

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Worship 9:30 and 11:00 am July 23, 2017





**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

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: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

# + Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

# Song of Praise: "10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord) Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

#### Verse 1

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

#### Chorus

#### Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

#### Chorus

#### Instrumental

#### Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forever more.

### Chorus (2X)

### Tag

Yes, I will worship Your holy name.

Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

Yes, I will worship Your holy name.

Lord, I worship Your holy name.

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Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

# Song: "Cry Of My Heart" Chorus (2X)

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

#### Verse 1

Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

#### Chorus

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

#### Verse 2

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.

Open my heart up, more and more, and make it wholly devoted to You.

# Chorus (2X)

Tag 2X: All of the days of my life.

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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: "We Are Your Children"

#### Verse

We are your children, and we need Your love.

You are our Father, and You come down from heaven up above, To pour out mercy, to pour out love.

#### Chorus

With all of our weaknesses, with all of our failures,

With all of the things, that we're ashamed of, we come to You.

#### Verse

# Chorus (2X)

#### Instrumental

#### Chorus

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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. 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 +

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

Children's Story

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—13 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. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For 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!" 16it 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. 181 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 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the alory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 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 86:11-7

- L: Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, that I may honor you.
- C: With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever,
- L: for your love for me is very great. You have rescued me from the depths of death!
- C: O God, insolent people rise up against me; violent people are trying to kill me. And you mean nothing to them.
- L: But you, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love and truth.
- C: Look down and have mercy on me. Give strength to your servant; yes, save me, for I am your servant;
- L: Send me a sign of your favor. Then those who hate me will be put to shame, for you, O LORD, help and comfort me.

(Stand)

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





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### Gospel

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. 30Let 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. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The 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 anashing of teeth. 43Then 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: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: "Growing Among Weeds"

Pastor Jennifer A. Crist

(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: "Lord, in your mercy,"

Please respond with: "hear our prayer."

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

Special Music: "All I Have"

Verse 1

Que tengo yo en la vida fuera de tu amor. Este mudo se acabara mas tu verdad perdurara.

Chorus 1

Eres todopara mi, miesper anza, mi vivir, Aunque caiga siempre en ti confiare. Siempre tu me sostendras, sobre mi tu mano esta. Y tuamor me guiara Hasta ei final.

#### Verse 2

What have I in this life but the love in Your eyes. This empty world will one day fade; only Your truth, will remain.

#### Chorus 2

Jesus, all I have is You You're the hope I'm holding to. I might weep but still my faith rests in You. As the heavens hold the skies,

As the heavens hold the skies, it's Your hand that holds my life. And Your love will lead me on when all else is gone.

### Chorus 1

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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: "Everlasting God"

#### Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait - upon the Lord, we will wait - upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.

We will wait - upon the Lord, we will wait - upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

#### Chorus

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.

You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak.

You comfort those in need.

You lift us up on wings like eagles.

# Bridge

Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

### 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

**Attendance at our 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. Our web address is: <a href="www.trinitycamphill.org">www.trinitycamphill.org</a>.

**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.

# **leaders**

**Presiding Minister:** The Rev. John H. Brock

Preacher: The Rev. Jennifer A. Crist

Storyteller: Becky Enney

Lector: (9:30) Brett Eshenour; (11:00) Jane Killian

Greeters: (9:30) Barbara Kriebel (head greeter); (11:00) Dave Maser (head

greeter), Cindy, Mark, and Matt Schmidt, Margie Walson

**Communion Assistants:** (9:30) Jack and Martha Nagle, Brett Eshenour, Devin Miller, Kevin Appleby, Marianne Brock, Pam Hess; (11:00) Jeff and Pam Fair, Rachel Norris, Devin Miller, Kevin Appleby, Marianne Brock, Pam Hess

Offering Assistants: (11:00) Dagny and Frank Lentz, Evan and Austin Chevarria

Ushers: (9:30) George and Karen Yeager; (11:00) Dennis and Karen Welker

Altar Care: (9:30) Maria Hegedus; (11:00) Terry and Gail Gastrock

Flower Delivery: Carole Peiffer

Sound Technician: (9:30) Tom Reddinger; (11:00) Royce Hoffman

Video Presentation: Jane Killian

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