

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting IV

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude "More Precious than Silver" arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.

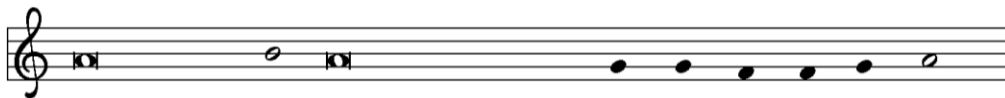
Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
 you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
 For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"
 then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
 I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
 All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble,
 and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;
 let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

[¹¹I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
 and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
 "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
 let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

- ¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.]
- ¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**
- ¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- ¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 eternal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before

my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

ELW 773

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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.**

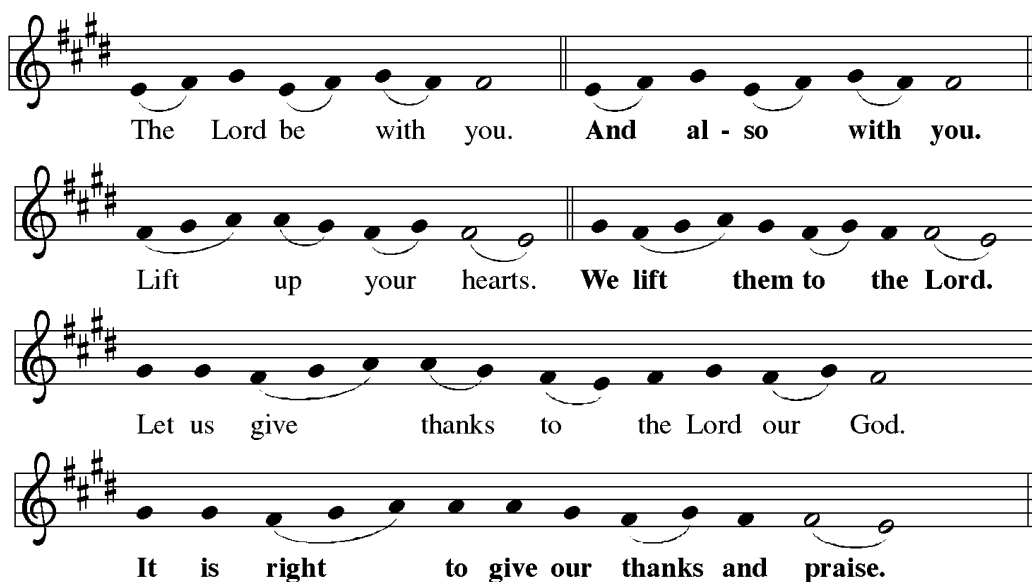
OFFERING

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 also with you.

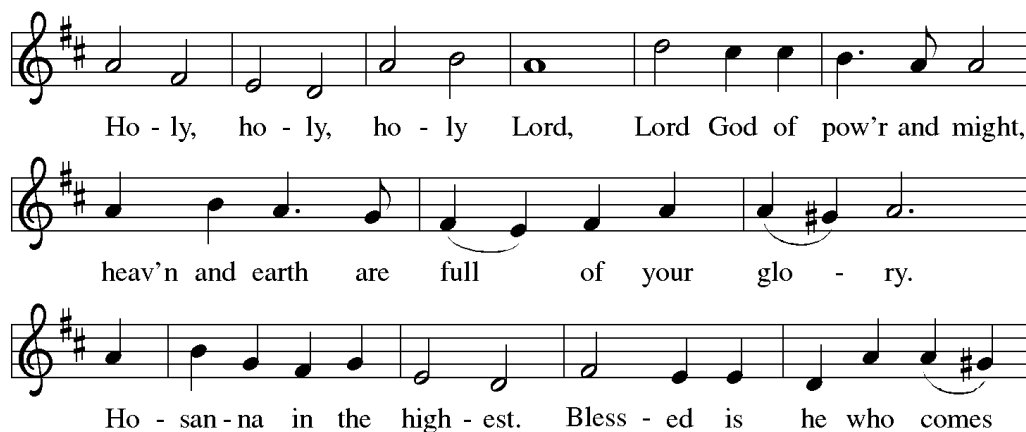
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

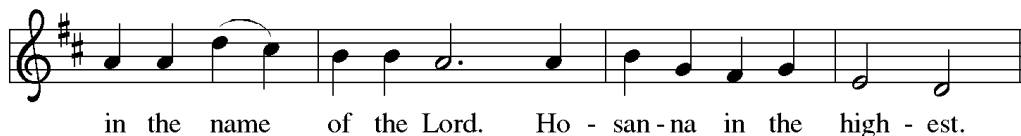
It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'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



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**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound****ELW 779**

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Anthony J Showalter

Altar flowers are given by Karen DeGilio in honor of my grandson Jakob McDonald's departure to serve in the US Army.

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Wed 6/28/23	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 6/28/23	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom
Sat 7/1/23	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.

Our wonderful member Irene Amon is preparing for her doctoral comprehensive exams, so to help support Irene consider taking her out for a meal, making a good luck basket, or finding your own way to show how much we appreciate all the hard work she is doing to receive her degree, and in our community making it a better place.

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!

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: _____