



# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

*Seventh Sunday of After Pentecost*  
July 16, 2023

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

304 E. Ferris St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
*“the welcome place”*

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***Introduction***

*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.*

**+++ GATHERING +++**

**Prelude** As Rain From the Clouds

Robert Powell

Welcome, Announcements & **Friendship Registries-Please Sign In.**

*(Stand)*

**Invocation**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song ELW#681**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

**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.**

**Hymn of Praise** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines ACS #1091



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

## **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*(Sit)*

**+ + + WORD + + +**

## **First Reading Isaiah 55:10-13**

For 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,  
so 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.

For 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.  
Instead 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.**

## **Psalm Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 *(Read responsively by whole verse)***

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;

to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**To you, the one | who answers prayer,  
to you all | flesh shall come.**

Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out | our transgressions.

**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell  
there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the  
holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our  
salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at  
your marvelous signs;**

**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak  
themselves with grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

## **Second Reading Romans 8:1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ  
Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from  
the law of sin and of death. For 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, so that the just  
requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to

the flesh but according to the Spirit. For 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. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For 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, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But 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. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If 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.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation** Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW #512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. 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.

**Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet 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. As 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. But 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.**

*(Sit)*

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #508

As Rain From the Clouds

**Apostles Creed**

*Let us join together in confession our faith in 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.**

(Sit)

### **Prayers of Intercession.**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



Heal those who are sick, O God especially Kay and Jenna. Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct lifesaving research, and counselors to care for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud of in our hearts.

*A brief silence.*

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**+ + + MEAL + + +**

*(Sit)*

**Offering Song**    Word of God, Come Down to Earth    Wayne Wold

*(Stand)*

## **Offering Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life 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.**

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Eucharistic Prayer.**

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.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Let us pray together as Christ taught us*

**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 Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

*All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.*

*(Sit)*

**Distribution of Communion**    Lamb of God            WOV Setting 5 p. 39

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us.            Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us.            Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world;            grant us peace,            grant us peace.

Post Communion Hymn

Here is Bread

ELW #483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

*Refrain*



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

*(Stand)*

**Prayer After Communion**

We thank you, generous God,  
 for the refreshment we have received  
 at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
 through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

+ + + **SENDING** + + +

## **Blessing**

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song** ELW #679

For the Fruit of All Creation

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

For the Fruit of All Creation

Franklin Ashdown

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***As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.***

## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Grant Robinson

Video: Bill Sime

Usher: Danny & Mary Lou Lindberg, Carol Brown

Communion Setup: Janet Page

Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand

Reader: Roger Williamson

Wine Server: Marilyn Gehring, Hillary Hoffman

Closing Duties: Julie Wiegand

Acolyte: Henry Gray

Organist: Bette Mohr

Director of Choirs: James Hutchings

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes



Altar flowers were donated today by **Heather Hellenga**, *in honor of Harper Lee & Joshua's first Anniversary.*

Radio Broadcast is sponsored by **Brenda Patterson**, *to God be the Glory.*

**Readings for Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

First Reading            Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm                      Psalm 86:11-17  
Second Reading        Romans 8:12-25  
Gospel                     Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Announcements**

**Coffee Fellowship**-Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately after service

**Stellar Day Camp**- July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm at First United Methodist  
Kids ages 3-12 are welcome to join.

**Church Potluck:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Potluck will take place on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, bring a dish to share and your own table service, *please join us!*

**Tidings:** Label and Seal is baccckkk! If you'd like to join the ladies and help get Tidings mail ready, come down on 7/27 at 9 am!

**Prayers:** If you're in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one, please fill out the salmon-colored slips in the Narthex and drop it into the collection plate.

**Current Prayer List:**

Kay ( <i>Andy Crawford's mom</i> )	Prayers-recently broke her neck, recovering from surgery
Jenna ( <i>Crawford's cousin</i> )	Prayer-healing & returning to a normal routine as she recovers from surgery

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**Vision Statement**  
**Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

**Mission Statement**  
**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

**Welcome Statement**  
Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

- Our Guiding Principles**
1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
  2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
  3. We invite and welcome everyone.
  4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
  5. We serve local and global communities.