

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



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 13]

JULY 31, 2005 - 8:30 AM

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In the gospel reading for this day, we hear familiar words about Jesus' meal practice: he took the loaves, blessed them, broke them, and gave them for all to eat. Here the church sees the pattern of the eucharist: the gifts of God's goodness and human labor are presented, the table thanksgiving is spoken, bread is broken and wine is poured, and all are invited to the holy supper.

To this supper the church welcomes all the baptized. The gifts of God are given freely, equally, and without discrimination. "You that have no money," shouts Isaiah, "come and eat." And yet we recognize that this gracious communion takes place in a world where many eat and many go hungry each day. How is this sacred meal a sign of what God intends for life in this world?

July 31, 2005

8:30 am Worship

The Perfect Gift

Sometimes a birthday or holiday challenges us as we cast about for suitable gift ideas. It can be difficult, especially for a close friend or family member: we want to give something meaningful and special to make tangible our love for and mindfulness of that person. The gift should be personal, specific to the needs and desires of the recipient. It is tempting to go overboard, to spend more money to try to show how much we value this person, perhaps even to qualify the shortcomings of the gift, explaining that it can't match our vision of what the gift should be. Have you ever experienced or witnessed anything like this?

Today is a feast—a celebration you are invited to join. In fact, you are the guest! God wants you to come to this celebration and has made all the preparations. There is plenty for all to eat and drink: bring your thirst and hunger since you will certainly be satisfied. It may be a little overwhelming; you might even wonder what you have done to deserve this. Surprise! It is freely given, not earned.

As we hear in the gospel reading, God longs to give us the perfect gift, meaningful and special, to make tangible the love God has for us, knowing our specific needs and desires. Jesus, Messiah and Bread of life, is the absolute fulfillment of God's wishes and our own true desires: the perfect gift. As Jesus miraculously fed the crowds with a few loaves, two fishes, and God's blessing, he offers to feed us now, in word and sacrament, to sustain us, to enter in to our lives. The table is set and you are invited. Come and receive the gift that God has prepared for you.

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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** 352 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 1, 3-5)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

** **GREETING** (spoken)

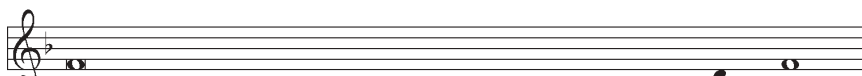
The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

** **KRYIE** (sung)



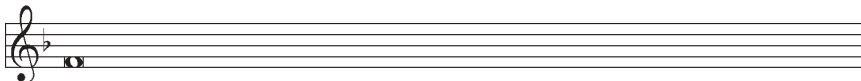
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



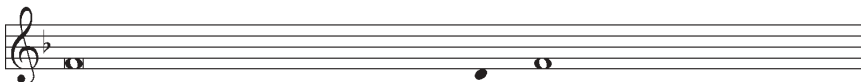
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



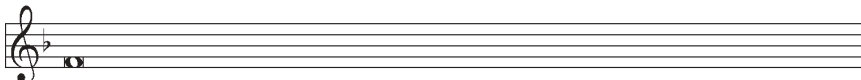
☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



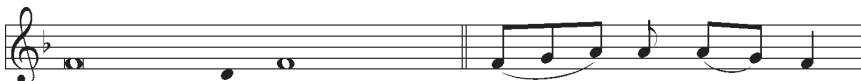
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ 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.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS / GATHERING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOY

Ushers will Collect the Green / Gold Cards

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

In both ancient Near Eastern history and literature, the building of a temple and the feast held afterward signify the establishment of the kingdom of the temple's builder. Isaiah 54 recounts God's building of a new temple following the exile. Today's reading is the invitation to the feast. Again, the people are invited to be wise and choose what is good rather than what is folly (see also Prov. 9:5-6).

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, through whom "nothing can separate us from the love of God." Then, his joy turns to sorrow as he considers those among God's people who have not received the gospel.

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 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who still need him but, rather, moves him to perform one of his greatest miracles.

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)

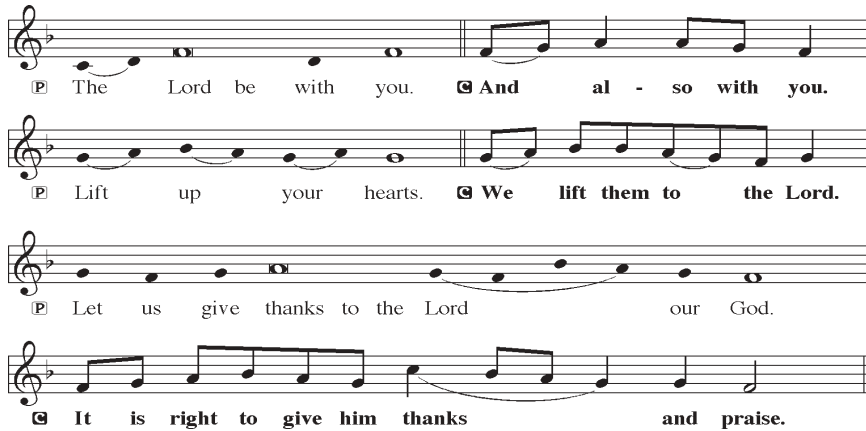
Let us pray.

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)**



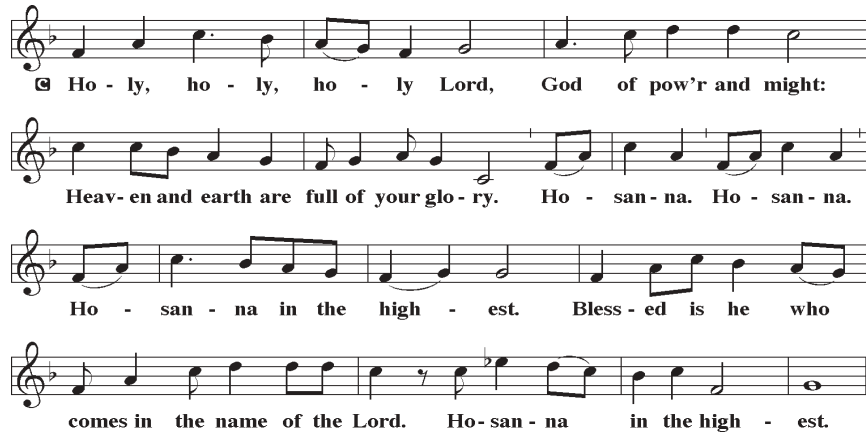
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ 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.

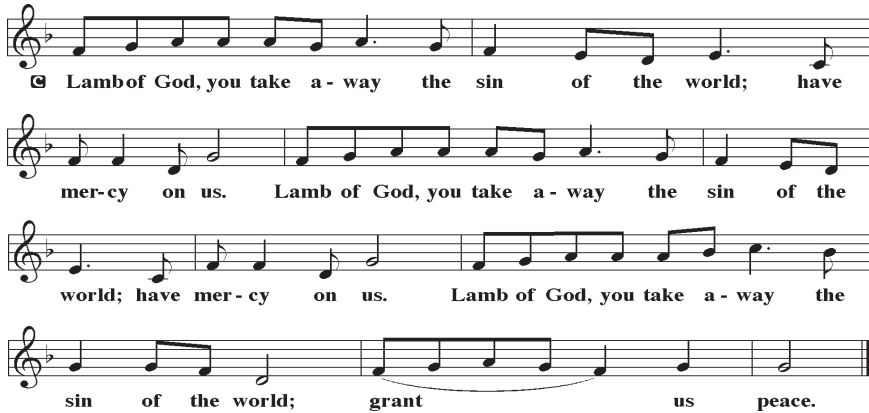
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**** LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)**

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

197 LBW (green hymnal)

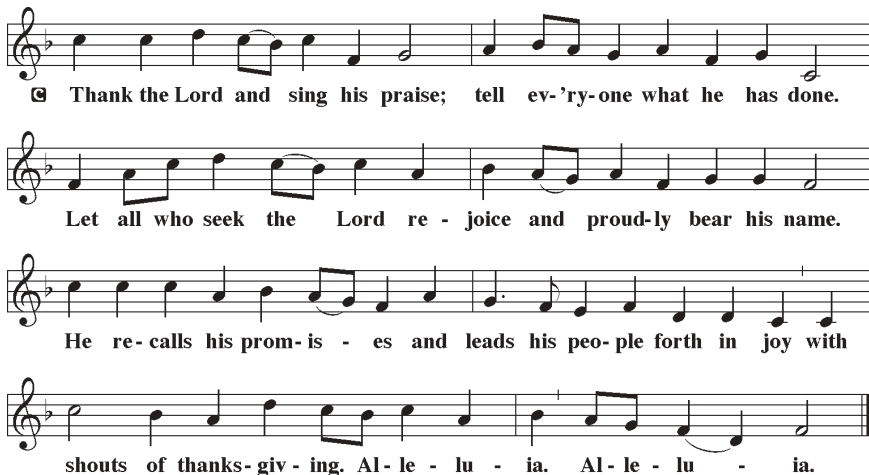
200 LBW (green hymnal)

*O Living Bread from Heaven
For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

**** 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 754 WOV** (blue hymnal)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**** 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
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

Dorothy Dadisman, Lincoln Park Manor

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Ruth Lackey	Haley
Darren	Sheila Stutrud
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	For the victims & families of the London bombing
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Joe
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer	Shannon
Roberta	Denise Hurley, friend of Sharits', who has cancer
Lynn Stutrud	Joe Hample
Lowell Overvold, a former member, who has throat cancer	Shirley
Barbara Swingen	Mary
Shannon	DeeDee
Beth, sister of Kathy Seim	Randy Wright
Carol Brayton	Rodola Kellogg's sister-in-law
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Ralph Johnston, Marguerite Olt & Wil Johnston's brother, who had gall bladder surgery & a liver biopsy on 7/21
Connie, who has cancer	Sue Schafer
Marilyn Pressnell, a broken hip	Jack
Sue & Laura	Mary Wilder
Carol Haroldson	Peggy West on her move to MI
Those recovering from Hurricanes	Robbie serving in Italy
Lori	Mark Shoemaker, returning from his studies
Wanda	
Mary Jane	

THANKSGIVING FOR

William Michael Carroll Cilley, son of Tim & Ann Marie Cilley,
new nephew for Paula & Don Bennett, born Thursday, July 21

Remember in prayer the family of Hazel Reel, who died July 21 at Miami Valley Hospital,
and whose memorial service was held at Good Shepherd on Wednesday, July 27

**July 31, 2005 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 13]
Prayers Received July 24, 2005 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost [Proper 12]**

**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