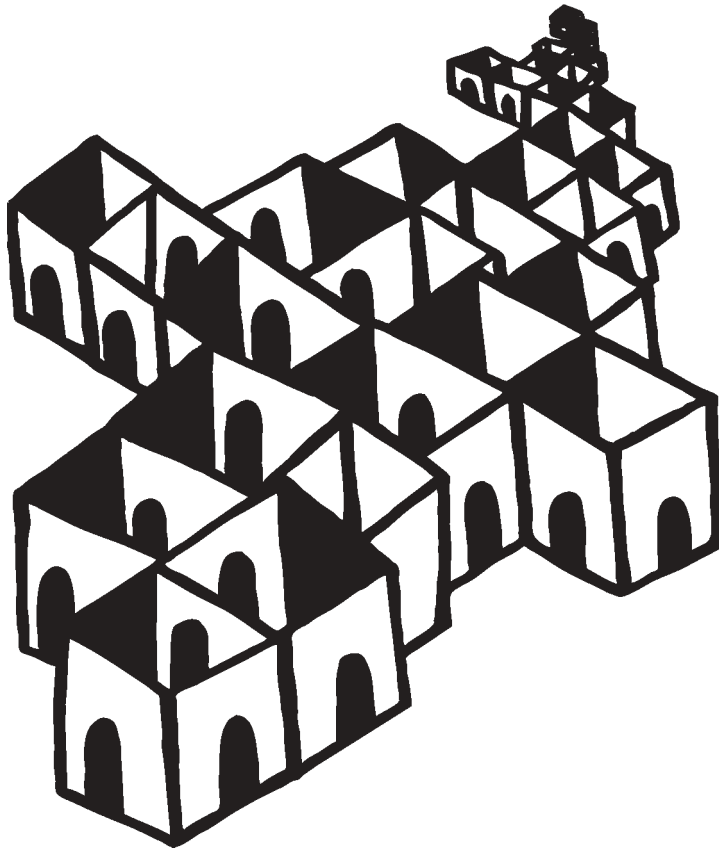


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD  
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,  
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 23, 2005 - 5:30 PM**  
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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The gospel readings for the last Sundays of Easter shift the focus from Christ's presence among the disciples to his care for those who will continue his mission in the world. While the scriptural context is obvious, Christ addresses his contemporary disciples as well. To the community that bears his name he says, You will also do the works that I do. The church keeps Easter's fifty days in order to discern anew its baptismal witness in the world. In our community, at this time, with these gifts, what witness can we offer to the one who is our way, our truth, and our life?*

**April 23, 2005**

**5:30 p.m. Worship**

### **I Am the Way**

On the one hand, the scriptures imagine God as light, life, and truth so bright that we could not look upon it all and live. On the other hand, the scriptures show us Jesus, a real human being who is sometimes tired, thirsty, hungry, angry, and sad. He is also passionate about God's rule of the world and about bringing healing of all kinds to the people he meets.

Imagine a friendship with someone who does not believe in God but who respects your beliefs and wants to hear more about them. Where would you begin? How would you describe a future shaped by justice and life when there is so much injustice and death in the world?

Christians trying to explain their beliefs often find themselves telling stories about Jesus. He healed people, sometimes even when they didn't ask for help. He called a tax collector out of a tree and invited himself to dinner at the tax collector's house! He made powerful people angry; he lifted up the lowly. He was faithful to such things even when it cost him his life, so he knew about injustice and death from the inside. In the end, God did not abandon him but raised him up to life again. As Christians tell stories like these, it becomes clear that Jesus is the way God has made God's own self known to us.

Ask a Christian what they believe about God, and sooner or later they will probably begin to tell you things they know about Jesus. That is just how we think. Jesus has made God known (John 1:18). He is the way we know God. He is the truth of God's passionate, healing connection to the world. He is the life, God's "No!" to destruction and corruption in every form and God's "Yes!" to all that God has made.

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\*\* Stand if you are able.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Pastor Prochaska

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, who chose us in Christ. Let us come to the fountain of mercy.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Almighty God,

**in raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin and death.**

**Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection.**

**Grant us the radiant power of your grace. Forgive us, heal us, and renew us, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING

\*\* HYMN 561 LBW (green hymnal)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

### 1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

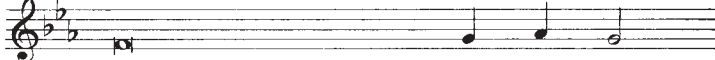
#### Procession

*Leader:*



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*

and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*

and shine within your peo-ple here. —

### Evening Hymn

*All: a tempo*

1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
 free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
 on to end - less day. \_\_\_\_\_

**Evening Thanksgiving**



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**PRAYER (sung)**

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

**Amen.**

**\*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# WORD

## PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

*All:*

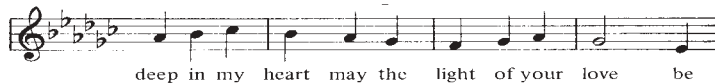
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my  
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

*Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):*

O God, I call to you, come to me  
now; O hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise  
up like in cense be - fore you, the  
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to




you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



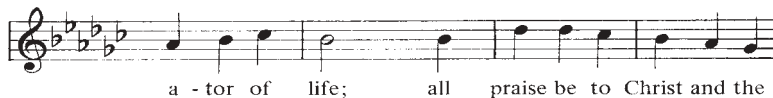
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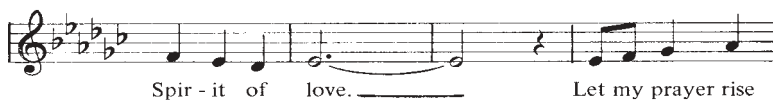
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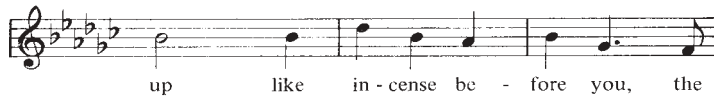
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



## FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

## PSALM (spoken)

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

**<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving kindness save me."

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

## \*\* GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; John 14:6)

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

## SERMON

Pastor Prochaska

\*\* HYMN 294 (green hymnal)

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

\*\* THE PRAYERS (spoken)

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.*

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

With heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who conquered death to give us eternal life and joy, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*\* PEACE (sharing together the Peace of the Lord.)

## MEAL

### OFFERTORY

(Please place your offering in the offering basket located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

\*\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your green hymnal.)

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 him thanks and praise.**

Pastor Prays...

\*\* LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)

Let us pray.

**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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Communicant may say **Amen**.

### \*\* COMMUNION BLESSING (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **Amen**.

### \*\* FINAL BLESSING (sung)

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is for the Leader and All, the second for the Presider, and the remaining four staves are for the All. The lyrics are: "Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you, May God, Cre- a- tor bless us and keep us, may Christ be ev- er light for our lives, may the Spir- it of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days, A- men."

### \*\* HYMN 556 LBW (green hymnal)

*Let All Things Now Living*

## POSTLUDE

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## **This week's festival and commemorations**

Monday, April 25

### **St. Mark, Evangelist**

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Friday, April 29

### **Catherine of Siena, teacher, died 1380**

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

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***O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER***

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For  
The people and friends of Good Shepherd  
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania  
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago  
Bishop Callon W. Holloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus  
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa  
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

**GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR**

The family of Milan Filcik, who passed away April 18, services will be here at Good Shepherd on April 25 at 10 am	Ted, who has breathing problems
The family of Naomi Oehrtman, who passed away on April 19, services were held here on April 23	Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's daughter), who is having twins & having problems with the pregnancy
Hazel Reel	Roger Faris, had a serious heart attack
Ruth Lackey	Martha
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	Carleen
Darren	Katrina
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Jacob Black
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Connie
Sharon, who has cancer	Angie, who has Hodgkin's disease
Mary Campbell, co-worker of Paula Bennett, on her daughter's hospitalization	Nate Baker, guidance in his job search after receiving a Master's degree
Alistair Jacques, colleague of Rob Blackburn, whose is hospitalized	Glenn Boggs
Jay, who has cancer	John & Pam Zambenini
John O'Neal	Ron Hershey, home after surgery
Randy Wright	Kristine
Jerry, who has cancer	Becky Shonle, a young mother with brain cancer
Monica Benbow & her family	Helen, who has cancer
Randy Wright & his family	Sally, who has Parkinson's Disease
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Terry
Dick Krewson, Maxine Yike's cousin, who is hospitalized with pneumonia and a heart attack	Jacob
Sally	Donna
Sharon	Roberta
Mary	Kristen, who will have surgery
Ernie	Becky, who has a brain tumor
Lila	Elise Marie Calcutta, baptized April 17, 2005
Betty, who has cancer	Emily Winkler & Brian Purdin, to be married April 23, 2005
	George & Phyl Stahl, illnesses

**April 24, 2005 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Prayers Received April 17, 2005 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer  
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at [prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com](mailto:prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com)