

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 7, 2005 - 5:30 PM**  
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## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“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 7, 2005**

**5:30 p.m. 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.

## 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 767 WOV (blue hymnal)

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

### 1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

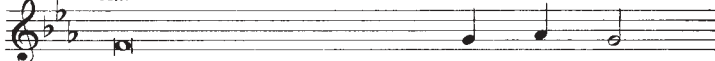
#### Procession

*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 almost over.

*Leader:*

Let your light scatter the darkness,

*All:*

and shine within your people 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

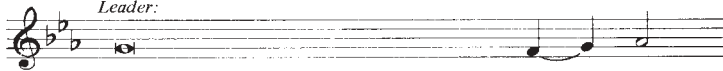


light our hearts a - new.  
 free and make us whole.  
 on to end - less day.

**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.

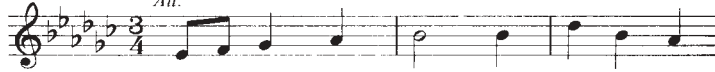
Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# WORD

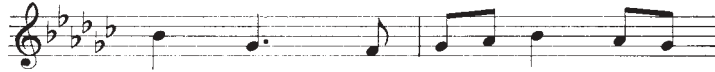
## PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

*All:*



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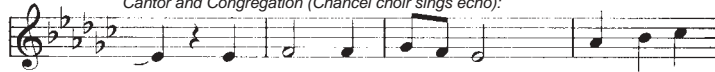


fore you, the lift-ing up of my



hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

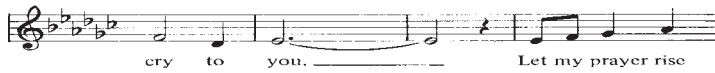
*Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):*



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



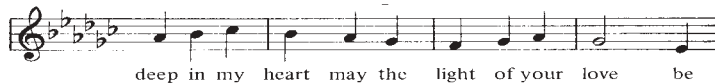
up like in cense be - fore you, the



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



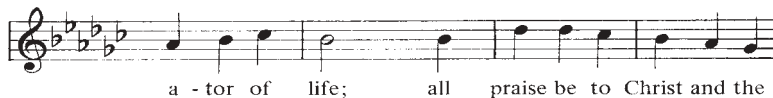
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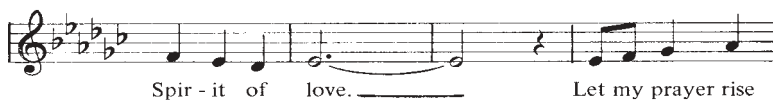
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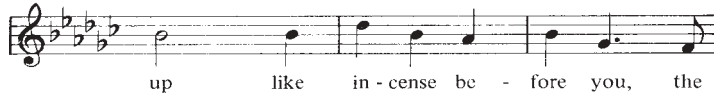
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



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



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



## FIRST READING

Acts 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.

**<sup>2</sup>Let 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.**

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

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the  
heavens;  
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!

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

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

**<sup>8</sup>the 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.**

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

**<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>33</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

**<sup>34</sup>He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

<sup>35</sup>Ascribe power to God;  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**<sup>36</sup>How wonderful is God in his holy places,  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

## SECOND READING

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

**\*\* GOSPEL VERSE** (spoken)

**Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. Alleluia.** (Rom. 6:9; John 14:18)

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 17:1-11**

## SERMON

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

Pastor Prochaska

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

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

## HOLY BAPTISM

 (insert)

**\*\* 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 notation is presented in two systems. The first system is for the Leader and All. The Leader part is in 2/4 time and consists of four measures: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The All part is in 2/4 time and consists of four measures: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics are: "Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you." The second system is for the Presider. It is in 4/4 time and consists of four measures: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics are: "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.

*All.*  
 A - - - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat). The first three staves are vocal lines with lyrics. The first staff: 'Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the'. The second staff: 'Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for'. The third staff: 'all of our days.' followed by a long horizontal line. The fourth staff is an instrumental line starting with a dynamic marking of *All.* and a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics 'A - - - - - men.' are written below the staff.

\*\* HYMN 369 LBW (green hymnal)

*The Church's One Foundation*

**POSTLUDE**

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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](mailto:prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com)