

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



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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2005 - 8:30 AM

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“Holy Father, protect them in your name . . . so that they may be one” (John 17:11). With these words, Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples in every age, for their life, and for their mission in the world. Throughout these last days of Easter leading to Pentecost, we could readily pray these words: Holy Father, protect us in your name so that we may be one. In the midst of much economic, ethnic, and cultural diversity, there is ample room for letting what is distinctive about us become divisive. Yet, as Christians, our deepest identity is discovered in baptism, proclaimed in the word, and nourished in the holy supper: we are one people who struggle for the unity that God intends for the entire human family.

May 8, 2005

8:30 am Worship

A Prayer for Unity

When Jesus asks the Father to give his little band of followers what they need to “be one, as we are one,” he is asking that those who bear his name may be enriched both in terms of bonding among themselves and bridging to others. It is a prayer we can echo today.

What sociologists call “bonding capital” is the good feeling or camaraderie that is created among people who have a task, an interest, or a heritage in common. It is what we have when we say we feel a special bond with people who are like us or have shared life experiences like ours.

“Bridging capital” is what makes it possible to connect with people who are different from us in one way or another. We bridge to a new hire on the job, to the new kid in our class, or to a visitor to our congregation. When we make a connection across differences, we are creating the bridging kind of social capital.

In our prayer for unity, we pray for bonding: may God grant that we will know a deepening sense of community with those who join us at the Lord’s table. “Unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food” (*LBW*, post-communion prayer).

We pray for this bonding, and for more. In order to draw us into the very relationship he had with God, Jesus had to bridge to us. Following him, we pray not just for bonding with those near to us, but for the courage and the wisdom to bridge to others as well. May God grant that as we meet people different from us, we may recognize them as brothers and sisters of the one who gave us all “power to become the children of God” (John 1:12). May we all be one.

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** Stand if you are able.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

by David Haas

PRELUDE

GATHERING

** **HYMN** 767 WOV (blue hymnal)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

** **WELCOME / SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor Prochaska

** **GREETING** (spoken)

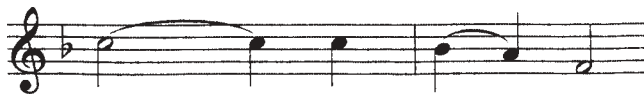
The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

** **KYRIE** (sung)

Assistant: Gathered in peace, gathered in peace, we pray to the Lord...

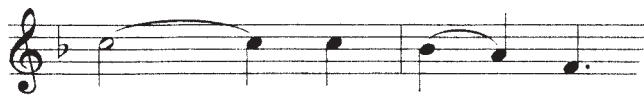
Lord, have Mercy.



☐ Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For peace from above, and for the saving power of God, let us pray.

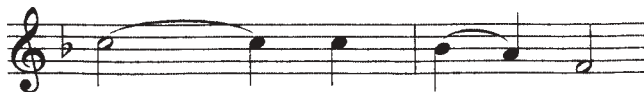
Christ, have Mercy.



☐ Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For peace in the world, for the Church, for the unity of all, let us pray.

Lord, have Mercy.



☐ Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Assistant: For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray.
Christ, have Mercy.

Christ, have mer - cy. A - men.

** THIS IS THE FEAST (sung)

Refrain

This is the feast! Come and cel - e - brate the
vic - t'ry for our God! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! This is the feast!

Verse 1

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb once slain, whose
blood was shed to give free - dom for all. Pow - er and
rich - es, wis - dom and strength,

To Refrain
hon-or and bless-ing; come give glo-ry to Christ! Yes,

Verse 2
2. Sing out with joy, all peo-ple of God!

Join in the song of cre - a - tion! Bless-ing and

hon - or, glo - ry and might to

To Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er more! Yes,

Verse 3
I + II 3. This is the feast for praise and re - joic - ing,

for the Lamb, the one who was slain, will come

forth now and be - gin God's reign!

To Refrain
Sing all you peo - ple, sing Al-le-lu-ia! Yes,

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Green / Gold Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

PSALM (spoken)

Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

**²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

**⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the
heavens;**

YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

**⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

**⁸the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**¹⁰Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
**³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
³⁵Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
**³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places,
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 613 WOV (blue hymnal)

Celtic Alleluia

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:15-21

SERMON

We Can't Do It Ourselves--We Need One Another Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN** 370 LBW (green hymnal)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**** THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

OFFERTORY

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

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 God thanks and praise.

**** PROPER PREFACE** (spoken by the Pastor)

It is indeed right and good... 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

**** COMMUNION PRAYER** Holy God, holy and living One... we sing the mystery of our faith.



☐ Christ has died. Christ
is ris - en. Christ will come,
Christ will come a - gain.

Send your Holy Spirit... now and forever.

A - men, A - men,
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men,
 *A - men.
 A - men!

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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion, shared around the altar.

LAMB OF GOD (sung as communion assistants come forward) (congregation seated)

Cantor/Choir All
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us.
Cantor/Choir All
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

18 (purple songbook)

121 (purple songbook)

*Bind Us Together
Seed, Scattered and Sown*

** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of Word and Sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

** BLESSING (spoken)

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, + restore, support, and strengthen you through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

** HYMN 369 LBW (green hymnal)

The Church is One Foundation

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This Week's Commerations

Sunday, May 8

Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritius was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

Saturday, May 14

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

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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. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

HOSPITALIZED

Carol Brayton, at Kettering Memorial

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Hazel Reel	Becky, who has a brain tumor
Ruth Lackey	Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer
Darren	Mary Jo Coleman, who died 4/25
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Howard, who has cancer
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Stacey
Sharon, who has cancer	Judy, who will have surgery on Tuesday
Randy Wright & his family	Lynn
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Ellie
Dick Krewson, Maxine Yike's cousin, who is hospitalized with pneumonia and a heart attack	Reese
Betty, who has cancer	Marsha, who has breast cancer
Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's daughter), who is having twins & having problems with the pregnancy	Mary Cilley, Paula Bennett's mother
Roger Faris, had a serious heart attack	Miranda
	Marshall
	Becky Anderson, baby due on Tuesday

May 8, 2005 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Prayers Received May 1, 2005 – The Sixth 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