

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting VI

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

Hannah Lee

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.

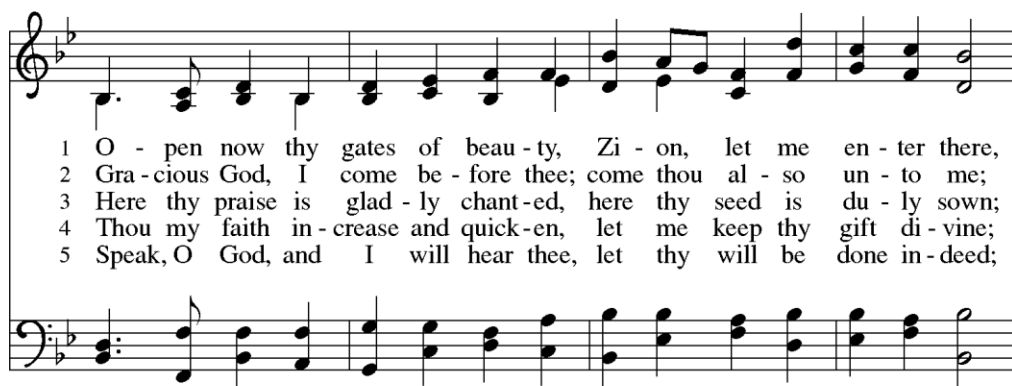


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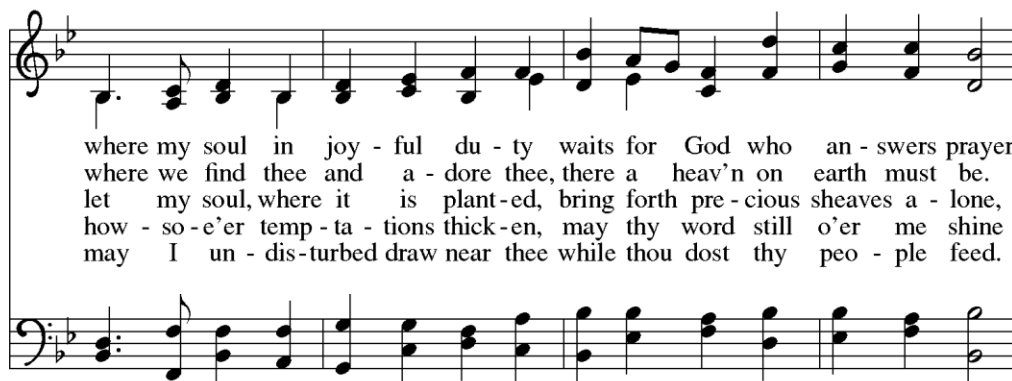
OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

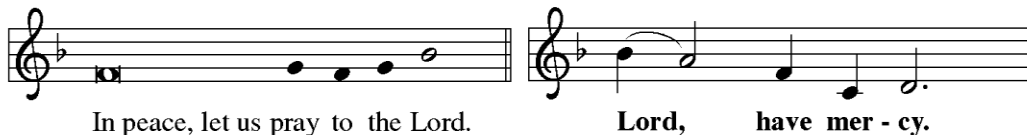
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 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

GREETING

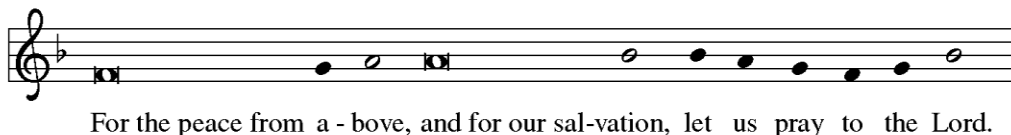
The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

(Lord Have Mercy)



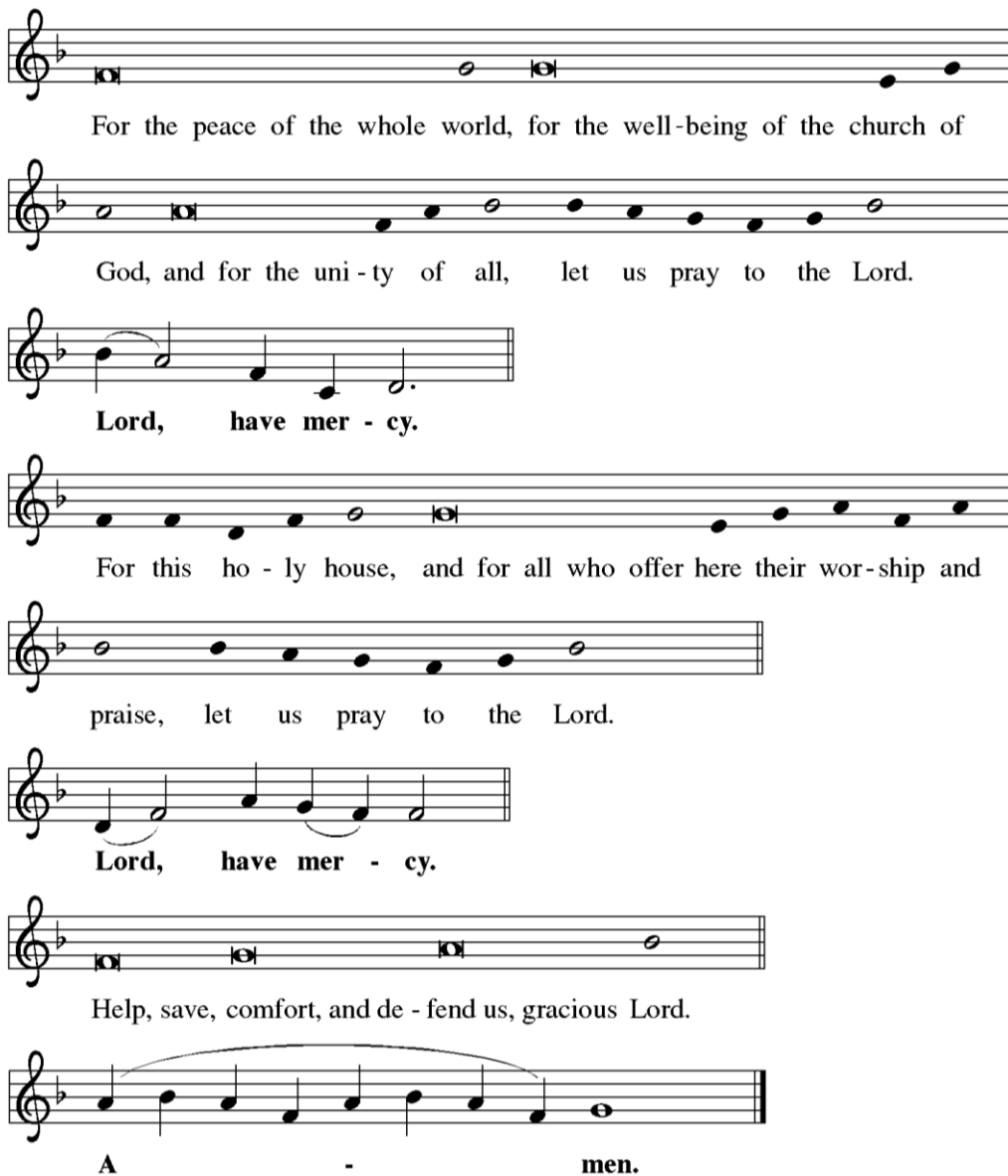
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

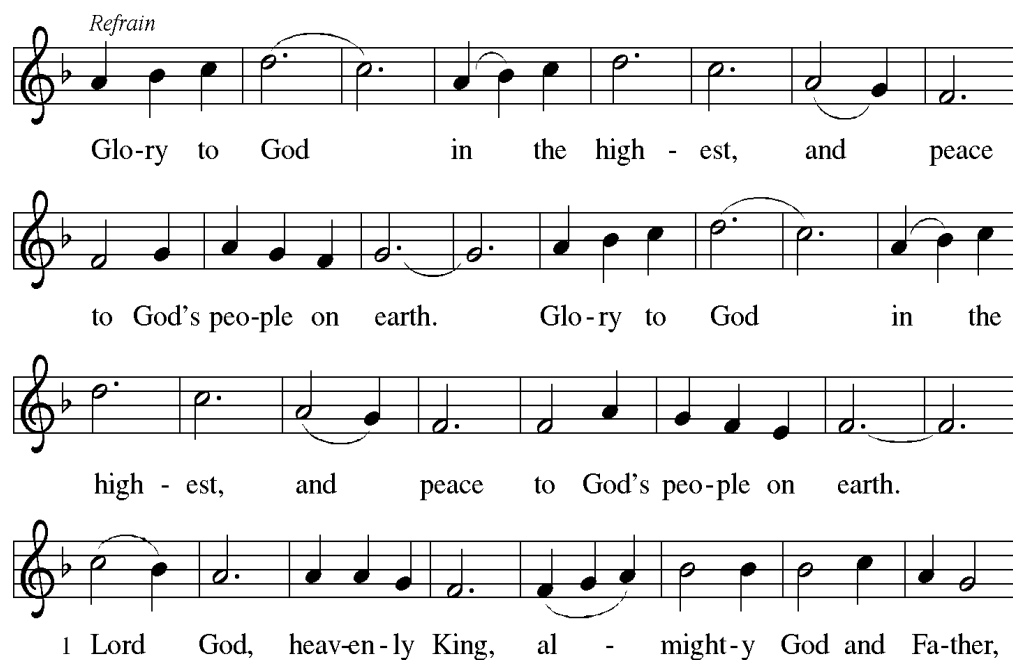


Lord, have mer - cy.

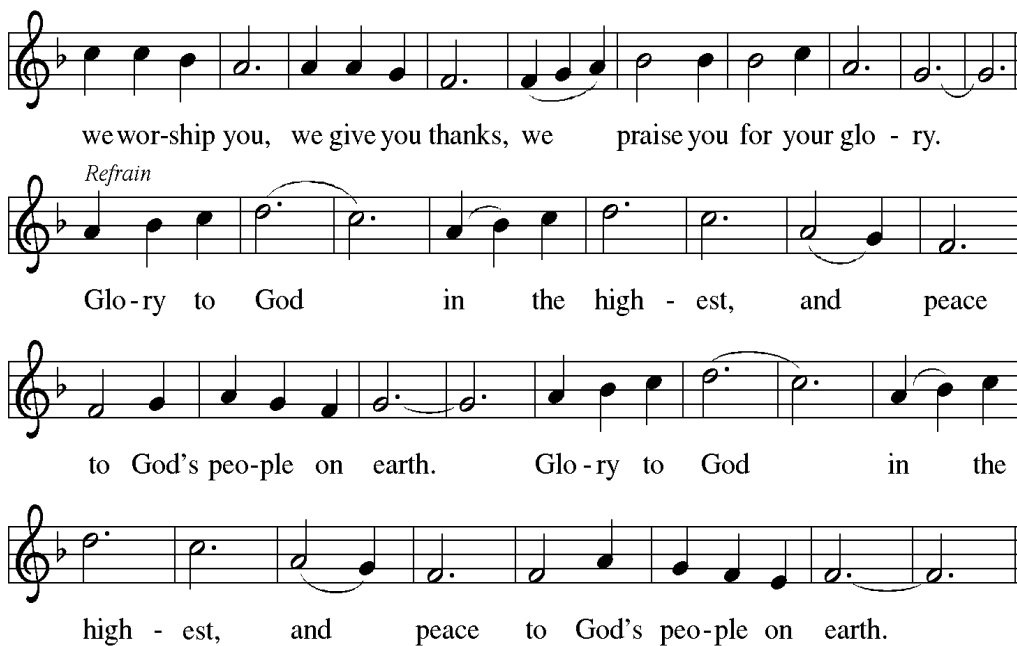


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of
 God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy.
 For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and
 praise, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gracious Lord.
 A - men.

**HYMN
 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.
 1 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

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

¹Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul, and forget not ¹ all God's benefits—**

³who forgives ¹ all your sins and heals all ¹ your diseases;

- ⁴who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;
- ⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
- ⁷You made known your | ways to Moses and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

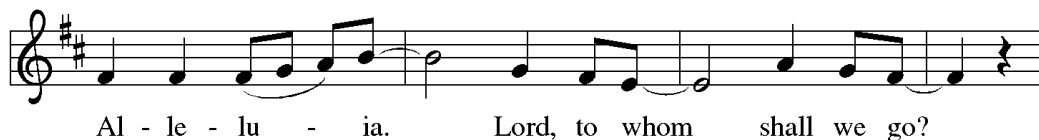
¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.")

²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant

because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

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Pastor Zach will sing
verse 1, congregation
sings vs 2-4



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.
Come and rest in me. *To stanza 2*
all will know my name. *To refrain*
up, now walk and live! *To refrain*
To refrain



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you



home; I love you and you are mine."

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

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 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.**

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.

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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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-



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

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.

SENDING HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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.

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Calendar This Week		
Today	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Sat 8/27/22	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 8/28/22	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 2 Corinthians, and will start the book of Galatians on the 26th.

Bible study is taking the month of August off. Stay tuned for the Fall schedule!

Pastor Zach has office hours on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am to 1 pm, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come by and speak with him about any pastoral issues or just to say Hi!

Dedicate Altar Flowers. There are still a few slots available for the upcoming months to sponsor the Altar Flowers. Cost is \$70 for the twin arrangements or sign up for just a single. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex today or contact the office with your preferred date!

Volunteer for the Food Shelf!

Whoever has two tunics is to share with those who have none, and whoever has food is to do likewise...Luke 3:10-11

The Food Shelf provides food for those in need every Saturday from 9:30 AM—11:30 AM. This ministry is able to work because of members who volunteer their time. Please consider setting a Saturday morning aside to volunteer.

Contact Kyle Stewart if you want to volunteer, foodshelf@hillavenuegrace.org

Friday September 23 is Lutheran Night at the Los Angeles Dodgers game at 7:10 pm. If you're interested in going with us as a group, the tickets are \$36. Make your checks payable to HAGL, and we'll send one check to the synod for the tickets. We need the checks by August 21st, as we have to get the money to the synod by August 23rd. We'd love to get a group to attend this fun night at the Dodger game!

Spending Evenings Together (SET) – we are still looking for volunteers for information before we announce the date of our next event. Contact Irene Amon at ireneamon6@gmail.com if you'd like to share stories of your travels, and specify if you'd like an in-person or virtual event.

Sunday September 11 is "God Work, Our Hands" day. We are working out the details for this event, stay tuned for details!

On **Sunday September 18th** we will have an **installation service for Pastor Zach** during our regular service, and Bishop Bos will be preaching and presiding over this service. This is also **Rally Day**, and we have a survey that we'd like to get responses for, so we know what kind of meal to serve. See the survey at the end of the bulletin.

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!



Rally Day is September 18th, and Church Council is working hard to put together exciting activities for this year. Part of that includes planning for a light lunch.

We need your input!! Please mark your choice from the following options:

_____ Bring your own meal, either from home or from a local restaurant, to eat together at church

_____ BBQ burgers and dogs grilled on site with simple potluck sides OR homemade side salads provided by Council/volunteers

_____ Simple catered meal, like a Dianne Salad from Green Street

Please submit your choice by placing this form in the offering plate on Sunday morning, bring it to the church or email your choice to the office at office@hillavenuegrace.org by September 4th.

We will also be having an Installation service for Pastor Zach on this date during our regular Sunday morning service with Bishop Bos as our guest preacher.

***We look forward to seeing you and a friend
at this annual event!!***