

## 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting IV

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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### Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

*"Adagio from Organ Concerto IV"*

G. F. Handel

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**



Hill Ave Grace  
Lutheran Church

## OPENING HYMN

## Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

ELW 745

1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.  
 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.  
 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;  
 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;  
 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength-ened with all might,

Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.  
 And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.  
 a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;  
 to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.  
 we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.  
 Music: SONG 67, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

## 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.**

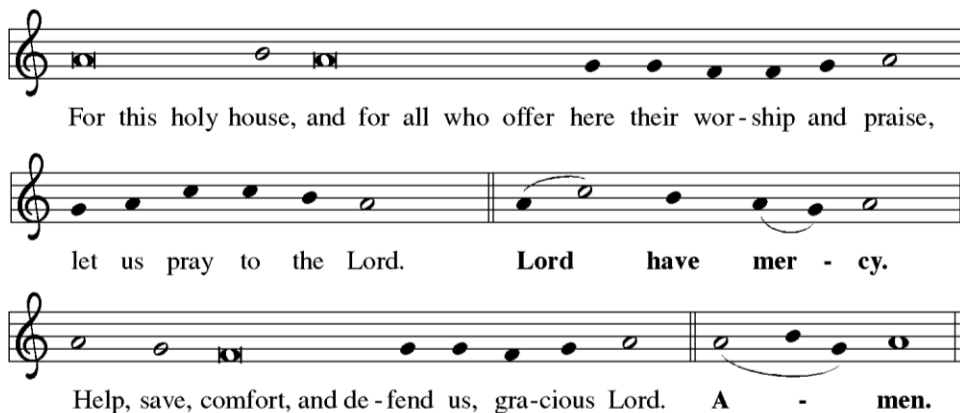
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy 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, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
All  
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.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

**PSALM: Psalm 138** *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>1</sup>bove all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me; you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly, perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>1</sup> hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

## SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[ <sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Zach Johnson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**ELW 742**

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886  
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## 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 "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

## OFFERTORY

**OFFERING PRAYER** - *All speak the prayer together.*

**God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness,  
 strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name  
 of Jesus. Amen.**

## 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.

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'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all...

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

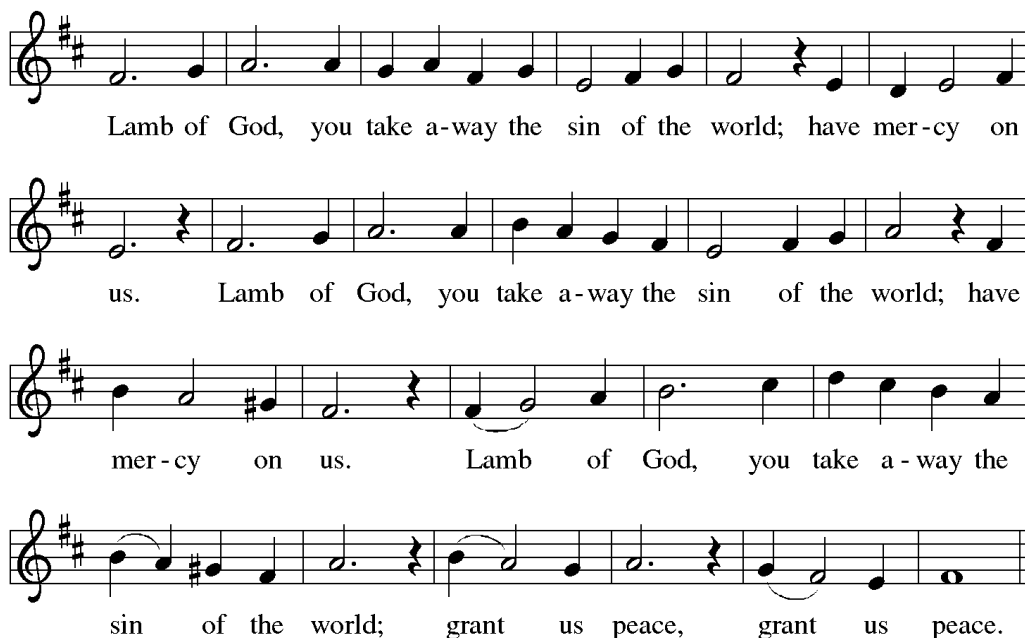
**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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.**



**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.*

**Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****FAREWELL AND GODSPEED – Kristen Tarsala****BENEDICTION**

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**Amen.**

## Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*“Première Livre de Pièces de Clavecin” (1706)*

J. P. Rameau

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.*

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Calendar This Week		
Today	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Wed 7/27/22	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study
Sat 7/30/22	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 7/31/22	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This year we are challenging the congregation and friends to participate in our **Chapter a Day Bible Challenge**. 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 1 Corinthians.

Pastor Zach will be on **vacation August 1-8**. During that time Donna Menzies will be available for pastoral care needs, and Pastor Sharon Richter will be on call for pastoral emergencies, contact Donna for both - djmenzies@dslextreme.com. On Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Irene Amon will be our guest preacher. We look forward to hearing her preach!

Pastor Zach now has **office hours** on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. He will also in the office on Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Come by and speak with him about any pastoral issues, or just to say Hi!

**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. 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!

# Adult Forum

Pastor Zach is bringing back Adult Forum after worship on Sunday in the Fall of 2022. He would like to know what topics you would be interested in covering for the 2022-23 program year. Please rank the list of topics below (1 being most interested and 8 being least interested) that you would like to learn more about and discuss during Adult Forum.

You can place this form in the offering plate on Sunday morning, mail it to the church, or email your rankings to [pastor@hillavenuegrace.org](mailto:pastor@hillavenuegrace.org). Thank you for your feedback.

Please rank the following topics for Adult Forum:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Theology

\_\_\_\_\_ Faithful living/discipleship

\_\_\_\_\_ Old Testament

\_\_\_\_\_ Stewardship

\_\_\_\_\_ New Testament

\_\_\_\_\_ Care for creation

\_\_\_\_\_ Church history

\_\_\_\_\_ Interreligious dialogue