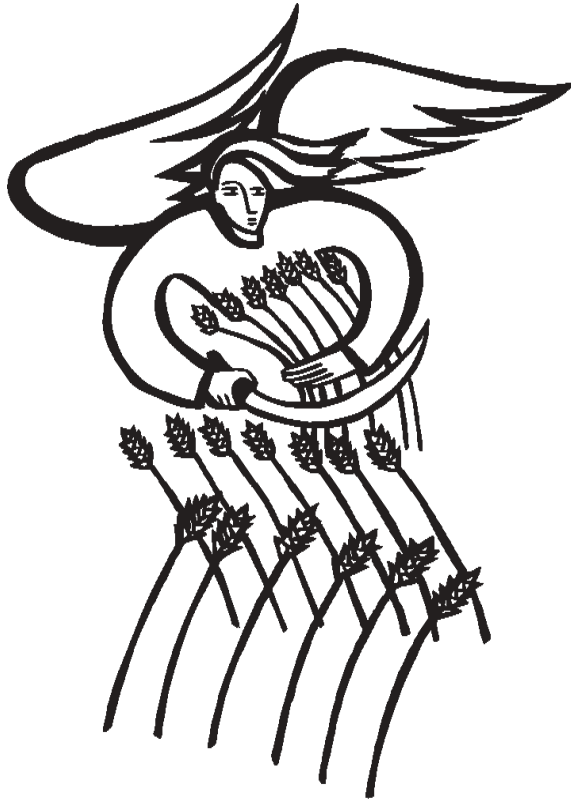


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WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 11]

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005 - 5:30 PM

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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.

Saturday, July 16, 2005

5:30 p.m. 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.

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

Oh, Worship to King

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

Procession

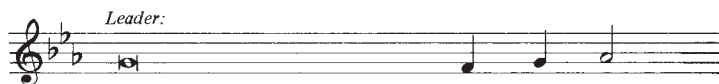
Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

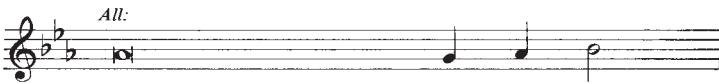
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



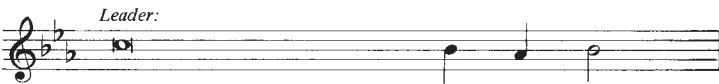
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

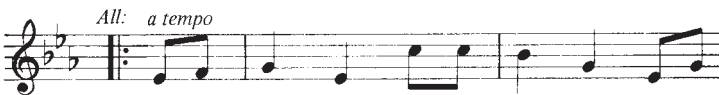
All:



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

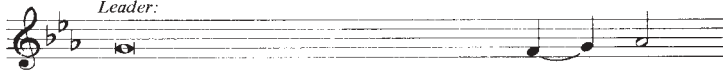


light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving



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



Leader: Let us sing our thanks to _____ God,



All: 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.

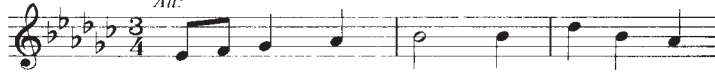
O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

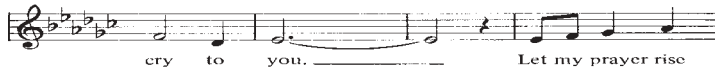
Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



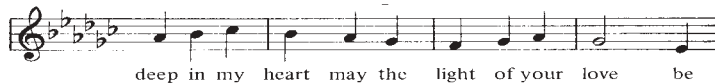
up like in cense be - fore you, the



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



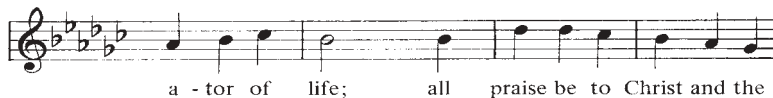
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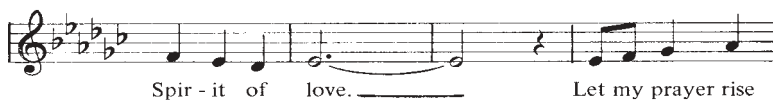
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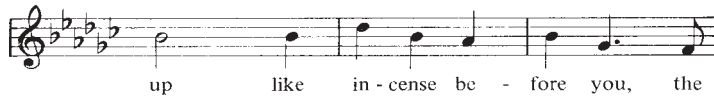
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



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



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



FIRST READING

Isaiah 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.

** **GOSPEL VERSE** (spoken)

Alleluia. My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isa. 55:11)

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth 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

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 234 LBW (green hymnal)**

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

**** 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 green 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* and *All*, with lyrics "Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you." The second staff is for the *Presider*, with lyrics "May God, Cre-a-tor bless us and keep us, may". The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the
 Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for
 all of our days. _____
 A - men.

** HYMN 526 LBW (green hymnal)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

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Werner Vollrath, Kettering Hospital

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

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| 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

**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