

# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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## PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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#634 – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”](#)

**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 God's peo- ple on earth.



**C** 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,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. God our strength,

**C** you give honor to the pure in heart and uphold all who trust in you. Deliver us from chasing after this world's illusions, that we may follow instead the imperishable truth of your Word in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 73:21-28**

- L <sup>21</sup>When my mind became embittered,  
I was sorely wounded in my heart.
- C <sup>22</sup>**I was stupid and had no understanding;  
I was like a brute beast in your presence.**
- L <sup>23</sup>Yet I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.
- C <sup>24</sup>**You will guide me by your counsel,  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**
- L <sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And having you, I desire nothing upon earth.
- C <sup>26</sup>**Though my flesh and my heart should waste away,  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**
- L <sup>27</sup>Truly, those who forsake you will perish;  
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
- C <sup>28</sup>**But it is good for me to be near God;  
I have made you my refuge, Lord God, to tell of all your works.**

**JOHN 6:56-69**

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 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- L <sup>56</sup>[Jesus said,] "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the

ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

- L The Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#885 – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”](#)

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

- 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**

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

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



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

*A brief silence.*

**L** Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

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

**L** Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

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

**L** Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

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

**L** Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray for Barbara Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Rhina Chroniger, Lincoln Dippel, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, John McCarthy, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

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

**L** Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to 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, Myanmar, and Venezuela...*
- *For all navigating by the ongoing Ebola outbreak in central Africa...*
- *For the families of those killed in Qatar gas explosion...*
- *For communities impacted by gun violence in Niger; the Philippines; Montreal, Canada...*
- *For those around the world facing extreme heat, severe storms, and other harsh weather conditions...*
- *For elections and political transitions, especially in Britain...*
- *For rescue and recovery efforts following earthquakes in Venezuela, and also in northern California...*
- *For survivors of sexual violence and human trafficking...*
- *For access to affordable housing, healthcare, groceries, and other basic needs...*

**L** Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. 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#551 – “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”](#)

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

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

#### **Announcements**

- **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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### **SUMMER READINGS PLAN**

Dated	Text	Leader
<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
<b>Aug 16</b>	John 12:44-50	Ron
<b>Aug 23</b>	John 15:18-25	Monica
<b>Aug 30</b>	John 16:1-4a	Pastor Greg
<b>Sep 6</b>	John 16:16-33	Heidi and Bob
<b>Sep 13</b>	John 21:20-25	Julie and Bob

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