

**SUNDAY MAY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR**  
**A VIRTUAL BULLETIN**  
**Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism... To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN – ELW 392 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
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Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

**GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the risen Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**WORD**

**First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as

unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

### **Psalm 66:8-20**

- <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.
- <sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- <sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- <sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- <sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**
- <sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- <sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- <sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- <sup>17</sup> **I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- <sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an

accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **Gospel: John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 804 *Come Down, O Love Divine***

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;  
seek thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 Oh, let it freely burn,  
till worldly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing--  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

- 4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
no soul can guess Love's grace  
till it become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy." The assembly responds with "Hear our prayer."*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Either version may be said. The presiding minister introduces the prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN – ELW 376 *Thine Is The Glory***

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

#### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

#### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

#### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

### **DISMISSAL**

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Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**