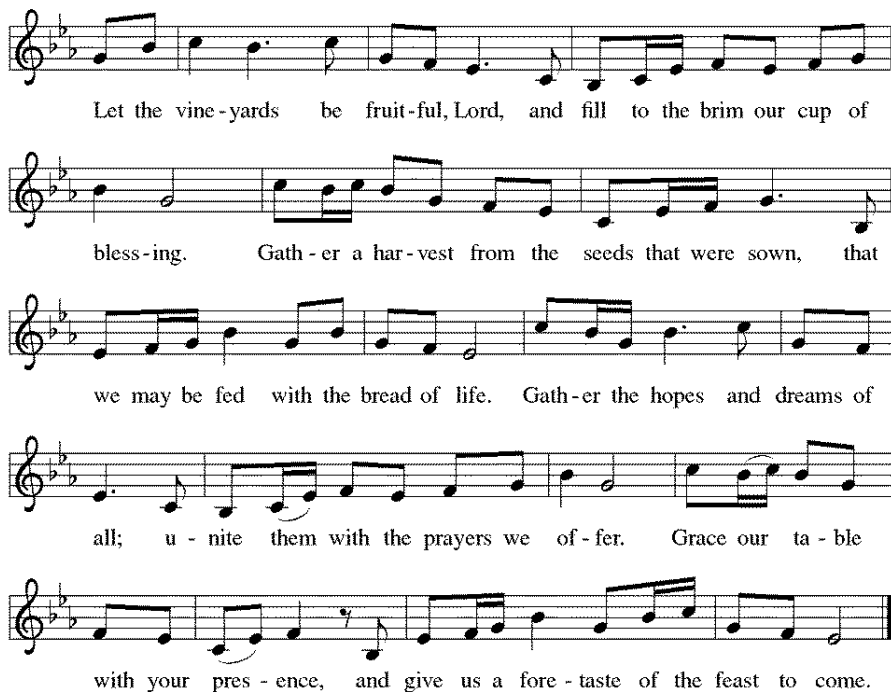
*With all the wonders that His hands have laid,*

*I rise to glory in the Son, and say, "He's my Lord!"*

Ron Livingston, soloist

[Stand]

## Offertory



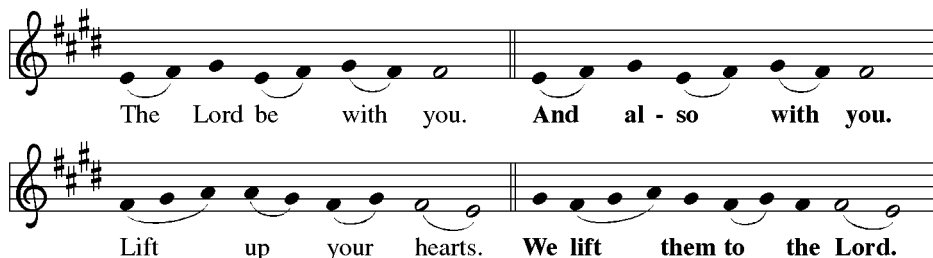
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and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

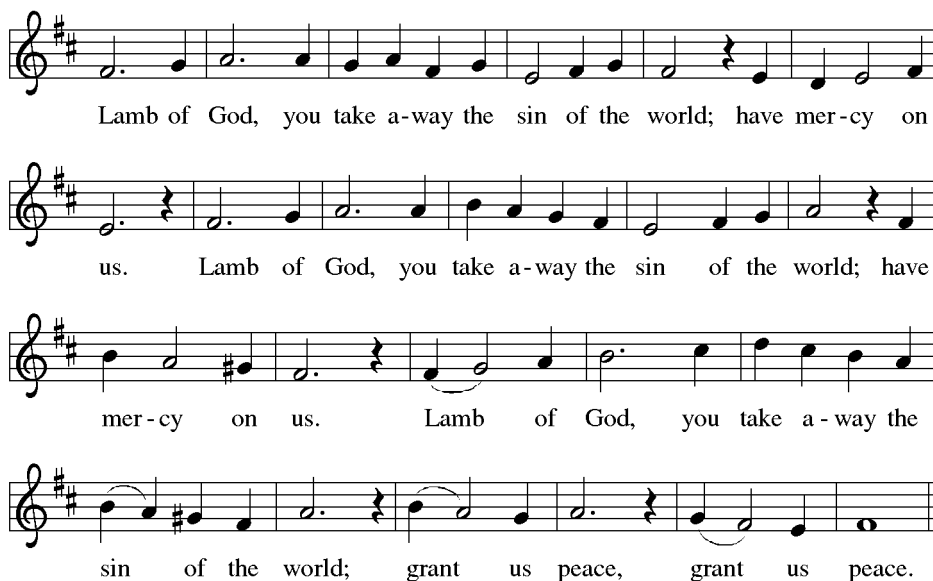
### Invitation to Communion

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: "Praise We Sing to Thee"

F. J. Haydn

*Praise we sing to Thee, Thou mighty Ruler, King forever,  
Praise we sing to Thee, dear Father, we will fail Thee never.  
All the joys of nature tell us ever of Thy wondrous power.  
Still Thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour,  
Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy, Praise forevermore!  
Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts Thou dost ordain.  
Lord of Hosts who o'er the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign.  
Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy, praise forevermore!*  
Summer Choir

Hymn No. 733: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

[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.**

**✠ 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. 823: Praise the Lord! O Heavens

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Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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## worship notes

**Attendance at our worship services** last week was 622. 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](http://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 Roy M. Sheely by his wife Janet; mother Beatrice Bowman by George Preble; her parents, Charles L. and Doris R. Myers, by Charlene Myers Meyers.

**United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.**

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