

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

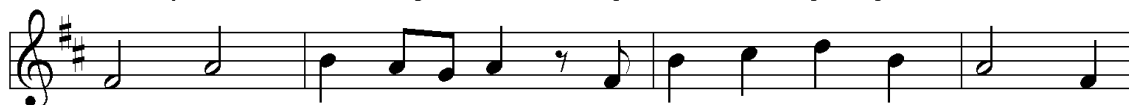
**GATHERING HYMN** [ELW#452 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"](#)

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: [Glory to God in the Highest](#)



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of abundant and eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **EPHESIANS 5**

**L** A reading from Ephesians: <sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and impurity of any kind or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>Be sure of this, that no sexually immoral or impure person or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater) has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be associated with them, <sup>8</sup>for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as

children of light, <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

<sup>15</sup>Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord, <sup>23</sup>for the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, so that she may be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hates his own flesh, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, but I am speaking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** [ELW#815 - "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"](#)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

**SERMON:** ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

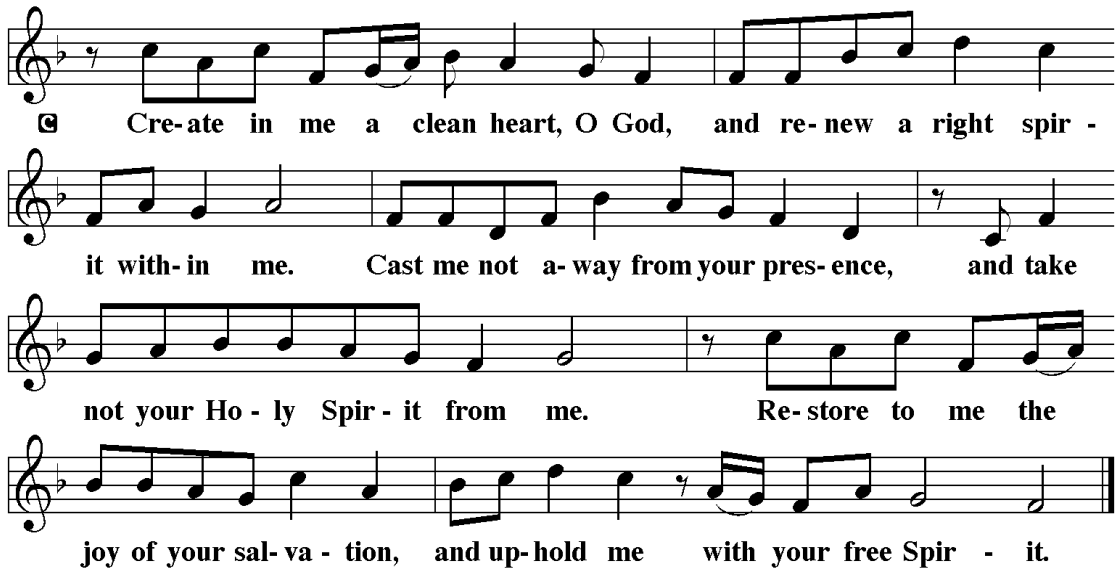
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**OFFERING\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*

**RESPONSE:** [“Create in Me”](#)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-nu-e a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**L** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**L** God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God of compassion, your touch brings healing, and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Beth Conner, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Tom, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** [ELW#576 "We All Are One in Mission"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, July 14 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship
- Saturday, August 10, Frederick Keys Game – 6 pm, Meet at 5:30 at Stadium
- Sunday, August 11 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship

\*Offering to be sent to  
Robert Brackbill  
10274 Raleigh Tavern Lane  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
9122 Sybert Drive  
Columbia Hills  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
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## Upcoming Preaching Texts

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