

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting VI

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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## Order of the Liturgy

Prelude                                    *"Brother James's Air" (The Lord is My Shepherd)*     arr. Joseph Martin

### 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

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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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.**

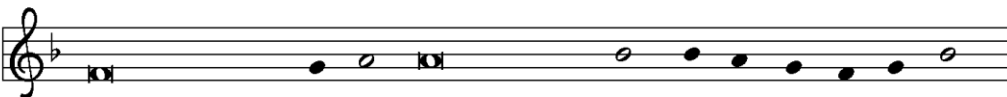
## KYRIE

(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.

**CANTICLE  
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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
 making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,  
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
 the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
 and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13** *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O <sup>1</sup> God, in Zion; to you shall vows <sup>1</sup> be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>To you, the one <sup>1</sup> who answers prayer, to you all <sup>1</sup> flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong-<sup>1</sup>er than we are, but you blot out<sup>1</sup> our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your<sup>1</sup> courts to dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness<sup>1</sup> of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of<sup>1</sup> our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans<sup>1</sup> far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains<sup>1</sup> by your power; you are girded a-<sup>1</sup>bout with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring<sup>1</sup> of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor<sup>1</sup> of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your<sup>1</sup> marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to<sup>1</sup> sing for joy. ]**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is<sup>1</sup> full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide<sup>1</sup> for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth<sup>1</sup> out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and<sup>1</sup> bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year<sup>1</sup> with your goodness, and your paths over-<sup>1</sup>flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be<sup>1</sup> rich for grazing, and the hills be<sup>1</sup> clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them-<sup>1</sup>selves with grain; let them shout for<sup>1</sup> joy and sing.

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Zach Johnson

**HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW 679****For the Fruit of All Creation**

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics, and the second system contains three verses. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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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 "Lord, in your mercy." 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 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 - 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...

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 Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Postlude***“Shout to the Lord”*

arr. Carol Tornquist

*Altar flowers are given by Lija Kalejs in memory of her sister, Nora Moolenkamp, and her father, Karlis Kalejs, who both passed away during the month of July.*

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Tues 7/18/23	5:00 PM	Spending Evenings Together Cookout
Wed 7/19/23	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 7/19/23	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom
Sat 7/22/23	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!

**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.

**Spending Evenings Together (S.E.T.)** will have another cookout on Tuesday, July 18th! Contact Irene Amon or Pastor with your RSVP! Invite your friends! Please bring your favorite cookies, chips, salads or other snacks to share! Don't forget to bring a chair!

**Join us for the SWCA Baseball Night at Dodger Stadium!** The LA Dodgers will play the Atlanta Braves on Friday, Sept 1st at 7 pm. Let's get a group together to attend this game!

If you're interested in going with us the **tickets are \$30**, and we need to **RSVP** to the synod by **July 30th**. Make your checks payable to HAGL and put "Dodger Tickets" in the memo, and we'll send one check to the synod for the tickets.

**The Hill Avenue Grace Food Shelf needs volunteers!** We're looking for new, friendly faces to help distribute food on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. You can help out as often or as little as you want. If you're open to hearing more, please contact Angela Jorgensen at [foodshelf@hillavenuegrace.org](mailto:foodshelf@hillavenuegrace.org).

**Repairs to the Education building** in preparation for the Pasadena Conservancy of Music's use of the second floor are progressing nicely. Thanks to the volunteers that have put in many hours!! Funds are still needed for the upcoming projects. Please continue your giving through the summer months to help keep this project, and our overall church budget, on track. Any "special gifts" will be used for property rental preparation.

**A memorial service for Shelly Baum is being planned for Friday, August 25th** here at HAGL at 11 am. A light lunch will be provided after in the gym. If you'd like to help with setup and/or

clean-up, please contact the office.

**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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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!