

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



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 7]

JUNE 19, 2005 - 8:30 AM

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In today's gospel reading, Jesus gives a brief teaching on the nature of discipleship: do not be afraid, for I am with you; tell others what you hear me say; give your life to the good news and you will discover the riches of life.

This teaching appears simple, yet it is spoken in an anxious and troubled world where it is easier to be fearful than courageous and more common to look out for oneself than to care for the neighbor in need.

June 19, 2005

8:30 am Worship

No Fear

Fear can be paralyzing. It can keep us from daring to do the things we know we should. In fact, as we grow older, most of us learn to avoid situations where we might be forced to face our fears. If we have a fear of heights, we probably stay away from ladders and balconies. If we suffer from claustrophobia, we probably avoid tiny elevators. If we get tongue-tied at parties, we probably make our social plans with a few close friends. Except for those who suffer from extreme anxiety, most of us can live happy, productive lives while avoiding our fears.

As Christians, we don't have the luxury of avoiding all our fears. Jesus repeatedly tells us that following him is going to lead us into some difficult situations. Following Jesus does not grant immunity from these challenges and in some cases is even the reason for the trials we face. Knowing that Jesus' path led him to insult, betrayal and death, we, and the disciples, can be forgiven for being a bit afraid of what lies ahead. But we mustn't be paralyzed by our fear, or try to avoid it. The mission to spread the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ is too important for us to remain passive, hoping that someone else will carry that cross for us. The God who knows every hair of our heads empowers each of us to share what we know about the God whose care for us embraces every aspect of our lives.

Jesus urges us not to succumb to our fears but to fulfill God's purpose. We can be confident that God watches over even the minutest details of our lives, and gives us the strength to face our fears so that others may also come to know this awesome God.

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** Stand if you are able.

Bread of Life, Setting 5

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord: “for I am God and there is no other.”

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Have we confessed Christ boldly, faithfully? Or have we been afraid?

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Saving Lord,

We confess to you our sins of thought, word, and deed, our woeful inadequacy. We are afraid of those who oppose your will. We doubt the promise of your strong and consistent care. Without your help, we perish.

Therefore, we implore your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son.

Forgive us our sin and empower us for faithful witness. Turn us, that we may be saved

Our Lord Jesus Christ values us highly; he urges us not to be afraid. For the sake of his suffering and death, your sins are forgiven. You are saved. **Amen.**

GATHERING

** HYMN 514 LBW (green hymnal)

O Savior, Precious Savior

** GREETING (spoken)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy 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:

**** HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)**



ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

Let us pray.

You have empowered us, O God --

empowered us with your Word.

Remind us of that, O God. Remind us that it is your WORD that in us. Remind us that it is POWERFUL.

For this world's storms rage around us. This world's prince threatens us.

Remind us that it is your WORD that is in us. Remind us that it is POWERFUL.

For a "word" sees a flimsy defense.

But it is OUR word.

Take away our fear, O God--the fear of being your servants...the fear of being your representatives.

Remind us that it is your WORD that is in us.

Remind us that it IS POWERFUL.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

and forever. Amen.

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF SPECIAL PRAYERS OF CONCERNS & JOYS

(Ushers will collect gold / green cards -- pass to the center aisle)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jana Bostelman

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah's message of doom earns him only contempt and persecution. Having been beaten, placed in stocks, and then released by Pashur, one of the temple priests, Jeremiah cries out in heart-wrenching lament. Nevertheless, the prophet remains confident of God's care and concludes with resounding praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans.

In the first part of his letter to the Romans, Paul says that God sent Christ to die for us while we were sinners and so, by grace, accepts us through baptism just as we are. Now, he clarifies that baptism also brings freedom from the slavery of sin and the possibility of beginning a new life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Celtic Alleluia

** **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Moved by compassion for the crowds, Jesus has commissioned his twelve disciples to continue his work of preaching and healing. Now he warns them that their ministry will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and unswerving commitment to their Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN 106 (purple songbook)

Now We Remain

SERMON

Quality of Faith

Pastor Prochaska

** **LITANY** (spoken)

In public places, we secretly fold our hands and whisper a prayer.

But Christ asks us to do more.

As we lie in bed at night, we quietly mumble our petitions to God.

But Christ asks us to do more.

At the dinner table, we quickly speak common table prayers with our family and friends.

But Christ asks us to do more.

In public places, Christ wants us to proclaim our faith in word and deed.

Turn our whispers into proclamations.

In the darkness of this world, Christ wants us to shine with his light.

Help Us to tell in the light that you are the Light, O Lord.

In our homes, Christ wants us to share fully with family and friends what he means to us.

May we, O Lord, display in our lives what we profess with our lips.

** **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (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.***

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

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

** PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

You have freed us, O gracious Father--

freed us from sin's grip, from death's threats, from the devil's hollow words.

You have freed us, O gracious Father--

freed us to serve.

Make us fearless servants. Through 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.

** DIALOG AND THANKSGIVING:



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



☩ A - men, a - men, a -



men, a - men, a - men.

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

Empowered by the Spirit, we 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.

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 SONG

702 WOV (blue hymnal)

709 WOV (blue hymnal)

*I Am the Bread of Life
Eat this Bread*

**** COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

Filled with your body, O Christ, filled with your blood,

there is no room in us for fear.

Empower us by this gift of life.

Empower us to serve you. Make us faithful to the end.

You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING

**** BLESSING** (spoken)

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. **Amen.**

**** HYMN** 500 LBW (green hymnal)

Faith of our Fathers

SENDING (spoken)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

This Week's Commemorations

Tuesday, June 21

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Galla and returned to preach there.

Friday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Saturday, June 25

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Melancthon was professor of Greek at Wittenberg University, and became friend and coworker of Martin Luther. He was famous for his intellectual powers. He wrote the Augsburg Confession, the centerpiece of the Lutheran confessions, and it was presented to the Emperor on this date.

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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

Lynn Stutrud, at Grandview Hospital
Carol Brayton, at Sycamore Hospital

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Hazel Reel	Andy
Ruth Lackey	The ministry of VBS that will take place beginning Weds.
Morgan	Evening at GSLC
Darren	Dottie
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Danielle Kosanovich, who will begin a mission trip to Sri
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Lanka at the end of June
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Duane Tackis, as he travels to New York
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	Jax
Bob Hoffman, who has colon cancer	Ernie, who has throat cancer
Ann Moss	The ministry of The Gospel in Our Culture Network
Donald & Ann	Dottie
Steve Kiser	Sue Shaeffer
Jean	The Zimmer family on Bob's death
Roberta	The family of Jackie Fox, who died of cancer
Beth	Amy
Connie Foster	Barbara
Kendall & Ron	Jeannie, who has cancer
Joe	Kim Lange, Candice Benton, and Nikki Murdock, as they
Jay	travel overseas
	Beth Spencer, who has lung cancer

**June 19, 2005 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 7]
Prayers Received June 12, 2005 – Fourth After Pentecost [Proper 6]**

**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