

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]

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2005 - 5:30 PM

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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.

Saturday, July 9, 2005

5:30 p.m. 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.

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 250 LBW (green hymnal)

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession

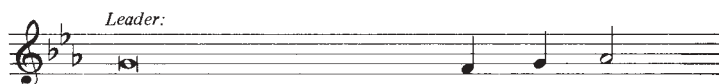
Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

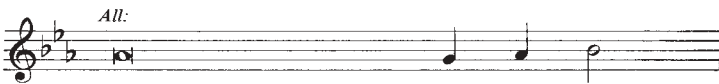
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



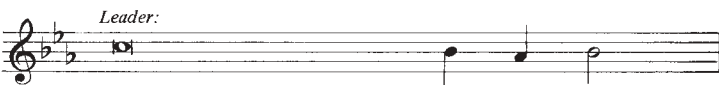
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

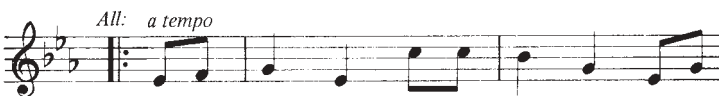
All:



and shine within your peo-ple 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. _____

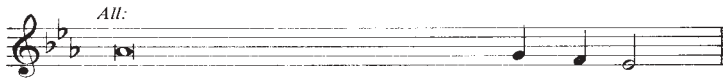
Evening Thanksgiving



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



Let us sing our thanks to _____ God,



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.

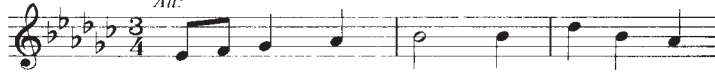
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

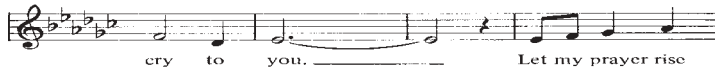
Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



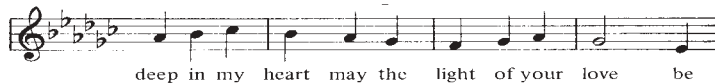
up like in cense be - fore you, the



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



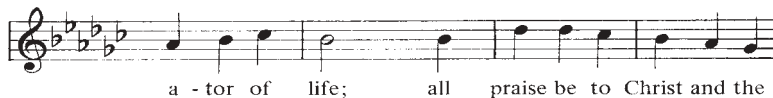
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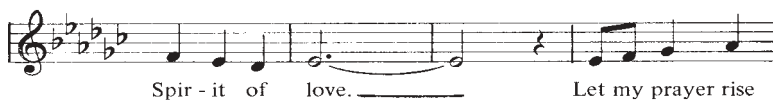
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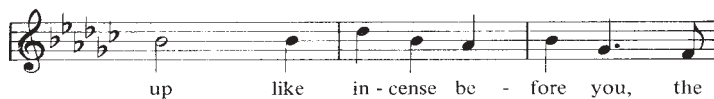
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



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



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



FIRST READING

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.

** **GOSPEL VERSE** (spoken)

Alleluia. The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. Alleluia. (Deut. 30:14)

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Glory 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

How Do You Hear?

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 52** (purple songbook) (sung twice)

Good Soil

HOLY BAPTISM (see insert)

**** 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 blue hymnal.)
 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 musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Leader, in 2/4 time, with the lyrics "Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you." The second staff is for All, in 2/4 time, with the lyrics "praise and thanks to you." The third staff is for the Presider, in 4/4 time, with the lyrics "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
 all of our days.
 All: A - men.

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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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

Werner Vollrath, Kettering Hospital

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

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
Barbara Swingen	

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