

Second 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#510 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"](#)

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:



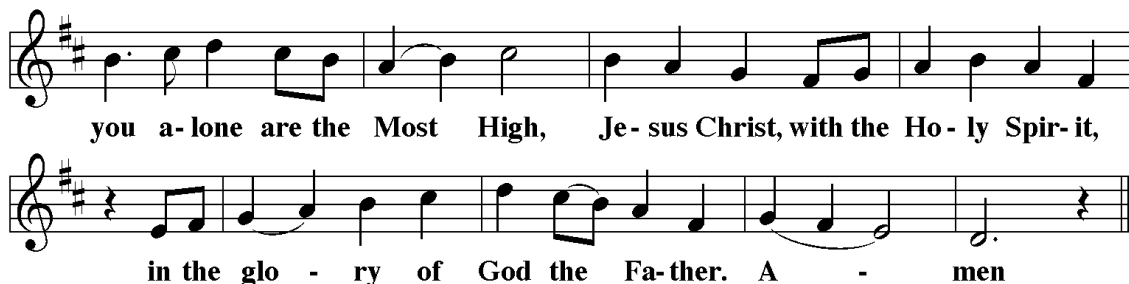
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

PSALM 119:105-112

L ¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

C ¹⁰⁶**I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.**

L ¹⁰⁷I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

C ¹⁰⁸**Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.**

L ¹⁰⁹My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.

C ¹¹⁰**The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

L ¹¹¹Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

C ¹¹²**I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.**

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

L A reading from Deuteronomy: ¹"Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY [ELW#517 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”](#)

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 We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- L** We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany 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. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. 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 in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Haiti, Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen, India, and Pakistan...*
 - *For de-escalation of violence between Israel and Iran...*
 - *For those affected by volcanic eruptions in Indonesia...*
 - *For the close of the G7 summit and the forthcoming NATO summit...*
 - *For all in the path of Hurricane Erick in the eastern Pacific...*
 - *For those facing threats of extreme heat...*
 - *For all victims of gun violence, especially those who mourn following recent attacks on lawmakers and their families in Minnesota...*

- *For immigrants, advocates, and legal professionals...*
- *For safety, justice, and peace amidst protests and demonstrations...*
- *For the health and well-being of LGBTQIA+ youth...*
- *For the safety of families and individuals who travel this summer...*
- *For Young Adults in Global Mission making preparations this summer for their upcoming year of service...*

L We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. 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 with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN [ELW#663 "Spread, Oh Spread , Almighty Word"](#)

P Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Satiuday, 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 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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