Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022 Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Feast & Celebration Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church Rev. Zachary W. Johnson, Pastor Donna Menzies, Assistant to the Pastor, Visitation & Spiritual Care Douglas Shabe, Director of Music Hannah Lee, Organist David Russell, Assistant Minister Kristin & Katherine Johnson, Lectors

Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

Hannah Lee

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

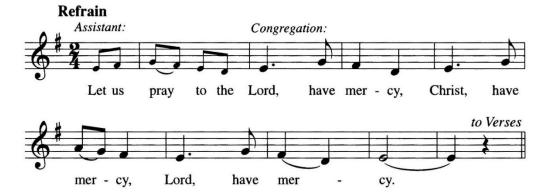
And also with you.

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

(Lord Have Mercy)

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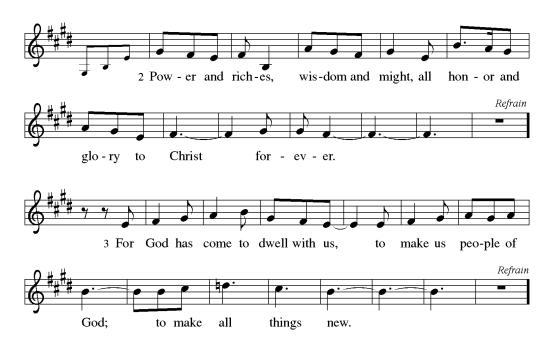
HYMN



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 The congregation responds with the bold verses.

¹May God be merciful to [|] us and bless us; may the light of God's face [|] shine upon us. ²Let your way be known [|] upon earth, your saving health a- [|] mong all nations. ³Let the peoples praise [|] you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you. ⁴Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na-[|] **tions on earth.** ⁵Let the peoples [|] praise you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought [|] forth its increase; God, our own [|] God, has blessed us.

⁷May God ¹ give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe.

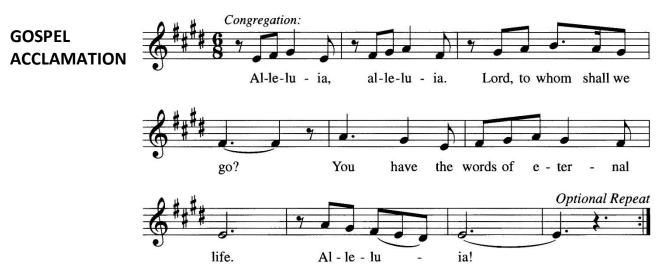
SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Irene Amon



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

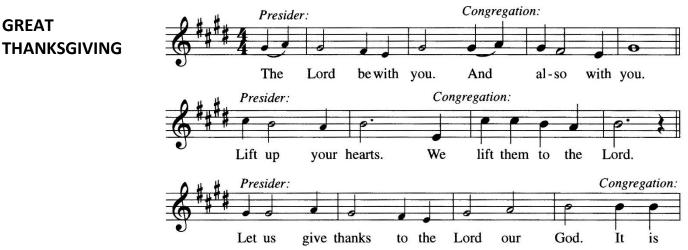
Each petition ends with "God, in your mercy." The assembly responds with "hear our prayer."

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.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

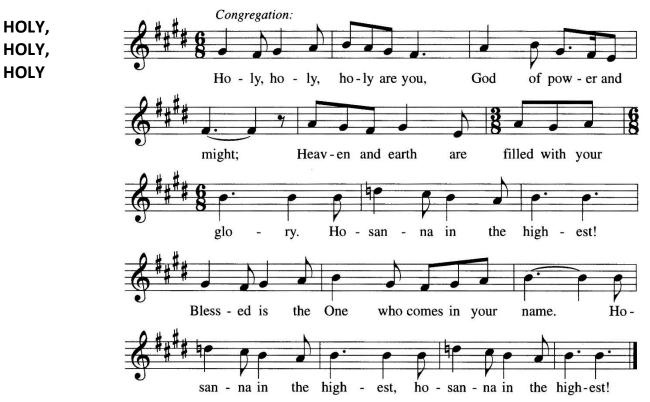
HOLY COMMUNION





PREFACE

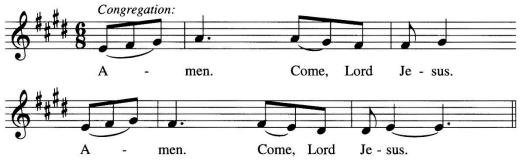
It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy....Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation... *Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



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

LORD'S PRAYER

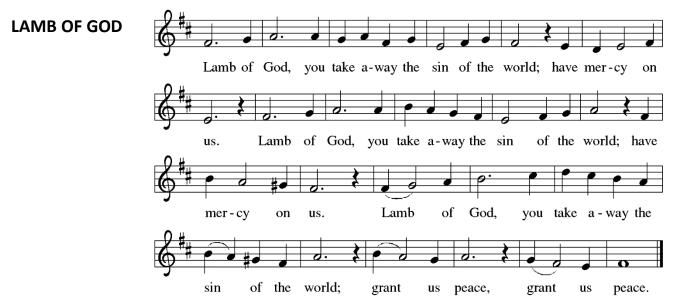
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

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.



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

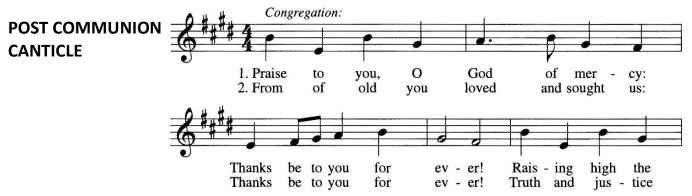
"Ave Verum Corpus"

W.A. Mozart

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, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hannah Lee

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

Calendar This Week		
Today	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Today	1:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom
Wed 5/25/22	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 5/25/22	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom
Sat 5/28/22	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 5/29/22	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Sun 5/29/22	1:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom

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 we are reading. 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 book of Acts.

On **June 5th** after service we will be having a **congregational informational meeting**, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

On Sunday **June 26th** we will be having our **Hymn Festival at 3pm** "Psalms for All Seasons" with arrangements by Paul Heatley. It should be a glorious afternoon of wonderful hymn singing and beautiful music. All are invited to attend!

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! Also if you like to shop cereal is always appreciated as well as canned soup, especially vegetarian options.

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 worshiping together!

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/95007590439?pwd=M2NmMUZCZzhMOUY0SG8xeHpxcU5RUT09 Meeting ID: 950 0759 0439 Passcode: worship

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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 worshiping and singing.
- 2. We will enter the church through the glass doors on Hill Avenue.
- 3. You may leave your offering in the plate inside the narthex.
- 4. 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.

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!