

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

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#468 – “Around You, O Lord Jesus”](#)

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.



B 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. Give us grace, O Lord,
C to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Please be seated.

PSALM 115:1-10

L ¹Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory;
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

C ²**Why should the nations say,
"Where then is their God?"**

L ³Our God is in heaven;
whatever God wills, God does.

C ⁴**Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

L ⁵They have mouths, but they cannot speak;
eyes they have, but they cannot see;

C ⁶**they have ears but they cannot hear;
noses, but they cannot smell;**

L ⁷they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk;
they make no sound with their throat.

C ⁸**Those who make them are like them,
and so are all who put their trust in them.**

L ⁹O Israel, trust in the Lord,
who is your help and your shield.

C ¹⁰**O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord,
who is your help and your shield.**

Please stand, as you are able.

JOHN 3:22-30

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L ²²After this Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there, and people kept coming and were being baptized. ²⁴(John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.)

²⁵Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. ²⁶They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' ²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: [ELW#675 – “O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True”](#)

1. O Christ, our light, O Radiance true
Shine forth on those estranged from you
And bring them to your home again
Where their delight shall never end.
2. Fill with the radiance of your grace
The wand'ers lost in error's maze
Set free all those whose hearts and minds
Some deep delusion hants and binds.

3. Lord, open all reluctant ears
And take away the needless fears
Of all those who tremble to express
The faith their inmost hearts confess.
4. Lord, let your mercy's gentle ray
Shine down on others strayed away
To those in conscience wounded sore
Show heaven's waiting, open door.
5. Make theirs with ours a single voice
Uplifted, ever to rejoice
With wond'ring gratitude and praise
To you, O Lord, for boundless grace.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

- L** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

- L** God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need. We pray for Barbara Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Lincoln Dippel, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** For whom or what else should we pray?
- *For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela...*
 - *For the wounded and all who grieve those killed in major Russian assaults in Ukraine...*
 - *For the Israel-Lebanon ceasefire...*
 - *For all immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and travelers...*
 - *For peaceful engagement and resolution to protests in Albania and Mexico...*
 - *For elections and political transitions, domestic and global...*
 - *For all affected by tropical storm Jangmi in southern Japan...*
 - *For the work of climate scientists, ecology researchers, and meteorologists...*
 - *For children and their families struggling with food scarcity, especially in the absence of school lunches...*
 - *For all God's beloveds in the LGBTQIA+ community during this Pride month...*
 - *For all impacted by the Ebola outbreak in central Africa...*
 - *For synods of the ELCA as they gather in their assemblies and for bishops and bishops-elect...*
- L** God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

L Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

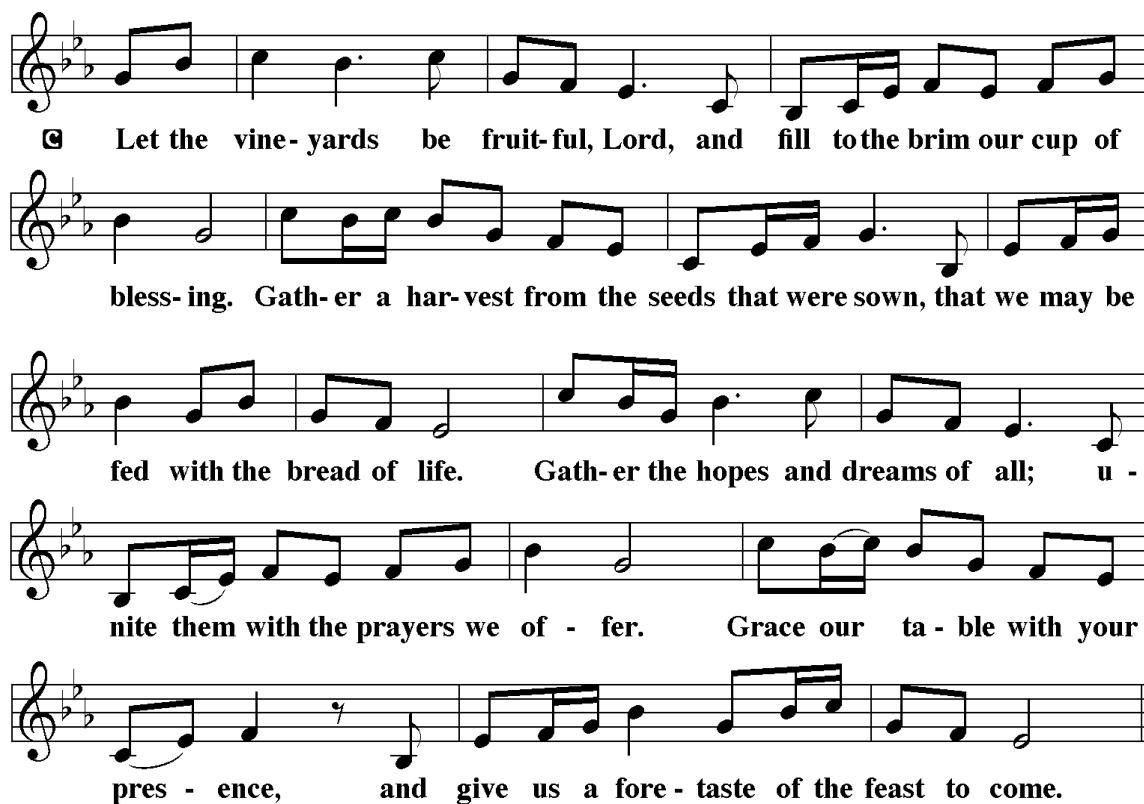
C **Amen**

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,

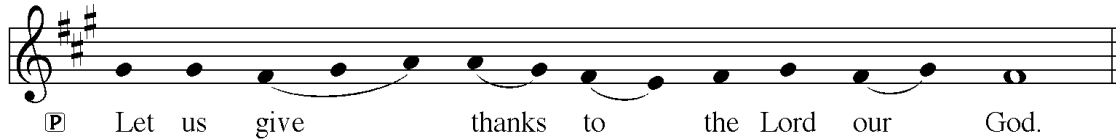
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ **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.

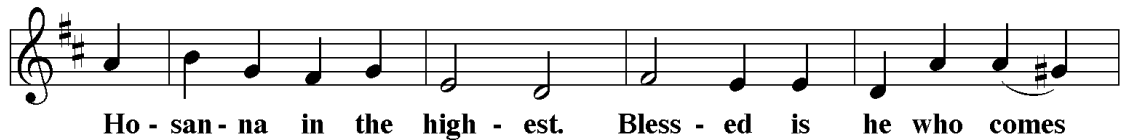
The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:



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, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, 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:



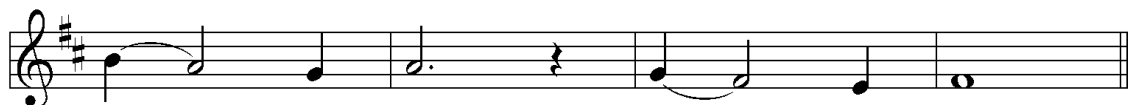
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



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,

C 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. 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#770 – “Give Me Jesus”](#)

P Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

- **Saturday, June 13, 10 am** – Outdoor Cleanup Day
- **Sunday, June 14, 9:30 am** – Outdoor Worship in the Neumann Chapel – bring a lawn chair
- **Sunday, July 12, 9:30 am** – Outdoor Worship in the Neumann Chapel – bring a lawn chair
- **Saturday, Aug 1, 6 pm** - Frederick Keys Baseball Game - Meet at 5:30 pm at the stadium
- **Sunday, Aug 9, 9:30 am** - Outdoor Worship in the Neumann Chapel – bring a lawn chair

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(TENTATIVE) SUMMER READINGS PLAN

Dated	Text	Leader
June 7	John 5:19-29	Heidi and Bob
June 14	John 5:30-47	Julie and Dave
June 21	Genesis 28:10-17*	Ron
June 28	John 7:40-52	Pastor Greg
July 5	John 8:31-38	Heidi and Bob
July 12	John 8:39-47	Julie and Dave
July 19	John 8:48-59	Ron
July 26	John 10:31-42	Monica
Aug 2	John 11:46-57	Heidi and Bob
Aug 9	John 12:37-43	Julie and Dave
Aug 16	John 12:44-50	Ron
Aug 23	John 15:18-25	Monica
Aug 30	John 16:1-4a	Pastor Greg
Sep 6	John 16:16-33	Heidi and Bob
Sep 13	John 21:20-25	Julie and Dave

*Pastor Nancy Warner to preach

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