12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting VI

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude "How Great Is Our God" arr. Carol Tornquist

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.

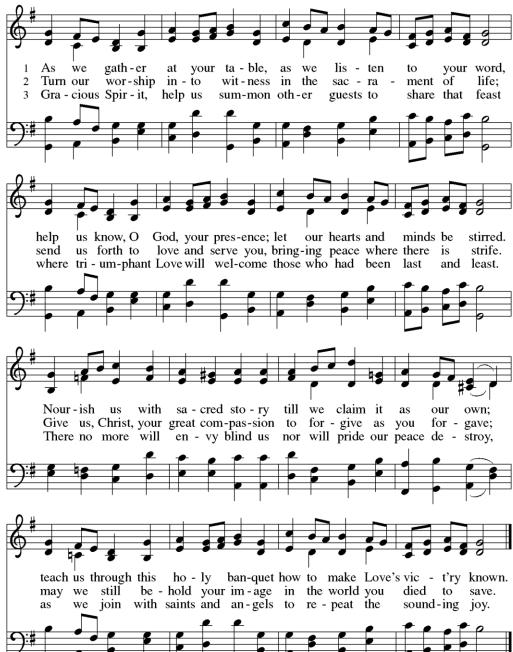
Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table



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GREETING

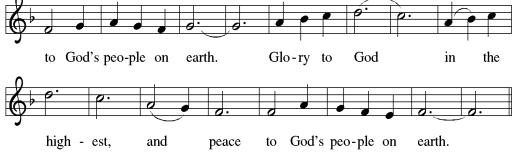
The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.





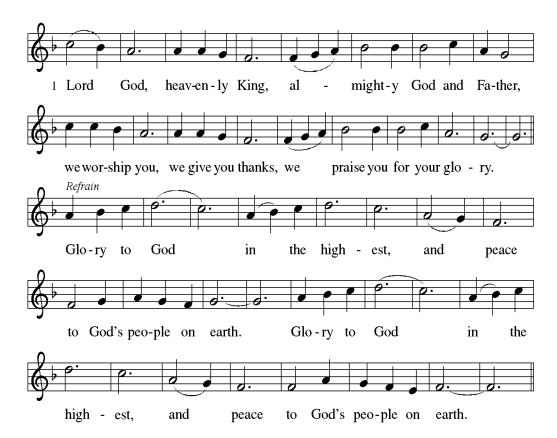
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





HYMN

OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112 The congregation responds with the bold verses.

- ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who [|] fear the LORD and have great delight in [|] God's commandments!
- ²Their descendants will be mighty | in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
- ³Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house, and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.
- ⁴Light shines in the darkness | for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.
- ⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
- and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
- ⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlast- ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink,

until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

- ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever; they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.
- ¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away; the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.





GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Zach Johnson



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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.

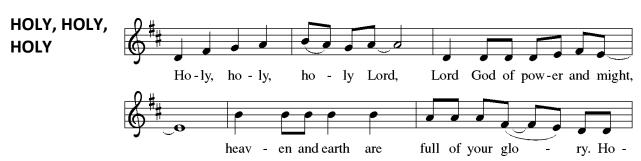
GREAT THANKSGIVING

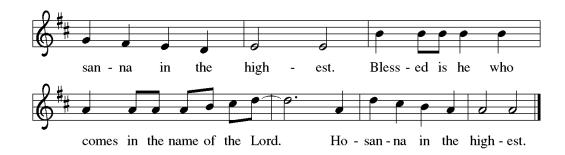
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.





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.

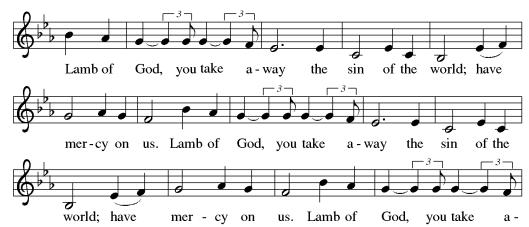
Give us today our daily bread.

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.







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.

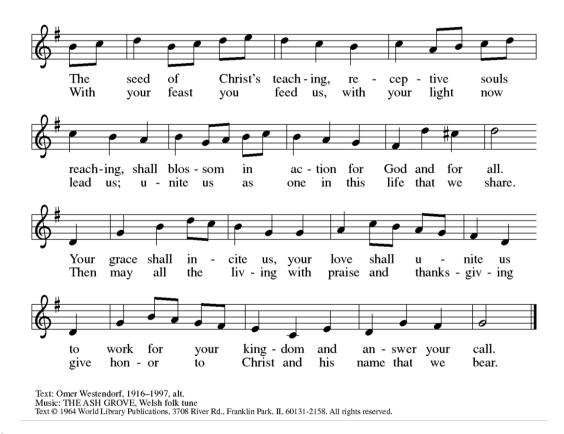
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

arr. Mark Hayes

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 9/3/22	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 9/4/22	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 Galatians.

Bible study will resume on Wednesday, September 7th. We will be studying the upcoming Sunday texts. Join us in-person Wednesday mornings at 10 AM in the Christ Chapel, or Wednesday evenings at 7 PM via Zoom.

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

Irene Amon will be preaching on September 11 before she returns to her home country to do research for her doctorate. We look forward to her return and wish her well in her studies!

On **Sunday September 18**th 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 at the end of the bulletin that we'd like to get responses for, so we know what kind of meal to serve. We have lots of fun activities planned for Rally Day and we hope to see you there!!

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

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

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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. 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!!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday







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God's work. Our hands.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE!

CHOOSE BETWEEN 2 SERVICE PROJECTS:

PROJECT 1 – TIE BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

PROJECT 2 – CLEAN UP HOLLISTON STREET



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