

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR

Sunday, July 12, 2020

### VIRTUAL BULLETIN

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Grace Lee, Organist

#### Prelude

#### 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. In the name of Christ, † 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 520 *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you as the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded till your Spirit breaks the night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.
- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of light from God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessed light; help our hearing, speaking, heeding, that our prayers and songs may please you, as with grateful hearts we praise you.
- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration! Grant us what we need the most: all your gospel's consolation while we here on earth await you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.

#### 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: Isaiah 55:10-13

- <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13** *(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 even-numbered verses.)*

- <sup>1</sup> You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.  
<sup>2</sup> **To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**  
<sup>3</sup> Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**  
<sup>5</sup> Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.  
<sup>6</sup> **You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**  
<sup>7</sup> You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**  
<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup> **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup> "Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**SERMON by Pastor Zachary Johnson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 506 *The Word of God Is Source and Seed***

- 1 The Word of God is source and seed;  
it comes to die and sprout and grow.  
So make your dark earth welcome warm;  
root deep the grain God bent to sow.

*Refrain*

In the Lord let us rejoice,  
in the Lord let us rejoice,  
in the Lord let us rejoice!

- 2 The Word of God is breath and life;  
it comes to heal and wake and save.  
So let the Spirit touch and mend  
and rouse your dry bones from their grave. *Refrain*

- 3 The Word of God is flesh and grace,  
who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.  
So dare to be as Jesus was,  
who came to live and love and die. *Refrain*

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

**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 551 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve***

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,

to do the loving deed.

- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

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#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude**

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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

Time: Jul 12, 2020 10:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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