

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting III

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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### Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

Hannah Lee

WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

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.**



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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

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

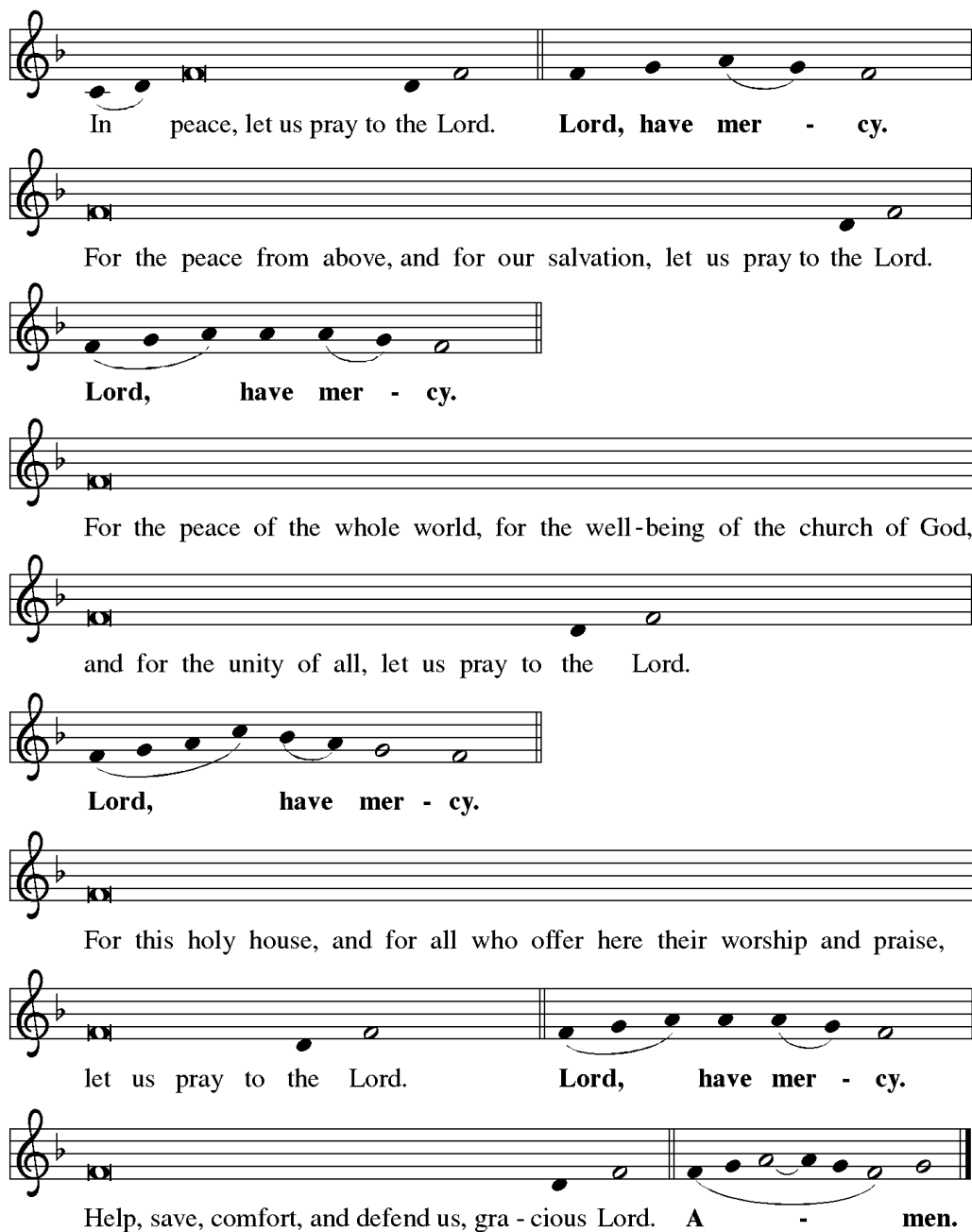
Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872  
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



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

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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: Isaiah 43:16-21**

- <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
 who makes a way in the sea,  
 a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;  
 they lie down, they cannot rise,  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
 or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches;  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 126** *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion, then were we like | those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**  
**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup>**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**  
**like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**  
<sup>5</sup>Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**  
**will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised 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; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More 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 <sup>9</sup>and 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. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not 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. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, 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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

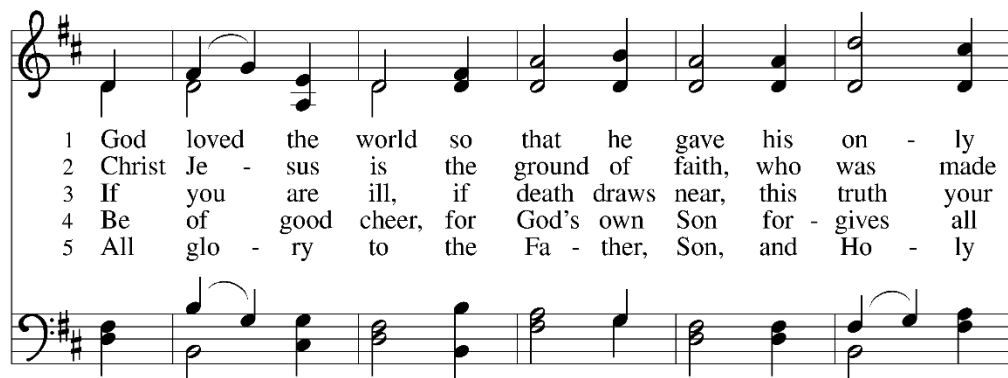
### SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

### SERMON HYMN

### God Loved the World

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1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## 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

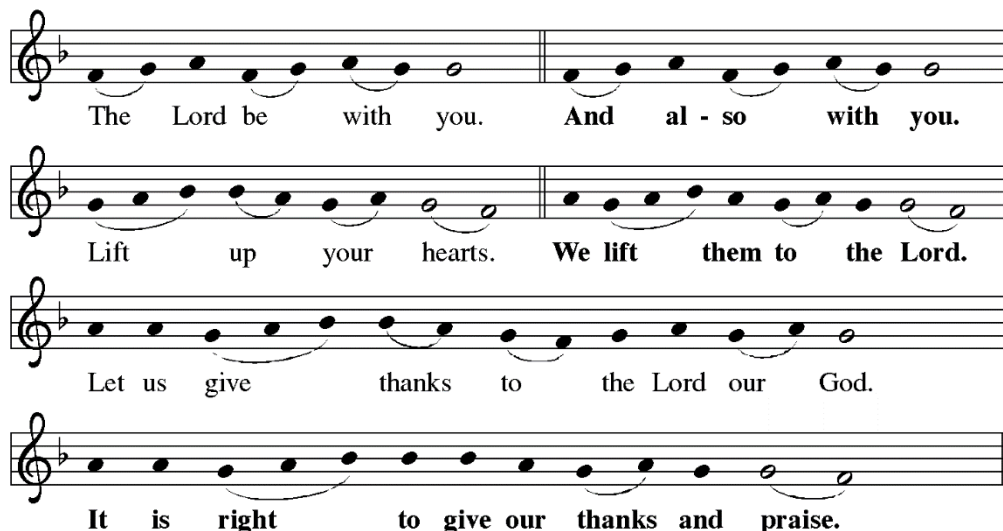
*Each petition ends with "Merciful God," The assembly responds with "receive our prayer."*

**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.*

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**HOLY COMMUNION****GREAT THANKSGIVING**


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

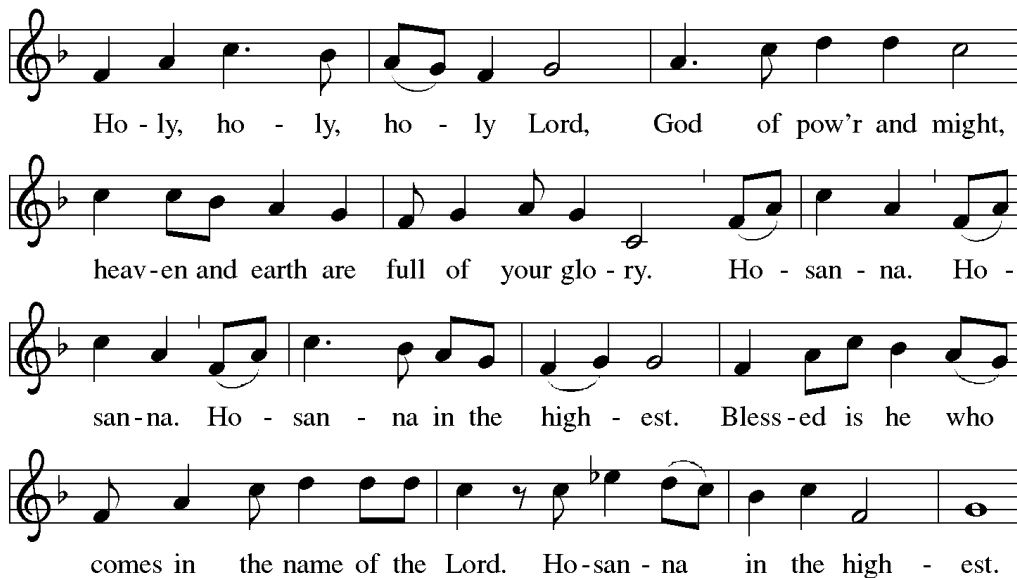
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...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: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### 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.

### 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.”**

**CHOIR ANTHEM***“On the Via Dolorosa”*

Charlotte Lee/Douglas Wagner

**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.**

**Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BENEDICTION**

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****Christ, the Life of All the Living**

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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Hannah Lee

*This week's altar flowers are donated by Karen DeGilio to honor our April birthday family members: Shari McDonald 4/9, Jakob McDonald 4/10, Kylie McDonald 4/15, Karen DeGilio 4/17, Tony DeGilio 4/30; and in loving memory of my Mike's passing 4/5/03.*

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Calendar This Week		
Today	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Today	1:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom
Wed 4/6/22	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 4/6/22	5:00 PM	Spiritual Practice in the Chapel
Wed 4/6/22	7:00 PM	Mid-Week Lent Virtual & In-Person Service
Thurs 4/7/22	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom
Sat 4/9/22	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 4/10/22	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Sun 4/10/22	1:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom

Mark Your 2022 Calendar:	
April 6 – 7 PM	Mid-Week Lent Service Virtual & In-Person
April 10 <sup>th</sup> – 10 AM	Palm Sunday Service Virtual & In-Person
April 14 <sup>th</sup> – 7 PM	Maundy Thursday Service Virtual & In-Person
April 15 <sup>th</sup> – 7 PM	Good Friday Service Virtual & In-Person
April 16 <sup>th</sup> – 7 PM	Easter Vigil at Trinity Lutheran Church
April 17 <sup>th</sup> – 10 AM	Easter Sunday Service Virtual & In-Person

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This year we are challenging the congregation and friends to participate in our **Chapter a Day Bible Challenge**. We are reading the New Testament 6 days a week for a few months, then will transition to 5 days a week, in order to be done this year. 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 links for an Introduction page and an informational page about the books of James and Mark. Share the link with family and friends!! Also be sure to watch Pastor Zach's videos on Facebook each week with details about the reading for the week. This week we are continuing the Gospel of Mark.

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a new **spiritual practice**! Join Pastor Zach at 5 PM in the Chapel where he will be exploring 2 different spiritual practices, Lectio Davina and Centering Prayer. Come and find out about either or both by joining us in the Chapel!

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 PM for a **mid-week Lenten service**, either in-person or via Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be the same as our regular Sunday worship, and a virtual bulletin will be emailed out. We will be using the **Holden Evening Prayer** for the mid-week Lent services. We will also have a short bulletin which will include the theme of the day, the reading of the day, and the hymn of the day. Come join us!

Foothill Conference and Friends invite you to join the **2022 Easter Vigil** on April 16th at 7 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pasadena, with Bishop Bos presiding. Participating churches (so far): Trinity Pasadena; Christ the Shepherd Altadena; Hill Avenue Grace Pasadena, All Saints Sun Valley; Salem Glendale. Join us for this solemn and joyous celebration!



We are looking for **readers for the Palm Sunday service**, for parts of the Luke Passion reading. If you are interested, please check with Anita Mork.

The **Food Shelf's** greatest need right now is for **athletic socks**, black or white. Although the weather is changing, warm feet are always a priority! Again, bring them to church, to the office during office hours, or to the Food Shelf directly (Saturdays about 9:00 a.m. – before people arrive). Another way to contribute? Monetary donations are always welcome – it takes a lot to keep those shelves full, and we all know that food prices are going up!

If you are looking to help the folks in **Ukraine**, **Lutheran World Relief** (lwr.org) and **Lutheran Disaster Response** (through elca.org) are collecting donations for relief efforts. You can donate directly to them on their websites, or put a check in the offering plate or send to the church office and put 'Ukraine' on the memo line, and we'll make sure the monies get sent along.

**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. 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.
4. You may leave your offering in the plate inside the narthex.
5. 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!

# 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 place it in the offering basket or mail it to the church office.

Please mark your checks for **EASTER LILIES** in the memo line. The cost per plant will be \$15.00.



Please complete the following form by **Sunday, April 10th.** That is the **absolute** deadline.

**Thank you!**

I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the following:

In memory of:

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**Questions? Please call the church office at 626-792-4169  
or email to [office@hillavenuegrace.org](mailto:office@hillavenuegrace.org)**

