

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]

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2005 - 5:30 PM

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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?

Saturday, July 30, 2005

5:30 p.m. 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.

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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

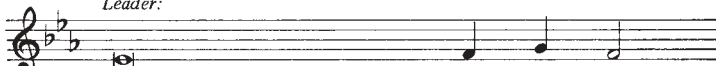
HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

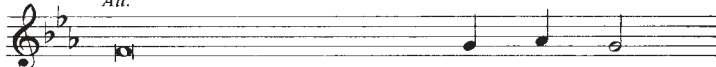
Procession

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 almost over.

Leader:

Let your light scatter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your people 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:

All:



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.

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.

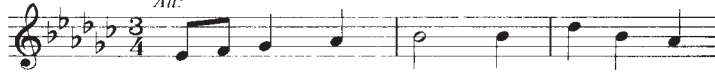
Amen.

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.

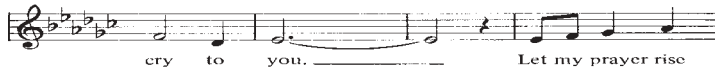
Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



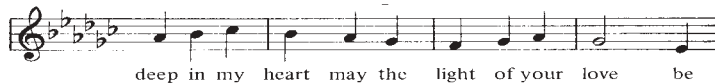
up like in cense be - fore you, the



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



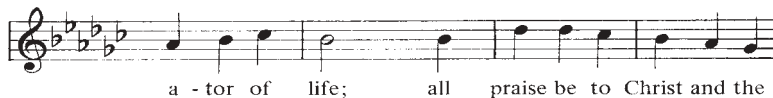
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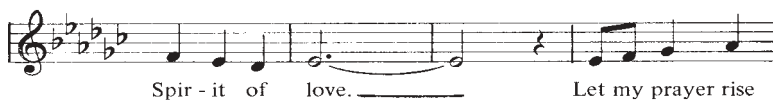
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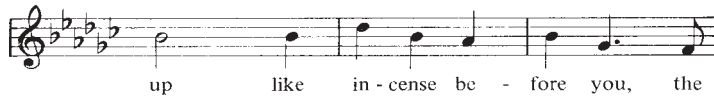
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



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



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

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.

** **GOSPEL VERSE** (spoken)

Alleluia. Jesus said, Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:13-21

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

Glory 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Floyd Seim

**** HYMN 235 LBW (green hymnal)**

Break Now the Bread of Life

**** 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 plate located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

We ask that our members complete a green card and our visitors a gold card and leave them in the offering plate in the narthex. Cards are located in the pew racks. 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**** 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 image shows musical notation for a blessing. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Leader:' and 'All:'. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.' The second staff is labeled 'Presider:' and has 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.
 Al.
 A - men.

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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

Dorothy Dadisman, Lincoln Park Manor

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

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

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