

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting IV

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Jeff Nelson

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.

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.



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OPENING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

ELW 824

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

GREETING

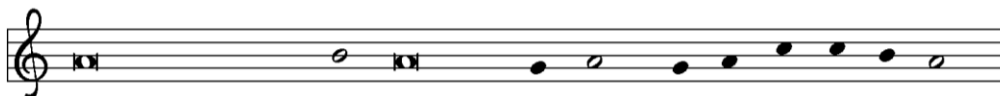
The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Lord Have Mercy)

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



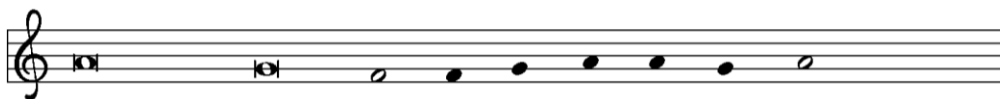
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



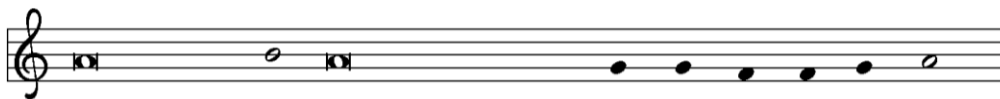
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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,



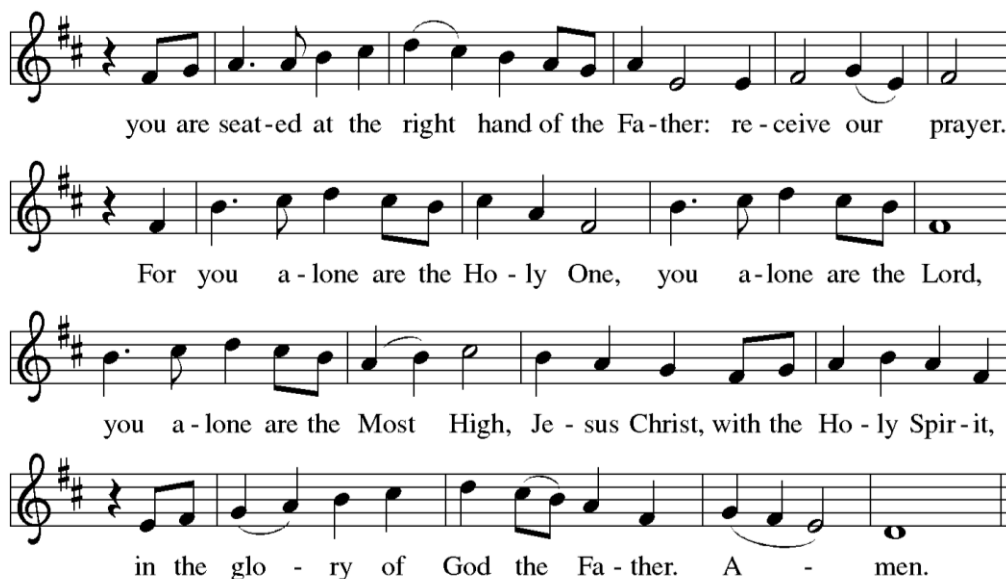
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





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

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 100 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, ¹ all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence ¹ with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom ¹ we belong;
we are God’s people and the sheep ¹ of God’s pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the ¹ courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God’s ¹ holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is ¹ everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from ¹ age to age.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our
hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and
character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely
will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might
actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ
died for us.

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: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the
good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the
crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep
without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers
are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits,
to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the
twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of
Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax
collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot,
the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the
Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the
sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give
without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey,
or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village
you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the

house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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 "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

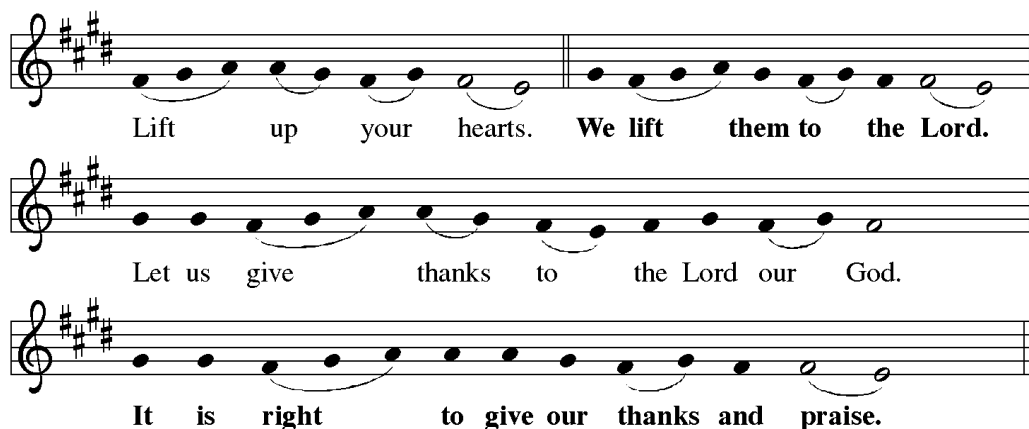
OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER - *All speak the prayer together.*

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



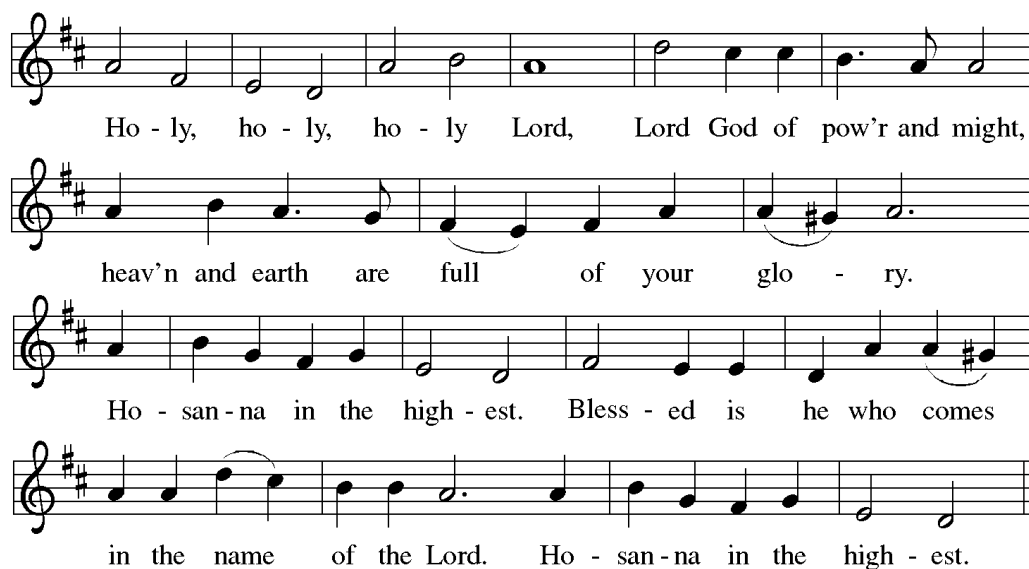
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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...

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

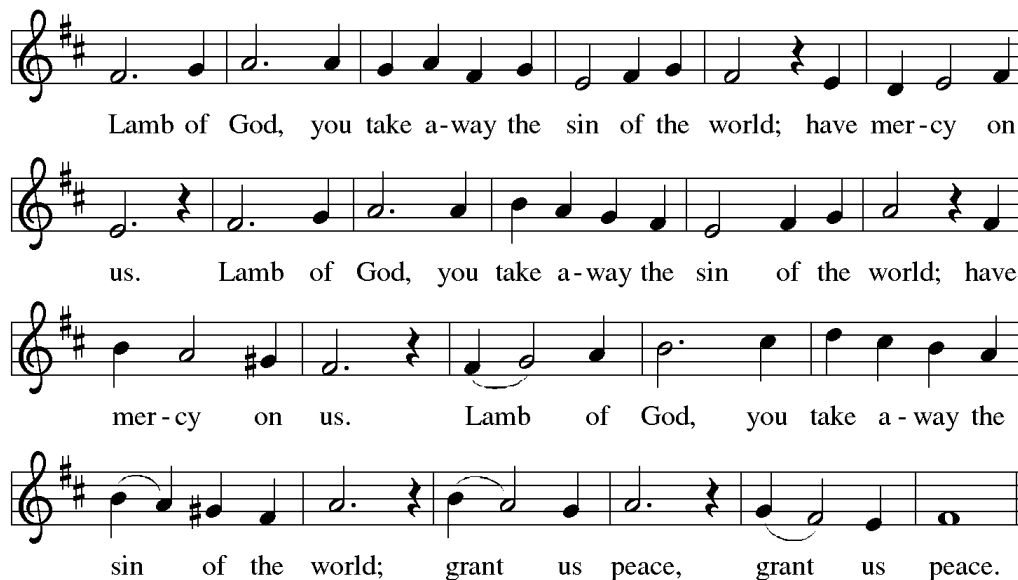
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

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.*

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN**O Zion, Haste****ELW 668**


1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Welch, 1837–1901

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

“God the Father, Be Our Stay”

J.S.Bach - Paul Menz

Altar flowers are given by Dick & Diane Branson celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary today and in honor of all fathers, especially remembering ours, Herbert A Kuehne and Paul Branson.

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Tues 6/20/23	5:00 PM	Spending Evening Together Cookout
Wed 6/21/23	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 6/21/23	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom
Sat 6/24/23	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Zach has updated his office hours to Tues, Wed & Thurs, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Stop by, make an appointment, give a call, get in touch and say Hi!

On Saturday, July 1st, Living Hope Through Resurrection is putting on a workshop about Finding Hope in the Midst of Today at the SW Synod office. If you'd like to join Pastor Zach in attending, please let him know. There is no cost to attend this workshop. Thank you considering to participate as we continue to look at how God is calling us in this time and place to be the church.

We are sad to announce that Shelly Baum joined the Church Triumphant on Thursday, June 15th. Her family is thankful that Shelly is now at peace after 102 years of loving the Lord and being a blessing to so many. She will be cremated and her remains will be shipped to MN for burial with her mom and dad. Her family will work with Pr Zach to plan a service for Shelly, sometime in the future at HAGL.

Join Pastor Zach in a ministry team to help us transition our ministry to this post pandemic time and reach out to our community in this time and place. If you are interested in helping the church discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us, contact Pastor Zach and he will let you know when the team starts meeting.

At the SW Synod Assembly the first weekend of June, they started a brand new fund for disability ministries. Congregations can receive a scholarship that want to make changes to their facilities or worship practices that makes their ministry more accessible to all. If you are feeling generous please send the SW Synod a donation to help support this new fund which will greatly benefit the entire synod and the church as a whole.

Hymn Requests—Submit your favorite hymn(s) to be included during the worship service during the summer months! Contact Pastor or the office and let us know which hymn you'd like to hear! It can be any hymn from our hymnal, from any part of the year, like Christmas, Easter, whenever. The worship committee will work to include your choice!

Spending Evenings Together (S.E.T.) - Tuesday Summer Cookouts!

Youth and Congregational Life is planning a cookout twice a month in the evening during the summer, with the first gathering on Tuesday, June 20th at 5 pm.

We will gather on the patio (where Sunday coffee fellowship happens) for food, fellowship, and a good time. HAGL will provide burgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, water, and iced tea. We request that you bring your own table service, and we also ask you to consider bringing (one of the following) chips, cookies, fruit, salad, snacks, or other things to share during our time together. Feel free to bring your own camping/outdoor chairs as well.

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

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We are back to joining at the altar for communion. We will be going up the center aisle and returning down the side aisles. If you are not comfortable with that, pick up a communion set at the table in the narthex 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.

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!



Submit your favorite hymn(s) to be included during the worship service during the summer months! Drop this form in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Your choice can be any hymn from our hymnal, from any part of the year, like Christmas, Easter, whenever. Include a dedication if you like! The worship committee will work to include your choice!

Hymn Name and/or Number:

Dedication:

Name: _____