

First Sunday after Pentecost

06/15/2025

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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#532 "Gather Us In"](#)

P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
C And also with you.



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:



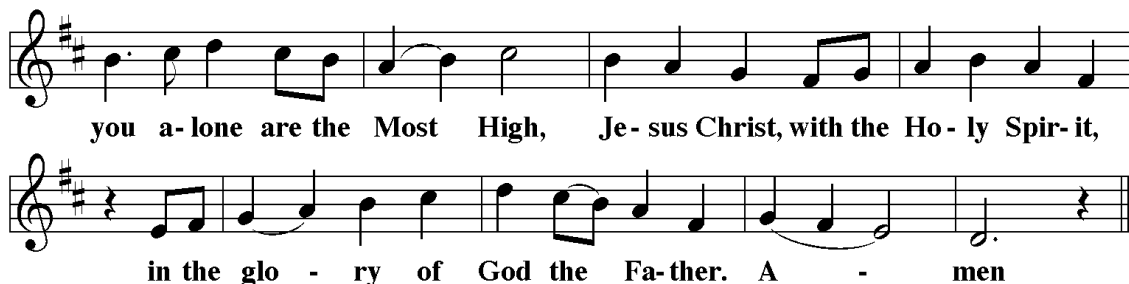
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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,



P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace that we might make our prayers to you, and you have promised through your Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us knowledge of your truth in this world and life everlasting in the age to come.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

PSALM 86:1-10

L ¹Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

C ²**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who trusts in you.**

L ³Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

C ⁴**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

L ⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

C ⁶**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

L ⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

C ⁸**Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works.**

- L** ⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.
- C** ¹⁰**For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:1, 4-9

- L** A reading from Philippians: ¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
- ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY [ELW#745 “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”](#)

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- new 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 Drawn into the embrace of God, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

L Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

L Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

L Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

L Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

L Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

L For whom or what else shall we pray?

- *For an end to war, violence, and genocide across the world; especially Ukraine, Gaza, Haiti, Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen, India, and Pakistan*

- *For victims of the Air India plane crash and for all recovery efforts*
- *For safety and protection amidst riots in Northern Ireland and protests in Los Angeles, CA*
- *For de-escalation of nuclear tensions in the Middle East*
- *For all victims of gun violence, especially in Graz, Austria*
- *For immigrants, refugees, and all migrants*
- *In memory of the Pulse Nightclub shooting and for the safety of LGBTQIA+ individuals*
- *For synod assemblies and for all newly-elected bishops in the ELCA*

L Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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's 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#545 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"](#)

P Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Saturday, June 28 Frederick Keys Baseball, Meet at stadium at 5:30 pm
- Sunday, July 13 at 9:30 am: Outdoor Worship
- Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 am: 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
<https://www.epiphanylutherancolumbia.org>

Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291

VBS at New Hope Lutheran

New Hope Lutheran Church, 8575 Guilford Road, Columbia, MD 21046 invites children ages three and a half through fourth grade to attend True North Vacation Bible School on July 21 - July 25, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. See New Hope Lutheran Church's Home Page at **newhopelutheran.org** for the registration website (link is near the church's office hours on the homepage). Pay before June 30, 2025 for the following Early Bird Specials : \$25 for one child; \$40 for two children; \$55 for three children. Registration will close on July 1, 2025. Rates will go up after June 30.

Upcoming Worship

Date	Theme of the Day	Preaching Texts	Worship Leader
June 15	Pray	2:15-21	Ron
June 22	Study	TBD	Monica
June 29	Worship	TBD	Pastor Greg
July 6	Invite	TBD	Heidi and Bob
July 13	Encourage	TBD	Julie and Dave
July 20	Give	TBD	Ron
July 27	TBD	TBD	Monica
August 3	Serve	TBD	Heidi and Bob
August 10	TBD	TBD	Julie and Dave
August 17	TBD	TBD	Ron
August 24	TBD	TBD	Monica
August 31	TBD	TBD	Pastor Greg
September 7	Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Heidi and Bob

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