

# Third 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for our sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN** [ELW#870 “We Praise You, O God”](#)

**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:



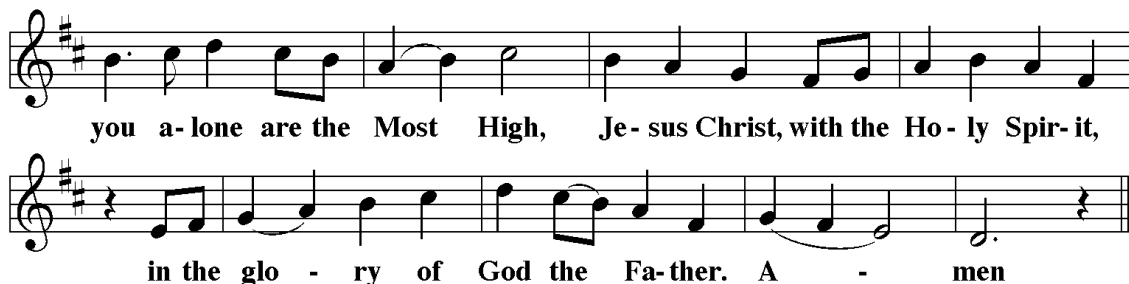
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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. God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

*Please be seated.*

### **PSALM 95:1-6**

**L** <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

### **COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

**L** A reading from Colossians: <sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**L** The word of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** [ELW#835 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"](#)

**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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

- 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** Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace,

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

**L** Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, Liz McCarthy, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, the family of Jack Smith, Ann Spiegler, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,

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

**L** Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruit within us and within our congregation's ministries. Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called 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...*
- *For lasting ceasefire between Israel and Iran...*
- *For an end to anti-Semitism and anti-Arab hatred, aggression, and violence...*
- *For those recovering and grieving in the aftermath of Hurricane Erick in Oaxaca, Mexico...*
- *For de-escalation of violence amidst protests in Kenya...*
- *For those threatened by wildfires in Greece...*
- *For victims of a Central African Republic school stampede...*
- *For communities across the country experiencing extreme heat and storms...*
- *For medical researchers and practitioners, and especially global health workers...*

**L** Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. 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#582 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

\*Offering to be sent to  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, July 13 at 9:30 am: Outdoor Worship
- Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 am: Outdoor Worship

### **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](http://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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme of the Day</b>	<b>Preaching Texts</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
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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