

# The Fourth 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.

**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#886 – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”](#)

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

**C And also with you.**



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**C** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the

tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C Amen**

### **PSALM 145:1-8**

- L** <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
- L** <sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**
- L** <sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**
- L** <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **ROMANS 10:8b-15**

**L** A reading from Romans: <sup>8</sup>"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we proclaim, <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#638 – "Blessed Assurance"](#)

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

**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**

**L** Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**L** You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,

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

**L** All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

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

**L** You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

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

**L** As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. 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 family and friends of Jack Smith, the family and friends of Ann Spiegler, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

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

**L** Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. 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 the victims of the most recent attack on a waterfront cafe in Gaza City, and for a lasting peace in Palestine and Israel...
- For all victims of gun violence, especially in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho and Chicago, Illinois...
- For the victims of a fire at a pharmaceutical factory in Southern India...
- For those grieving the loss of life after the crash of Air India flight AI171...
- For the safety of those traveling, gathering with family and friends, and celebrating this holiday weekend...
- For veterans of war and all who suffer from PTSD...
- For those with limited or threatened access to healthcare...
- For an end to racism, poverty, and hatred...

**L** You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

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

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

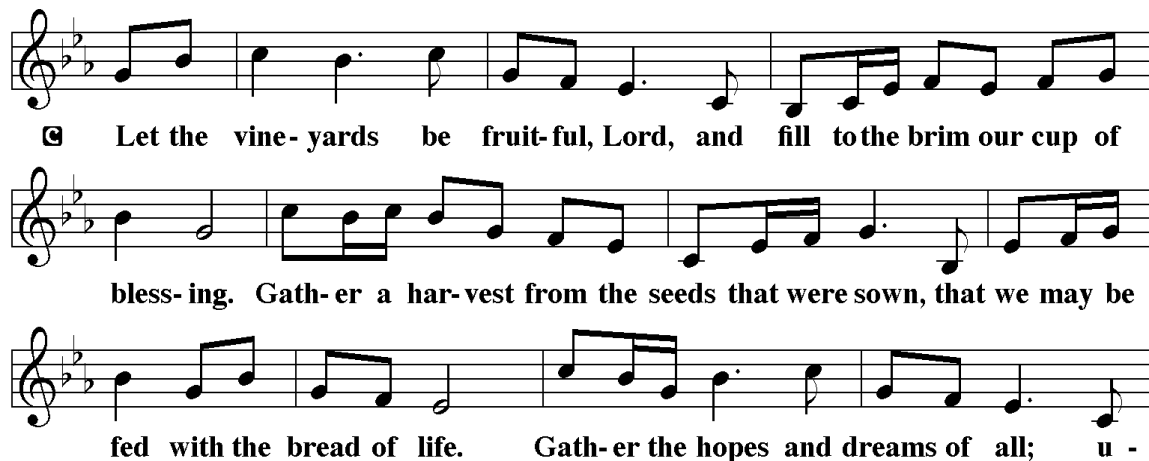
**C** **Amen**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

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

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



**☩** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

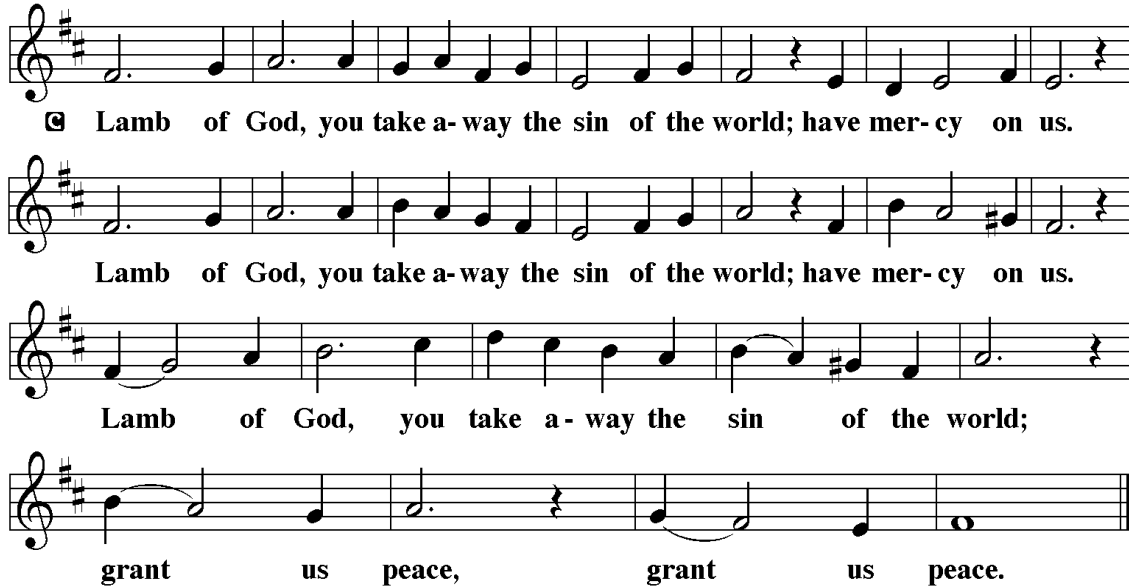
**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for the table is now ready.

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

After all have communed, the following is sung:



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

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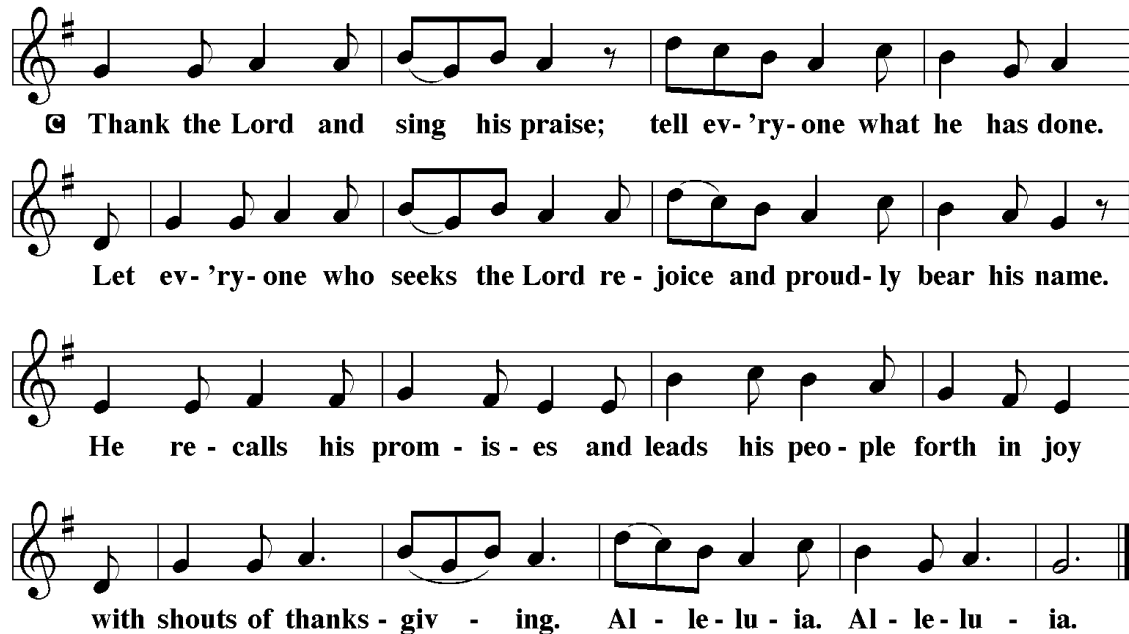
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please stand, as you are able.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C 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#756 – “Eternal Father Strong to Save”](#)

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

- Sunday, 7/13 - Outdoor worship, 9:30 am
- Sunday, 8/10 - Outdoor worship, 9:30 am

### **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 Text</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
July 6	Invite	Romans 10:8b-15	Heidi and Bob
July 13	Encourage	TBD	Julie and Dave
July 20	Give	TBD	Ron
July 27	TBD	TBD	TBD
August 3	TBD	TBD	Heidi and Bob
August 10	Serve	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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