

18th Sunday after Pentecost

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Virtual Bulletin

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude played 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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Brief silence is kept.)* Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – ELW 835 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

1 All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong, drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ
bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia! Since
Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All
creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. Composite; Text © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

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 5:1-7

Lector: Anita Mork

- ¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:7-15 *The congregation responds with the even-numbered verses.*

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector: Karen DeGilio

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to

righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 645 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

- 2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.
- 3 Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant Joyce Thompsen

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION – Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

CLOSING HYMN – ELW 836 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude played by Grace Lee

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Join us this Sunday at 10am for our Virtual Worship via Zoom, our new format that started September 27th!

Check in a few minutes early and hear prelude by Grace! You may also join us on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing your faces and worshipping together in this new format!

We will continue after our service on the same link for our fellowship time!

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Morning Worship 10am

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