

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

# A Day of the Clown

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

**JULY 3, 2005 - 11:00 AM**

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Celebrating the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ, as we listen with our eyes, bring the Word to life and life to the word, without a word!

#### WELCOME

#### GATHERING SONGS

*He Has Made Me Glad*

54 (purple songbook)

*All Are Welcome*

(Marty Haugen)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

CHORUS: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:



## **THE CLOWN**

- ☺...is a vulnerable lover, taking risks
- ☺...means a “clod” (and you know what God did with one)
- ☺...has make-up symbolizing death (white) and resurrection (red), visually reminding us of our baptism
  - ☺...does not equate being reverent with being quiet
  - ☺...holds up mirrors to remind us of our human-ity
- ☺...wonders why people are so solemn about that which they are serious
  - ☺...communicates in concrete terms, rather than abstract
- ☺...is one of the only historic Christian symbols you can incarnate
  - ☺...is glad you are here!

**THE CLOWN IS** . . . Richarto the clown is the Reverend Rick Hartmann, pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Melbourne, Florida. Pastor Hartmann has been involved in clown ministry for over 25 years. Richarto has been privileged to lead worship and conduct workshops in churches across the country, in jails, at conventions, the seminary and homes for the aged. Thousands of clowns participate around the world in working with deaf communication, autistic children, psycho-therapy, mental retardation, and terminally-ill children.