

**SUNDAY JULY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR**  
**With Virtual Holy Communion**  
**A VIRTUAL BULLETIN**  
**Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor Zachary Johnson**  
**Grace Lee, Organist**

**Prelude provided by Grace Lee**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN – ELW 669 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!***

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

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### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus 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: Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**Psalm 145:8-14** *(Our choir member Michelle Tune will provide a video of the chanted Psalm which will be posted to Facebook. Feel free to watch it after the service. The congregation can respond with the odd-numbered verses).*

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

### **Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a**

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### **Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' <sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

### **SERMON by Pastor Zach Johnson**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 777 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty***

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live." *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame. Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*
- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends with "Hear us O God." The assembly responds with "Your mercy is great."*

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The presiding and the assembly share a virtual sign of peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

*Spoken by the presiding minister.*

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,

*All speak the words together.*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The presiding minister begins the prayer.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

#### WORD OF INSTITUTION

*The presiding minister and the assembly speak the following words together.*

**In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread (each plate of bread may be raised at this time), and gave thanks; broke it, and give it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me (bread plate may be lowered).**

**Again, after supper, he took the cup (cup of wine/grape juice may be raised at this time), 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me (cup of wine/grape juice may be lowered).**

*The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic prayer.*

Remembering therefore...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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...

*A time of silence for reflection.*

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All may commune themselves with the bread and wine/grape juice. A representative from each household may say the following—bread: **"The body of Christ given for you."** Wine/grape juice: **"The blood of Christ shed for you."***

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*All may pray the prayer together.*

Let us pray. *Brief silence is kept.* **God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **CLOSING HYMN – ELW 765 *Lord of All Hopefulness***

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude provided by Grace Lee**

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**Join Pastor Zach after today's worship service via Zoom for a Virtual Hill Avenue Grace Fellowship!**

Topic: HAGLC Sunday Fellowship

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