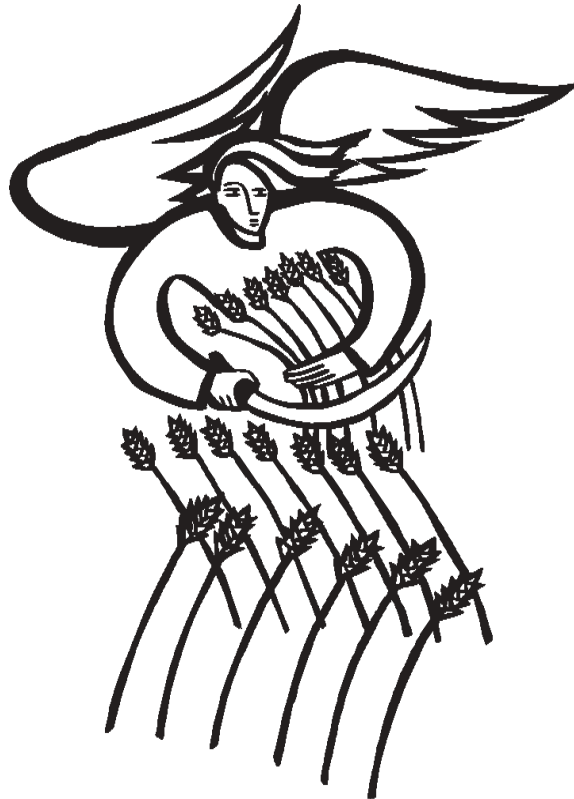


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 11]

JULY 17, 2005 - 8:30 AM

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The parable in today's gospel reading sets forth what we may experience every day: evil coexists with the good. The conclusion to the parable—the weeds will be burned—seems simple, except for this: the one who speaks gives his life over to death, that God's mercy for all people may be revealed, and that God's power to bring good out of evil may be known. Is it possible that even weeds and thorns will be transformed into beautiful flowers and lush vines?

Here is each Christian's mission: to speak and to act with mercy and justice in a world that knows too well the presence of evil.

Today is the commemoration of Bartolomé de Las Casas, a sixteenth-century Spanish missionary in the Western Hemisphere who worked to stop the enslavement of native people.

July 17, 2005

8:30 am Worship

Practicing Patience

Have you recently been exasperated while driving in snarled traffic or waiting in a lengthy line? Do some of the losses that accompany aging frustrate you or someone you love? Are you occasionally short of patience as you parent young children or teenagers? It isn't unusual to feel your reserves of patience are low or, indeed, to feel resentful of the demands life makes on your patience.

Many North Americans live in a world of material abundance. "Stuff" fills our lives even as we are hounded by messages to *consume* more, to *have* more. Without purposefully agreeing to exchange what we hold dear—our time, resources, and good will—for an excess of things of lesser value, we often do just that, unintentionally.

In contrast to the prevailing culture of consumption, God's message comes to us today urging us instead to *be* more. Patience is required for our hope in God to be realized. Like the weeds sown among good seed in the gospel parable, evil does exist in the world. Its omnipresence in the ordinary stuff of life can deplete our patience even when we are trying to resist choosing what is easy, immediate, and everywhere.

Along with day-to-day claims on our patience, spiritual patience can sometimes seem in short supply. Why must we suffer the results of evil in the world, when we pray it should be otherwise? Why does it seem that some prayers go unanswered? Are we too ready to interpret "not now" or "not in this place" as "no" in response to prayers? The one who planted good seed and suffered the weeds models patience. This parable and the experience of everyday life tell us that patience ultimately will be rewarded. And so, as members of the body of Christ, we practice patience, hoping and trusting in God's grace, gathered for all time in God's love.

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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** 548 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 1-5)

Oh, Worship the King

** **GREETING** (spoken)

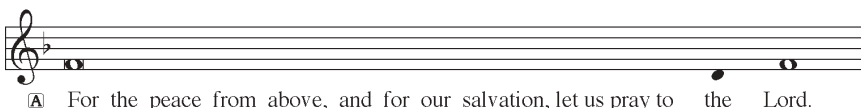
The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

** **KRYIE** (sung)



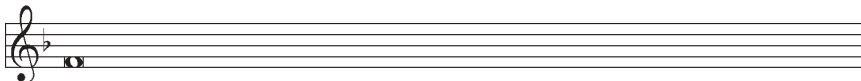
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



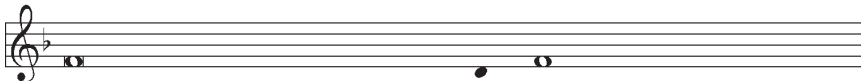
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



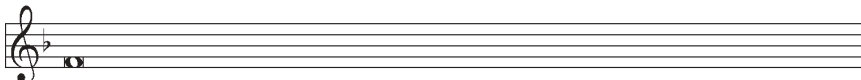
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



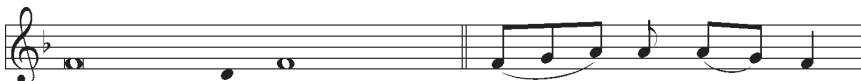
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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



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



☩ 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.

O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOY

Ushers will Collect the Green / Gold Cards

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

Using a dramatic courtroom scene in which God is at once prosecuting attorney, witness, and judge, this prophet of the exile introduces a radical monotheism: the Lord is not one among many gods; the Lord is the only God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

Paul encourages us to experience life as more than just mortal existence, which he calls "life in the flesh." Those who are led by God's Spirit discover a hope that sustains them even in their suffering.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus has just told his disciples the famous parable of the sower, which compares different responses to the word to different kinds of soil in which a seed is planted. Now he tells a second parable about sowing to illustrate the coexistence of good and evil in our world.

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)**

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

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

☑ 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.

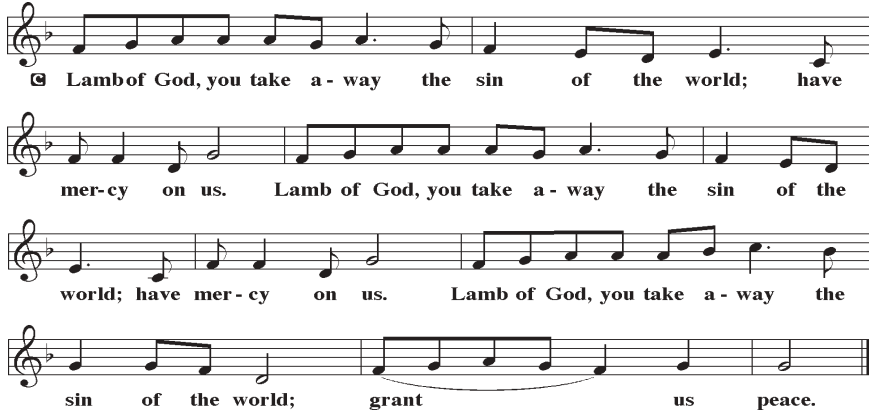
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**** LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)**

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

134 (purple songbook)

121 (purple songbook)

129 (purple songbook)

*That we may be filled
Seed, scattered, and sown
Spirit of the living God*

**** 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 526 LBW (green hymnal)**

Immortal, Invisible, God, Only Wise

**** DISMISSAL (spoken)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
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

Hazel Reel, Miami Valley Hospital

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Ruth Lackey	Carol Haroldson
Darren	Those recovering from Hurricane Dennis
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Lori
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Wanda
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	Mary Jane
Roberta	Dudley
Lynn Stutrud	Haley
Lowell Overvold, a former member, who has throat cancer	Floyd Seim
Barbara Swingen	Sheila Stutrud
Shannon	For the victims & families of the London bombing
Beth, sister of Kathy Seim	Ray
Carol Brayton	Lisa
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Marsha
Connie, who has cancer	Joe
Marilyn Pressnell, a broken hip	Shannon
Sue & Laura	Denise Hurley, recently diagnosed with cancer

THANKSGIVING FOR

High School Youth & Advisors, who have returned from a mission trip in Maine

Remember in prayer the family of Werner Vollrath, who died July 7, and whose funeral was held at Good Shepherd on Tuesday, July 12

July 17, 2005 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 11]
Prayers Received July 10, 2005 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 10]

**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