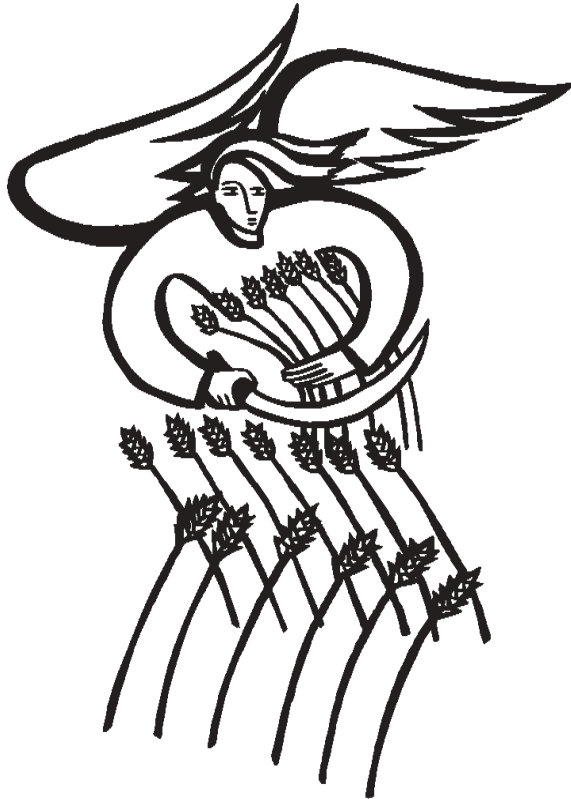


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD  
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,  
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 11]**

**JULY 17, 2005 - 11:00 AM**

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## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 11]

*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**

**11:00 am Worship**

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

#### SONGS

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

*Oh, Worship the King  
He Knows My Name*

##### Chorus 1

He knows my name  
He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls  
And hears me when I call  
He hears me when I call

##### Verse 2

I have a Father  
He calls me His own  
He'll never leave me  
No matter where I go

##### Verse 1

I have a Maker  
He formed my heart  
Before even time began  
My life was in His hand

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#### A TIME FOR SILENCE AND REFLECTION

## SONG

*Abba Father*

Chorus 1  
Abba Father let me be  
Yours and Yours alone  
May my will forever be  
Evermore Your own  
Never let my heart grow cold  
Never let me go  
Abba Father let me be  
Yours and Yours alone

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## BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOY

Ushers will Collect the Green / Gold Cards

## 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.**

### PSALM (spoken)

**Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24**

O Lord, You have searched me and you know me.

**You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

**Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O Lord.**

You hem me in- behind and before; you have laid Your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?

**If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
**even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"  
**even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for  
darkness is as light to You.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
**See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

## 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.**

\*\* **SONG** 713 WOV (blue hymnal)

*Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil*

\*\* **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

**Glory 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.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Continue to Help the Wheat Grow  
and Leave the Weeds to God*

Pastor Prochaska

**SONG** 234 LBW (green hymnal)

*Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*

\*\* **LITANY -- WAITING FOR THE HARVEST** (spoken)

The devil has put weeds into the world,

**and we seek the Lord's help in dealing with the weeds that try to choke the life out of us.**

When the weeds of hatred and envy crop up and seek to choke the life out of us,

**help us to grow in our ability to love and encourage one another.**

When the weeds of greed and selfishness crop up and seek to choke the life out of us,

**help us to remember that we are here to serve you and not ourselves.**

When the weeds of dishonesty crop up and seek to choke the life out of us,

**help us to cling to your truth, which is found in your Word.**

When the weeds of sinful pleasures crop us and seek to choke the life out of us,

**help us to resist the temptation to indulge in them, and show us a way out.**

When all the weeds of wickedness continue to crop up all around us,

**help us to stand firm and to keep producing fruit that is pleasing to you.**

**\*\* PRAYERS**

**MEAL**

**GATHERING OF THE GIFTS**

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

**\*\* PRAYER (spoken)**

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we know our gifts cannot repay your love. We offer them to show our faith in you and Christ your Son. Help us to find good use for all we have that we may rejoice in what you will always give. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... join their unending hymn.



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty... now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

**HOLY 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 in front of the Communion Rail.*

**SONGS**

121 (purple songbook)  
 60 (purple songbook)

*Seed, scattered and sown  
 Holy, Holy*

## SENDING

\*\* **BLESSING** (spoken)

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

\*\* **SONG** 721 WOV (blue hymnal)

*Go, My Children with My Blessing*

**SENDING** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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](mailto:prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com)