

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Nicolaus Bruhns

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Morning has broken H8

THE OPENING SENTENCES BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria Glory to God in the highest S277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

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

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

Said responsively by whole verse

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O LORD, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on

you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Lord, speak to me



1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the



liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so
 wand - ering and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that



let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.
 I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.

Lord, speak to me, #98 from *Voices Found* — Words: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879). Music: *Canonbury*, adapt. Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856), from *Nachtstücke*, 1839; arr. from *Hymnal with Tunes, Old and New*, 1872.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED BCP pg. 358

Said by all, standing as you are able.

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
 He 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP p. 388 Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We remember those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We especially remember those on our prayer list especially, *Kevin M., the Leezer family, Steve K., Chloe R., Anne, Stephanie, Conner, Janice R., Rich K., Byron, Lois H., Patrick B., Ann, the Hiser family, John G, Jessica T., Tim G., and Cheryl B.*

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We give to the departed eternal rest, especially Ralph Wismer, beloved husband of Anne Wismer. And we also remember the passing of singer and songwriter Dolly Parton. Two people who lived a full life committed to loving and caring for friends and strangers alike.

And we acknowledge that the flowers on the altar are given by Peggy Tapley in honor of her significant other, Steve Fender, Mother, Jon Tapley and sister, Ruth Swanekamp.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP pg. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service.

To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalice by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips.

If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world. Your contributions of any size make a difference. [Give online](https://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!



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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow (vs. 3)

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B – BCP pg. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

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The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP pg. 364

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Will you come and follow me



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in



1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 5. you and you in me.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN O God, our help in ages past

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THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

The hymns and service music may be found in the 1982 Hymnal. Those worshiping online will find them at <https://tinyurl.com/4uxwssu7>

Worship Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Deacon: The Rev. Rebecca C. Warlow

Music Director and Organist: Greg Seseck

Lectors: David N., Robin R.

Crucifer/Acolyte: Greg S.

Ushers: Jack T., Jane T.

AV: Stephanie E.

Hospitality: join us for refreshment

Altar Guild: Connie B., Sandy T.

Lay Participants for September 6th, Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Lectors: Mary D., Lorreta C.

Crucifer/Acolyte: Greg S.

Ushers: Kevin H., Karyn G.

AV: Stephanie E.

Hospitality: join us for refreshment

Altar Guild: Mary D., Bronwyn S., Sandy T.

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact us at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those with ongoing needs: Please remember those with ongoing needs: Shannon T., Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Don M., Andrea, Angelina, Bob O., Rosalie J., Don S., Butch H., Nancy C, Lisa T., Orion K., Liam O'D., and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all impacted by the war with Iran.

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 am

Pickersgill, Holy Eucharist, Rite 11, 2 pm

Casa de Oración Hossana, 4-6 pm

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday-Thursday

Amber Poole, Parish Administrator's,

Office Hours, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at Faith Lutheran

Please note new hours

Wednesday
Mother Nancy's Office Hours, 10 am – 3 pm
Mother Nancy will be away this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creation Liturgy This Fall:

Beginning Sunday, September 13, we will be using a beautiful, approved liturgy as part of our worship. Throughout the service, we will hear and speak prayers that express our care for – and love of – God's creation: the world God proclaimed to be "very good" in the opening chapter of Genesis (Gen. 1:30). This special liturgy will be part of our worship for four weeks and is one part of a larger fall calendar of activities focused on Caring for God's Creation as People of Faith. We hope these Sunday mornings will invite you into new discoveries of faith and deepen your awareness of God's presence and love throughout creation.

Camera, Action!

We're excited to be creating new content for our Facebook page and website! Dylan Strong will be working with Mother Nancy and Amber Poole, our Parish Administrator, to capture photos and video during our worship services. We will make every effort to do so respectfully and unobtrusively, so that our worship remains the focus. If you do not want your photo or video taken, please let Mother Nancy know. We will be happy to honor your wishes and make sure you are not included in our social media or website content. Thank you for helping us share the life and joy of our parish community.

Office Hour Are Changing:

Beginning the first week of September, office hours will change to Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. Mother Nancy's hours on Wednesday, 10 am - 3 pm will remain the same.

Do You Have a Will?

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland provides an opportunity to make or update your will through a partnership with FreeWill. This tool provides clarity, secures guardianship, and protects assets. You can easily create a will or update an existing plan from the comfort of home, entirely at no cost to you. Go to: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/freewill-planned-giving/> for details.

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