

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



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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 8]
JUNE 26, 2005 - 8:30 AM
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Without God's loving presence, we are like a parched and waterless land. In the waters of baptism, Christ becomes our life-giving spring, quenching our thirst and pouring God's love into our hearts. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. Our baptism leads us to hear Jesus' words as words concerning our baptismal mission to serve the little ones of this world—with a gesture as simple as offering a cup of cold water.

June 26, 2005

8:30 am Worship

Welcoming Christ

Worship, and any other time that Christians gather, is a great time to practice our welcoming skills. We can welcome newcomers, “old timers,” children, and those recovering from illness. We hope we also will be welcomed by others.

Of course, God does not want us to keep all the welcoming inside the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. Our loving actions toward others are signs of God's welcome in daily life. We pray, too, that we will be welcomed by those with whom we share the good news of God's love. Jesus tells us that those who welcome us welcome him. That is, for the people we meet, we are the representatives of Jesus. What a privilege to bring Jesus into the lives of those who don't know him.

To know Jesus, it is not necessary to have lived two thousand years ago and to have personally witnessed Jesus' teaching and healing. The community of faith, gathered around word and sacrament, are Christ's representatives in this time and place. So we need to be mindful of what our words and deeds tell others about the God we worship. The smallest gesture of welcome, even a cup of cold water for those who thirst, can plant the seed that leads another person to Christ.

Keep in mind that God doesn't reach out solely through good church people, the powerful, eloquent, or well-educated. Just as Jesus came to earth in the lowliest of circumstances, the least likely individuals can bring the gift of God's love to those who seemingly have every earthly advantage.

So how are we to respond to this dual charge to welcome and be welcomed? We must seize opportunities to share God's love with others. We must also be ready to welcome the presence of Christ when he greets us in the face of another.

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** Stand if you are able.

Bread of Life, Setting 5

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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** 715 WOV (blue hymnal) *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*
Congregation and Jim Rempe, clarinet

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

Let us pray.

Faithful God, your love stands from generation to generation, your mercy is abundant. Give us open and understanding hearts, that have heard your Word. We seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF SPECIAL PRAYERS OF CONCERNS & JOYS

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

The prophets Hananiah and Jeremiah were at odds not simply because of their differing views of upcoming events. Hananiah announces peace and restoration within two years; Jeremiah sees the path to peace as one that requires repentance—recognition of one's sins and reliance on God's forgiveness. Jeremiah knows that when Hananiah's comforting prediction does not come true, all will know that Hananiah has not been sent by God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans.

Paul has told the Roman Christians that in baptism they were not only made right with God through grace, but were also made free from the slavery of sin. Thus, he now claims that those who are accepted by God as sinners may also be used by God for righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN 487 LBW (green hymnal)

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

SERMON

A Welcoming Message

Pastor Prochaska

**** LITANY** (spoken)

So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are different from us. Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us to welcome people from every nation and land.

So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are sick or injured or hard to handle. Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us to welcome all those who need our care.

So often, O Lord, we close the door on those who are speaking the truth about our lives. Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us to welcome those who are serving as your prophets to us, in our time.

So often, O Lord, we close the door on the young and innocent. Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us to welcome all the children you have placed into our lives.

So often, O Lord, we close the door on the very people whom you love the most.

Help us, with open arms, to welcome all those you love. Amen.

**** 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.

The summer sun shines, O Father --

warming us in these bright months... feeding us all the year long.

You have poured upon us your benevolence, O Father.

Accept these signs of our appreciation.

Teach us to be as generous as you. 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

140 (purple songbook)

152 (purple songbook)

*There is a Redeemer
We Remember You*

**** COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

You poured yourself out for us, O Christ--
emptying yourself that we may be filled.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O Christ,

that we might be made willing to empty ourselves for others.

We bless you now and evermore.

Amen.

SENDING

**** BLESSING** (spoken)

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

**** HYMN** 175 LBW (green hymnal)

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

SENDING (spoken)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

This Week's Commemorations

Tuesday, June 28

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Wednesday, June 29

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Thursday, June 30

Johan Olof Wallin, Archbishop of Uppsala, hymnwriter, died 1839

Though he was a leader of the Swedish church in his time, and archbishop of Uppsala, Wallin is better known as a writer of hundreds of hymns, some of which are still sung today both in Sweden and in the U.S. and Canada.

Friday, July 1

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymnwriters

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

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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 Sycamore Hospital

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Hazel Reel	Charles
Ruth Lackey	Bob Kemper
Morgan	Uncle Ted
Darren	Ersula
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Lynn Stutrud
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Lowell Overvold, a former member, who has throat cancer
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	The family of Tom Barnes, Shelia Stutrud's cousin, on his death
Roberta	John
Dottie	Leonard
Danielle Kosanovich, who begins a mission trip to Sri Lanka	Herman Bergstedt, home from the hospital
Sue Shaeffer	Brian Wick, son of Mary Hutcheson (a former member) recently diagnosed with bone cancer
Kim Lange, Candice Benton, and Nikki Murdock, as they travel overseas	Thanksgiving for a successful VBS week
The family of Lois Lane, on her death	Barbara Swingen recovering from cancer surgery at the Mayo Clinic
Marie & Sue	Bridget & Matt Quattrucci on the loss of their unborn twin, Amity, continue to pray for her identical twin, Maggie, and the rest of the family, as she fights to survive
Angie Green	Rob, Amy, Nicole, & Nathan Blackburn, as they relocate to Knoxville
The family of Tim Bieller, brother of Scott Bieller, on his death	
Betty Louise	
CaLynn	
Fransis Underwood	
Carol Haroldson	

**June 26, 2005 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 8]
Prayers Received June 19, 2005 – Fifth After Pentecost [Proper 7]**

**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