

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



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**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 9]**

**SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2005 - 5:30 PM**

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 9]

*Jesus chose to be with people who believed that they were excluded from God's mercy and love: those who were poor, sick, dying, or in emotional or mental distress. Where many religious people saw only the sinful shadows in these people, Jesus recognized their need for the transforming power of mercy, forgiveness, and healing. To them he said: Come to me and find rest.*

*Today he comes to us in the waters of healing, in the word of mercy, in the meal of forgiveness. And he asks the church to bring these good gifts—signs of the Spirit's presence—into daily life.*

**Saturday, July 2, 2005**

**5:30 p.m. Worship**

### **Holy Rest**

Nothing feels better after a long hard day than finding a quiet place and getting a few moments of rest. Unfortunately, rest is becoming increasingly elusive for us these days. Family commitments, jobs (sometimes more than one), home maintenance, volunteer work, travel, and community involvement seem to consume every moment of our time and energy. Even recreation is something we squeeze into our hectic schedules. No wonder we're so tired!

Some of us take the same approach to our faith lives. We cram as many testaments to our faith into each week as possible. We worship regularly, serve on several church committees, attend a Bible study, volunteer with the youth group, sing in the choir, and more. Sometimes, especially when we are tired, we can at least comfort ourselves with the knowledge that we are being "good church people."

But is this what Jesus means when he says "Come to me" and "Take my yoke upon you" in today's gospel reading? Is Jesus recommending one more activity to be added to our already overcrowded schedules? Or is Jesus inviting us instead to consider where true rest and peace can be found?

Jesus invites all those who are burdened by their own efforts to create meaning or to prove themselves worthy in the eyes of God or others to entrust themselves to God's gracious care and providing. Jesus invites us into a rest that goes beyond physical refreshment. This is a rest that calms all of our striving and doing, all of our anxious efforts to save ourselves, with the assurance that both our present and our future are secure in God's grace. In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God has taken care of our present and future better than a lifetime of worthy activities and good deeds ever could.

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\*\* Stand if you are able.

## 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 551 LBW (green hymnal)

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

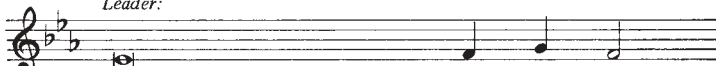
### HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

#### 1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

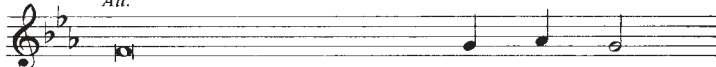
##### Procession

*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**

*Leader:*

*All:*



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

*Leader:*



Let us sing our thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ God,

*All:*



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.

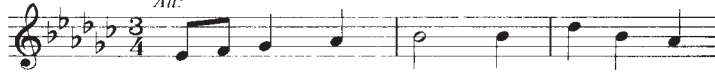
God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# WORD

## PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

*All:*



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.

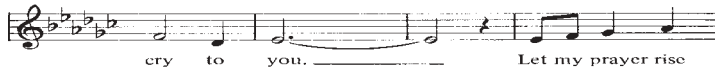
*Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):*



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



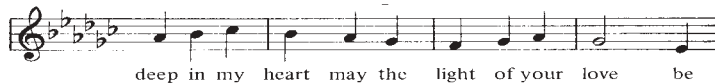
up like in cense be - fore you, the



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



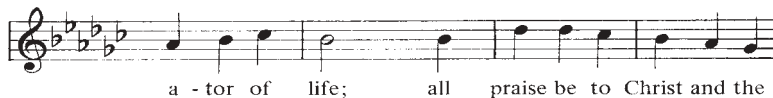
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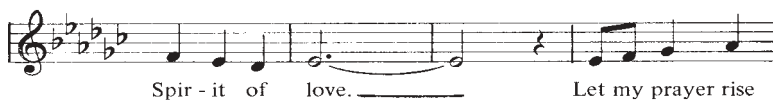
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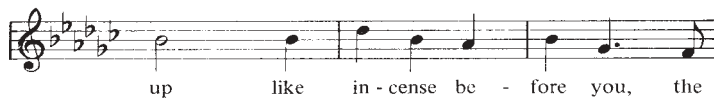
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



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



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



**FIRST READING**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

A reading from Zechariah.

*The period after the Jews had returned from Babylonian exile was a time of extreme crisis. The return was not the glorious event announced by the prophet (Isa. 40—55). Serious social, economic, political, and religious problems confronted the people. They then looked to the future when God would intervene on their behalf.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 6:12-23**

A reading from Romans.

*In his letter to the Romans, Paul argues that we are made right with God through Christ's action rather than through our own works. To illustrate our need for Christ, he offers us a picture of one who tries to do what is right, only to discover good intentions are not enough.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance. Alleluia.** (Luke 8:15)

**\*\* HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In Matthew's gospel, John the Baptist and Jesus are described as having very different approaches to ministry, though they both proclaim the same message of God's kingdom. Here, Jesus chides people who seem to find fault with all preachers as an excuse for ignoring the word of God.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

I Will Give You Rest

Pastor Prochaska

\*\* **HYMN** 306 LBW (green hymnal)

*Chief of Sinners*

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

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.**

\*\* **PEACE**

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

## **MEAL**

**OFFERTORY**

(Please place your offering in the offering basket located on the shelf in the Narthex.  
Thank you.)

\*\* **GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your bulletin.)

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.**

## DIALOG AND THANKSGIVING

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \*\* 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**.

#### BLESSING (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen**.

#### \*\* BLESSING (sung)

The image shows four lines of musical notation for a sung blessing. Each line is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Leader:* Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

*Presider:* 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



**\*\* HYMN**

*America The Beautiful*

**Verse 1**

O beautiful for spacious skies  
 For amber waves of grain  
 For purple mountain majesties  
 Above the fruited plain  
 America America  
 God shed His grace on thee  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea

**Verse 3**

O beautiful for heroes proved  
 In liberating strife  
 Who more than self their country loved  
 And mercy more than life  
 America America  
 May God thy gold refine  
 Till all success be nobleness  
 And every gain divine

**Verse 2**

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
 Whose stern impassioned stress  
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
 Across the wilderness  
 America America  
 God mend thine every flaw  
 Confirm thy soul in self control  
 Thy liberty in law

**Verse 4**

O beautiful for patriot dream  
 That sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam  
 Undimmed by human tears  
 America America  
 God shed His grace on thee  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea

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

**HOSPITALIZED**

Suzanne Shaffer, Kettering Hospital

**GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR**

Hazel Reel	Lynn Stutrud
Ruth Lackey	Lowell Overvold, a former member, who has throat cancer
Morgan	John
Darren	Leonard
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Barbara Swingen recovering from cancer surgery at the Mayo Clinic
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Bridget & Matt Quattrucci on the loss of their unborn twins Amity & Maggie
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	Rob, Amy, Nicole, & Nathan Blackburn, as they relocate to Knoxville
Roberta	H2H students and staff spending a week at Luther Memorial Camp
Dottie	Sue, cousin of Roberta Moore, who died last week
Danielle Kosanovich, on a mission trip to Sri Lanka	Chuck Cole, lung cancer
Sue Shaeffer	Shannon
Kim Lange, Candice Benton, and Nikki Murdock, return from a trip overseas	Amy Anderson
The family of Lois Lane, on her death this past week	Heather Abele
Marie & Sue	Beth, sister of Kathy Seim
Angie Green	Carol Brayton
The family of Tim Bieller, brother of Scott Bieller, on his death	Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer
Fransis Underwood	
Uncle Ted	
Ersula	

**July 3, 2005 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 9]  
Prayers Received June 26, 2005 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 8]**

**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)