

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting VI

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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### Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Nancy M. Raabe

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**



Hill Ave Grace  
Lutheran Church

## OPENING HYMN

## O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

**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.**

**KYRIE**

(Lord Have Mercy)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

**A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
I Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak

whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

### PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free; incline your ear to | me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe; you are my crag | and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD, my confidence since | I was young.

<sup>6</sup>**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have | been my strength; my praise shall be al- | ways of you.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

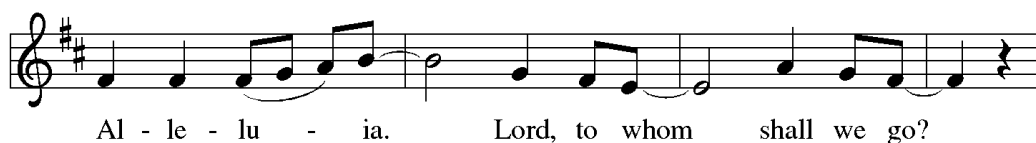
<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL: Luke 4: 21-30**

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Zach Johnson

**HYMN OF THE DAY****O Word of God Incarnate****ELW 514**

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends with "God of Grace," The assembly responds with "Hear our prayer."*

## 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.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

*All speak the prayer together.*

**Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

**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**

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

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Word...We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours...one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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



**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**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.*

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BENEDICTION**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"*

arr. John Carter

*This week's altar flowers are given by the flower fund, to the Glory of God.*

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Calendar This Week		
Today	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship
Mon 1/31/22		Start the 'Chapter a Day' Bible Challenge!!
Tues 2/1/22	7:00 PM	Virtual HAGL Support Group
Wed 2/2/22	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 2/2/22	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study
Sat 2/5/22	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 2/6/22	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship
Sun 2/6/22	After Service	Annual Budget Meeting

Sun 2/6/22	1:00 PM	Confirmation Class begins
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It is with a heavy heart that we share that beloved sister in Christ **Marilon Anderson** passed in her sleep peacefully on January 2nd. Ted and family appreciate your support and prayers as we remember Marilon and all her contributions to children & their education, and her joy of sharing music in the church to worship our Lord. Memorial service is planned for Saturday, February 12th here at Hill Ave Grace, at 11 AM, with a small reception following the service.

We are sad to also report that **George Service** joined the Church Triumphant earlier this month. A lot of concerns for Kelly Barrios-Slagle in dealing with this loss and her father's affairs. Kelly will be having some help from one of her mother's brothers, Uncle Len. Please pray for Kelly and Sierra as they grieve and work through the issues ahead, and for George Service who is in God's care.

This year we are challenging the congregation and friends to participate in our **Chapter a Day Bible Challenge**. We will get through the entire New Testament this year! We will start on Monday, January 31 and will have a few months of catch up with reading 6 days a week, then will transition to 5 days a week. The gospel will be spread throughout the year. We encourage you to get together with a small group to talk about what you've read for the week. Share your progress and get others involved! Check out the separate link for an Introduction page and an informational page about the book of Matthew. Share the link with family and friends!!

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be on Sunday, February 13th after our worship service. We ask that you consider your service to HAGL, and if you are interested in any open positions on our Council, please contact Tina Antypas for ways you can serve!

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

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

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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

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As we have resumed Sunday services in the sanctuary, we ask that you follow these guidelines to ensure safety for everyone.

1. We ask that everyone wear a mask while in the sanctuary, including during worshipping and singing.
2. We will enter the church through the glass doors on Hill Avenue.
3. Pews will be marked off to allow for distancing.
4. There will be a 1-way flow in the church: we enter through the center doors of the narthex and exit the church down the side aisles. If you need to leave during the service, exit down the side aisles and return down the center aisle.
5. Upon entering the narthex, you will receive hand sanitizer and a smile from the volunteer at the door.
6. You may leave your offering in the plate inside the narthex.
7. Pick up a communion set at the table and then proceed into the sanctuary. There will be 3 options for communion: bread and wine, bread and juice, and gluten-free bread and wine. Only take one set for yourself. Wait for communion instructions before opening the packet.

If you have any questions, please see one of our happy volunteers on the front patio, in the narthex, or in the sanctuary. As we transition from virtual to in person worship, we appreciate your help in continuing to wear masks for the time being, with the health and safety of all in mind. As Pastor Zach said, this isn't forever!

The service will still be available on Zoom and Facebook Live for those who prefer to remain at home. If you have questions, please let our church office know. We look forward to actually seeing you at church this Sunday!