

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



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 10]
JULY 10, 2005 - 8:30 AM
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 10]

For the next three Sundays, the gospel readings present the image of the seed. Though it is very small and seemingly insignificant, the seed contains its entire future; with light and nourishment it will grow and prosper. The seed is a vital image of faith in God, baptism, a congregation's life, the word, and the great paradox at the center of Christian faith: God brings flourishing life out of what appears to be little, dormant, even dead. It is a primary image of faith's central mystery: the dying and rising of Christ. There is ground for hope here.

July 10, 2005

8:30 am Worship

Rooting Hope

Before the seed, so small in our hand and seemingly inconsequential, before the planting, before the watering and the weeding—first comes hope. Planting a seed, even with measured expectation, is an act of hope. To begin we might remember past growing seasons, some disappointing and others bountiful. We might also imagine the harvest this time: envisioning what will be eaten fresh, what produce will be preserved, and who will share our table and abundance. No matter the claims in the catalog or on the package, or how much we've worked and amended the soil in preparation: in sowing seeds we nurture hope before we nurture plants.

Perhaps you have recently harvested hope in the form of flavorful cherry tomatoes or crunchy-tender green beans. Picked from a large garden plot or a pot on the balcony, you have seen the result of enough clement weather, fertile soil, clean water, good seed, and care acting together to produce bounty. Through such daily activities we taste God's grace, and know mercy. God fulfills God's promises—consider the gift of Jesus! Our hope can flourish one hundredfold with God's gracious care.

Today God's word comes to us like provident rain, watering the earth, "making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater" (Is. 55:10). While we listen, God's promises are sown in us. God promises to provide for our earthly needs, to redeem us from sin, and to send us the Holy Spirit. As we hear this good news, may the seed of hope planted in us, watered by baptism in Christ and nurtured in this community of faith, grow vigorously and send down strong roots.

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** Stand if you are able.

SETTING ONE -- LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP

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** 250 LBW (green hymnal)


Open Now the Gates of Beauty

** **GREETING** (spoken)

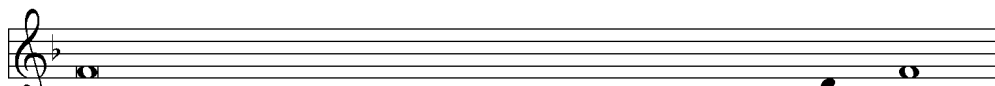
The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

** **KRYIE** (sung)



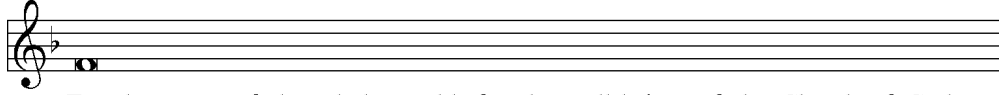
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



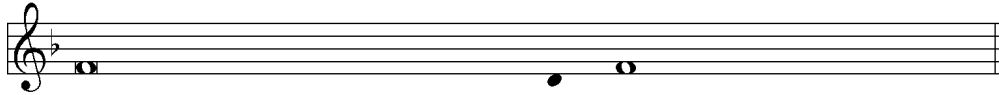
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



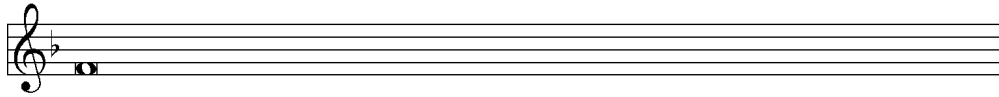
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

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



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C 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.

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.
 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

**** THE SALUTATION (sung)**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / GOLD & GREEN CARDS

Pastor Prochaska

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah.

Preaching to the Babylonian exiles around 540 BC, the prophet announces the good news that the Lord will bring the exiles home. The effectiveness of God's word is a theme that runs through chapters 40—55. What God says, will happen. Moreover, not only will the people return, the Lord will transform their path through the desert into a paradise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG 110 (purple songbook)

On Eagle's Wings

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

A reading from Romans.

Paul has explained that, in spite of good intentions, no human being can ever please God by living in complete obedience to the law. Still, we have been reconciled to God through Christ and introduced to the new life of the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

** ALLELUIA VERSE (sung)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

** HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

How Do You Hear?

Pastor Prochaska

** **HYMN** 52 (purple songbook)

Good Soil

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

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope we 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.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

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

** OFFERTORY HYMN (sung)

Let the Vineyards

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - 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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, 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 (sung)**

② The Lord be with you. ③ And al - so with you.

② Lift up your hearts. ③ We lift them to the Lord.

② Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

③ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

③ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

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.

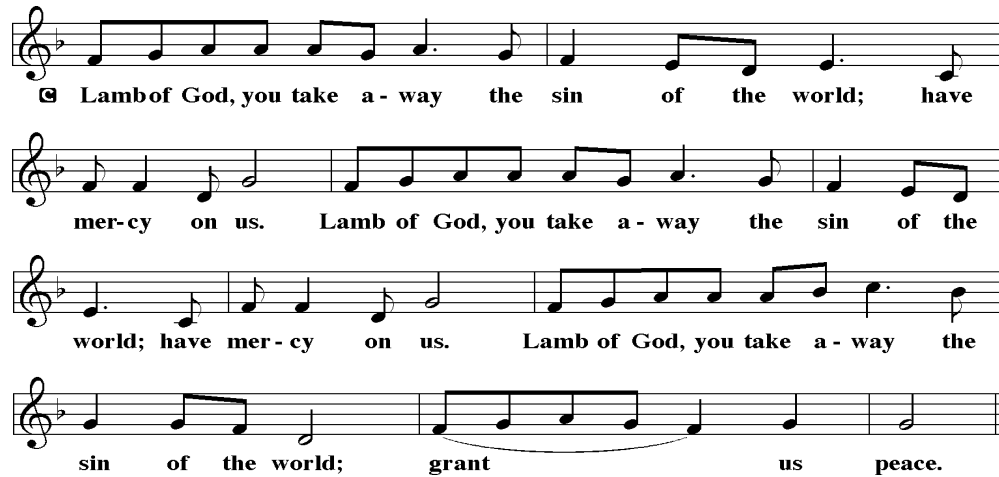
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**** LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)**

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.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

121 (purple songbook)

Seed, scattered and sown

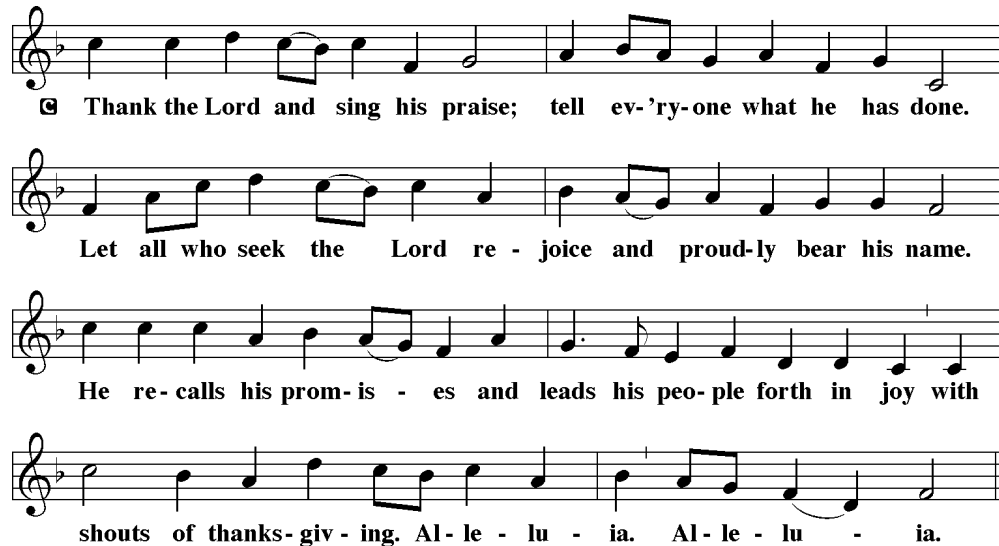
111 (purple songbook)

One bread, one body

**** COMMUNION BLESSING** (spoken)

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

**** POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (sung)



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**** POST-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.

SENDING

**** BLESSING** (sung)

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

**** HYMN 723 WOV** (blue hymnal)

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**** DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

The family of Werner Vollrath, who passed away Wednesday evening	Barbara Swingen
Hazel Reel	Shannon
Ruth Lackey	Beth, sister of Kathy Seim
Darren	Carol Brayton
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Connie, who has cancer
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	Marilyn Pressnell, a broken hip
Roberta	Sue & Laura
Lynn Stutrud	Carol Haroldson
Lowell Overvold, a former member, who has throat cancer	High School Youth & Advisors, who are on a mission trip in Maine

THANKSGIVING FOR

Pastor Rick Hartmann, who shared his "Clown Ministry" on July 3
Ardith Hurst & Bill Hargrave, married on July 9 at Good Shepherd
Cyndey DeVilbiss, married on July 9 at St. Leonard's
Jason Stroud, baptized on July 9 at Good Shepherd

**July 10, 2005 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 10]
Prayers Received July 3, 2005 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 9]**

**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