

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

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, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.



Hill Ave Grace
Lutheran Church



Centennial Celebration 1919-2019

OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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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

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector: Mia Sketeris

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my | mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence, and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Lector: Sophia Sketeris

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

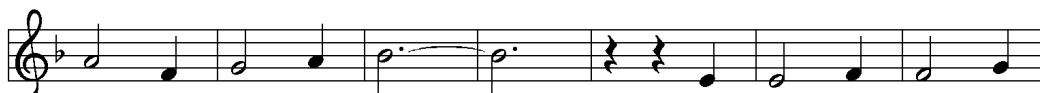
HYMN OF THE DAY

The Word of God Is Source and Seed

ELW 506



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
 2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
 3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth
 heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it
 sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
 touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
 Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain



Gau-de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!
in the Lord let us re - joice!

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 Music: GAUDEAMUS DOMINO, David Hurd, b. 1950
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant Steve Rose

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

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.

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age...Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

WORDS 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are invited into a time of reflection before they receive communion. During this time, you may prepare your hearts to receive the sacrament. Once ready, you may commune yourself and those around you 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

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep in his grace, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All speak the prayer together.

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.**Postlude**

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Calendar This Week		
Sun 3/21/21	10:00 AM	Virtual Worship
Sun 3/21/21	1:00 PM	Virtual Lenten Concert
Wed 3/24/21	7:00 PM	Virtual Mid-week Lent Service
Sat 3/27/21	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 3/28/21	10:00 AM	Virtual Worship

Mark Your 2021 Calendar:	
Wednesdays in March	Virtual Mid-Week Lent Service
March 28th	Palm Sunday
April 1st	Maundy Thursday
April 2nd	Good Friday
April 4th	Easter Sunday

Join us this Sunday at 10am for our Virtual Worship via Zoom!

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!

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: Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church Worship

Time: Sundays at 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95007590439?pwd=M2NmMUZCZzhMOUY0SG8xeHpzcU5RUT09>

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EASTER LILIES

We will decorate our sanctuary for Easter!

If you wish to purchase an Easter Lily plant, please complete the following form and place it **AND your check** (made payable to Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran) in an envelope and mail it to the church office. Please mark your checks for **EASTER LILIES** in the memo line. The cost per plant will be \$10.00.

Please complete the following form and turn it in by **Sunday, March 28th.**
That is the absolute deadline. Thank you!

I am donating \$ _____ for the following:

In memory of:

In honor of:

In thanksgiving for:

Other:

Given by: (Please list names as you want them to appear in the bulletin)

_____ Envelope # _____

Questions? Please call the church office at 626-792-4169