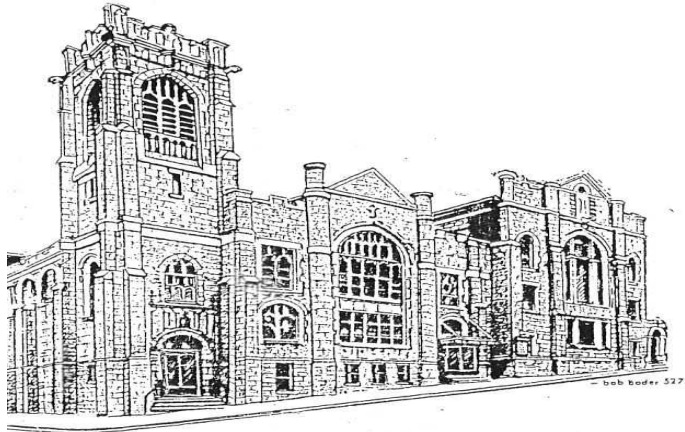


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7th Week of Pentecost
July 11-12, 2026

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Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness,
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**Congregation: 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.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prelude: His Yoke is Easy

Franklin Ritter

Entrance hymn: #532 Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie

Worship Assistant: In peace, let us pray to our Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Worship Assistant: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to our Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Worship Assistant: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to our Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Worship Assistant: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to our Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Worship Assistant: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Worship Assistant: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Congregation: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day: 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.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13 Celebrate Insert
Psalm: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11 Celebrate Insert

Congregation: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th Chapter
Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Celebrate Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Bob Thomas, LLM

Hymn of the Day: #728 Blest Are They (Next Page)

Blest Are They

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Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

Apostles' Creed

(Saturday)

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

Order of Holy Baptism

(Sunday)

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We Welcome through Holy Baptism, *Frankelly Payano-Conville*, son of *Frankelly Payano-Vasquez & Kiersten Payano-Conville*. May God bless this child, his parents and all who are baptized in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Frankelly's* sponsors are *Daniel Timothy James Conville Jr. & Maden Payano-Vasquez*. The Baptismal Napkin given to *Frankelly* is presented to the Glory of God and in memory of *Jean Schraedley*.

Offering

Anthem:

Marching On (9:30am)

James McGranahan

Senior Choir

Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:(sung) And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 open 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:

**Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Hymns during communion:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: #483 Here is Bread

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Here Is Bread



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.



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.

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

Pastor: **The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace
In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**
Congregation: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Worship Assistant: **Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn: #656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

Organ Postlude

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Altar flowers provided by: Forget Me Not Florist

Altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory Nancy Weigand by daughter, Cindy.

Also, in memory of Norman & Dorothy Yeager by a Friend. .

Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Bruce Heckman on his birthday, July 19th by his Family.

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MEMORIALS

Rev. Philip S. Bendle Scholarship

In memory of Melinda Fels Riccio forever in our hearts, by Mom & Dad.

Memorial Garden/Property

In memory of Jim Honicker by Peggy Schappell.

Prayer List

Members of Trinity with immediate concerns: Donna Albert, Andrea Antolick, Howard Blankenhorn, Cindy Bohr, Gary Bruen, Mike Ciccanti, Susan Fees, Carolyn Gauntlett, Arline Hufnagle, Carole Kline, Richard Kline, Thelma Mansfield, Missy White Marshall, Meagan McGeever, Gail Newton, Harry Reed, Ross Rismiller, Owen Rossachaj, Cindy Seltzer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Barbara Wagner, Helen Walasavage

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Military Personnel: Jacob Barton, Savannah Butler, Elizabeth Chattin, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Wil Hanson, Ashton Muncy Humphrey, Aaron Oswald, Zachary Reichert

Family Members/Friends: Kathy Abraham, Karen Alban, Joseph Alfonsi, George Allison, Michael Allen, Catherine Eleanor Ambrose, Michelle Ambrose, Mackensie Archibald, Millie Bachert, Bonnie Baker, Martha Balboa, Kathy Addy Banks, Sando Barnes, Lisa Bashore, Kathy Bauers, Bob & Christine Baum, David Bechtel, Dennis Benjamin, Timothy Beissel, Olivia Bensinger, Pastor Jim Berggren, Tawnya Bickelman, Heather Boltz, Linda Borchardt,

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Those who mourn: Especially the family and friends of Ardis Martin

TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Saturday, July 11	6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, July 12	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	2:00 pm	Paint Party with Shannon
Monday, July 13	6:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, July 14	10:00 am	Exercise Club
Friday, July 15	10:00am	Exercise Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/LLM</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Saturday, July 11	Pastor Chris/ Bob Thomas		
Sunday, July 12	Pastor Chris/ Bob	Matt Angelo	Zach Jefferson

***STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH***

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

*Adopted by the Congregation
January 25, 1998*

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Bulletins: 7/19/2026, 7/26/2026

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If you would like to sponsor any of the dates above, please call
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Boyer's is changing the way they do the Caring & Sharing Rebate Program. They will no longer be using the key cards. You must register for their Boyer's Reward Program and assign their designated charity to the account. If you would like to help the church you can register Trinity Lutheran Church as your charity. Thank you for continuing to help!



PARKING

If you are a member and would like to park in the lot while you run an errand in town, please either call the office or stop in to let us know. In a few weeks we will be enforcing the signage that is posted in regards to parking. Thanks so much for your cooperation in the matter.



SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date, more than 70 shawls have been distributed to recipients experiencing difficult times. Please keep that ministry in mind if you identify someone in that situation. Anyone is welcome to pick up and deliver a shawl/blanket/lap cover to anyone in need. Please just sign out in log so each recipient doesn't receive duplicates. As pages are filled, please just place new one on top, but filled pages are always available. Anyone talented in crocheting and knitting is welcome to participate so this ministry can continue. Start-up supplies are available in the Prayer Shawl room off Main Sunday School for your use. Thank you.

Recycling Projects

Please continue to save newspapers, prescription and non-prescription glasses and sunglasses. We are also restarting our collection for pull-tabs from aluminum cans. All your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and will continue till the end of the year.

Butterfly Release

The Butterfly Release, Hospice of Central PA, will be having a Butterfly Release, Sunday July 12, 2026 at Bubeck Park, Washington Street in Schuylkill Haven. The program begins @ 2:00PM & lasts approximately one hour.

There will be a Memorial Program, snacks, bottled water, & crafts will be provided. The Butterfly Release is a symbolic gesture of hope, transformation, & remembrance. Give the name & donation of a loved one in Memory or in Honor of, & contact Lisa Kimball ASAP @ 717-303-5381. Names of loved ones will be included in the 2026 keepsake program, which will be given out that day.



Stuff the Bus

During the month of July, the United Way will be hosting their “Stuff The Bus” for the collection of school supplies for our area students. Trinity will join them in that effort in the later part of June through July. There will be a display in the Main Sunday School room. Suggested School Supply Donations for Stuff The Bus: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, notebooks, packs of paper, folders, book bags, dry erase markers, hand sanitizer, highlighters, erasers, backpacks, pencil cases, etc.



Next Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, July 30th.

SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

July

On 7/12: Shannon is back again for a beach themed paint party at 2pm in the Lower Social Hall! The cost is \$25/person.

On 7/29: Join us here at church from 6pm-7pm for an ice cream social. Come make a sundae or float it's a great way to beat the heat this summer!

In August we will be doing a used book sale here at the church if you are looking to donate any of your books you don't read, we will accept them. Thank you. Proceeds will go to the church.



UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Night at the Reading Phillies

Trinity night at the Reading Phillies! Sunday, August 2nd. We will be in the Moyer Auto Group Deck like we were last year. The buffet will from 4:15pm-6:45pm with the game starting at 5:15pm. The Phillies are playing the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. Join us for



a great day at the ball park! Cost is \$36/person for your ticket. If you are interested, please stop by the office or call 570-622-9910.

MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us Tuesday, July 21st at 6pm for a Mini Golf Tournament at Heisler's Dairy Bar. We are looking at 12 teams of 4 to participate.

Don't worry if you can't find a group of 4 you can still sign up and we will find you a group! The cost of the tournament is free, but there will be food and ice cream you can purchase at Heisler's.



If you are interested please sign up in the church office or Call Amie Tobash at 570-617-4501.

Please check your bulletin inserts for upcoming events and ways to volunteer your time and talents.



Celebrate

Sunday, July 12, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.

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,
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.

Psalm

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; refrain, Ps. 65:11

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

[You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who | answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

⁴**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. R**

⁵Awesome 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.

⁶**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸**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.] R**

⁹You 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.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing. R

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 death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

Therefore there is 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, then the body is dead because of sin, but 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 Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.

That 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 a 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. ⁹If you have ears, hear!"

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 this age 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."