

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

## Outdoor Worship

06/14/2026

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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#656 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”](#)

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

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** [ELW#629 “Abide with Me”](#)

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray. Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ’s mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 86**

<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup> **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;**

<sup>3</sup> be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

<sup>6</sup> **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.**

<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.

**8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.**

**9 All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.**

**10 For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.**

**11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

**12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.**

**13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**14 O God, the insolent rise up against me;  
a band of ruffians seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.**

**15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your maidservant.**

**17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

### **JOHN 7:37-52**

**L** A reading from John: <sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As<sup>a</sup> the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart<sup>b</sup> shall flow rivers of living water.' " <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit<sup>c</sup> because Jesus was not yet glorified.

<sup>40</sup> When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." <sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is the Messiah."<sup>40</sup> But some asked, "Surely the Messiah<sup>40</sup> does not come from Galilee, does he?" <sup>42</sup> Has not the scripture said that the Messiah<sup>40</sup> is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" <sup>43</sup> So there was a division in the crowd because of him. <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

<sup>45</sup> Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" <sup>46</sup> The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!" <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived, too, have you?" <sup>48</sup> Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd, which does not know the law, they are accursed." <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus<sup>40</sup> before and who was one of them, asked, <sup>51</sup> "Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?" <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

**L** The word of the Lord.

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

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** ["Lord of the Dance"](#)

**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.*

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**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 freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,

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

**L** God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,

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

**L** God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,

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

**L** God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. We pray for Barbara Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Rhina Chroniger, 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 all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace,

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

**L** For whom or what else shall we pray?

- *For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela...*
- *For all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers...*
- *For the families of those killed in shootings in California, Alabama, Illinois, and Mississippi, and for an end to gun violence...*
- *For all affected by storms and severe weather...*
- *For peaceful resolution amidst protests in Belfast...*
- *For an end to hate crimes and hateful demonstrations...*
- *For farmers and ranchers amidst the screwworm livestock emergency...*
- *For responsible and ethical approaches to new and developing technologies...*
- *For the success of peace talks in northern Nigeria...*
- *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...*
- *For World Cup travelers and for global community, collaboration, and celebration ...*

**L** God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. 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** 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#785 "It Is Well with My Soul"

**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, June 21, 9:30 am – Pastor Nancy Warner to lead worship
- 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

### **Upcoming Worship**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme of the Day</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
<b>June 14</b>	John 5:30-47	Julie and Dave
<b>June 21</b>	Genesis 28:10-17*	Ron
<b>June 28</b>	John 7:40-52	Pastor Greg
<b>July 5</b>	John 8:31-38	Heidi and Bob
<b>July 12</b>	John 8:39-47	Julie and Dave
<b>July 19</b>	John 8:48-59	Ron
<b>July 26</b>	John 10:31-42	Monica
<b>Aug 2</b>	John 11:46-57	Heidi and Bob
<b>Aug 9</b>	John 12:37-43	Julie and Dave

\*Pastor Nancy Warner to preach

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