

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



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**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**MAY 29, 2005 - 8:30 AM**

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The second half of the church's year, spanning the months from June through November, focuses upon the church's growing and building. The gospel readings flow more or less continuously from Matthew's gospel. During the summer months, we also read from the letter to the Romans. Today's readings invite us to a solid foundation for the building up of the church and of Christians: the rock of Jesus' words, the ground of faith. No flood can float away and no wind can blow down the house that is founded on this rock.*

**May 29, 2005**

**8:30 am Worship**

### **Built on Rock**

"You know you're a parent if . . ." Perhaps you have seen or heard a piece of humor with a similar construction. Often these are general, stereotypical, tell-tale traits of a particular demographic group or profession, or fans of a certain band, team, or even food. Checklists, even humorous ones, help us to locate ourselves in a disordered and fragmented world.

For us, a checklist of the characteristics of a "good Christian" might be more useful than humorous. We want some way to tell if we're getting it right, a way to evaluate how we're doing in our lives of faith.

The answer, as always, lies in the word of God as recorded in scripture. Jesus tells us that those who hear his words and act on them are like the wise person who builds on solid rock. A firm foundation of faith will help us to meet the most difficult challenges with the assurance that God is with us.

God comes to us through the word. As we worship together, God speaks to us through the reading of scripture, the sermon, the hymns, and through the holy meal we share. God speaks to those who make devotion and prayer a part of their daily lives. God speaks to us through the people we encounter every day. We have a responsibility to take advantage of these opportunities to listen to what God is saying so that we might better understand how we are to live in the world.

We have many examples in scripture of people who heard God's word and acted on it. We, too, must act on the word we hear and sing and taste today. Jesus invites us to seek his guidance in the word and in prayer, always remembering that what we learn is only useful to the extent that we act on it. When we do, we are assured that, with Jesus as our rock, our actions have a solid foundation.

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\*\* Stand if you are able.

***With One Voice***  
**Holy Communion**  
*Bread of Life, Setting 5*

**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.**

Let us seek the face of God, confessing our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Holy God,

**we have sinned against you and each other. We pray for your forgiveness and healing. The good we want to do, we often fail to do. The evil we do not want, we find ourselves doing. Deliver us, O God, save us from shame, and guide us in your way. Amen.**

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and God raised him up from death so that we too might walk in newness of life. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through + Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

\*\* **HYMN** 499 LBW (green hymnal)

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*\* **GREETING** (spoken)

The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*\* KYRIE (sung)**



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      ☒ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**\*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.  
Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GATHERING OF PRAYERS / BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Collecting of Green / Gold Cards

Pastor Prochaska

**WORD**

**READING**  
The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

**Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28**

**READING**  
The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

**Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28 [29-31]**

**\*\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 52** (purple songbook)

*Good Soil*

**\*\* HOLY GOSPEL**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Matthew 7:21-29**

**SERMON**                      Grace To Do God's Will

Pastor Prochaska

**\*\* HYMN**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am found; Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And  
grace my fears relieved; How precious did that  
grace appear The hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I  
have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me; His  
Word my hope secures; He will my shield and  
portion be As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright  
shining as the sun, We've no less days to  
sing God's praise Than when we first begun.*

**\*\* APOSTLES' CREED (spoken)**

Let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

**\*\* THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

Gathered, enlightened, and empowered to serve, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all people seeking God's mercy and care.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, holy God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*\* PEACE** (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*(The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.)*

**\*\* OFFERTORY HYMN** (sung)



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

**\*\* OFFERTORY PRAYER (spoken)**

Let us pray.

God of sun and rain, farm and flower,

**we praise you for your wonderful creation and your all-sustaining care.**

**Receive these tokens of our gratitude, and may our lives reflect the goodness and love shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*\* 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Pastor continues with the proper preface... join their ending 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.

Pastor continues to pray... both now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a -  
 men, a - men, a - men.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

**LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

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.

**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.*

**COMMUNION SONGS**

121 (purple songbook)

*Seed Scattered and Sown*

111 (purple songbook)

*One Bread One Body*

**COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

Cultivate and nourish us, O God, that we may be good soil. Let the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament, planted within us now, bring forth rich and beautiful fruit for the life of the world. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

**TEMPLE TALK**

Synod Delegates

\*\* **BLESSING** (spoken)

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\*\* **HYMN** 332 LBW (green hymnal)

*Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*

**SENDING** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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**

Randy Wright, a friend of Scott Bieller's, at Kettering  
Carol Brayton, at Sycamore Hospital

**GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR**

Hazel Reel	Bob Hoffman, who has colon cancer
Ruth Lackey	Our Confirmands: Diamond Smelser, Danny Burrall, Brandon Strohminger, & Ben Thieman
Phil Glover	Ann Moss
Morgan	Donald & Ann
Kathy Seim, having a biopsy on Weds.	Steve Kiser
Darren	Jean
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Kim Bauser, graduating from Centre College
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Sally & Glen
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Dudley Loomis
Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's daughter), who is having twins & having problems with the pregnancy	Lynn Stutrud
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	Janice, Jim, & Bobbie, on the death of their father

**May 29, 2005 – The Second Sunday After Pentecost  
Prayers Received May 22, 2005 – The Holy Trinity**

**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)