

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Feast & Celebration

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"Near to the Heart of God"

Lennie Seidel

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.



Hill Ave Grace
Lutheran Church

OPENING HYMN

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 480

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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)

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run
to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

⁸The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are ¹ good to all, and your compassion is over ¹ all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon ¹ you, O LORD, and you give them their food ¹ in due season.**

¹⁶You open ¹ wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every ¹ living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in ¹ all your ways and loving in ¹ all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who ¹ call upon you, to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of ¹ those who fear you; you hear their ¹ cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all ¹ those who love you, but all the wicked you ¹ shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise ¹ of the LORD;**

let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- ¹ er and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, 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 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

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

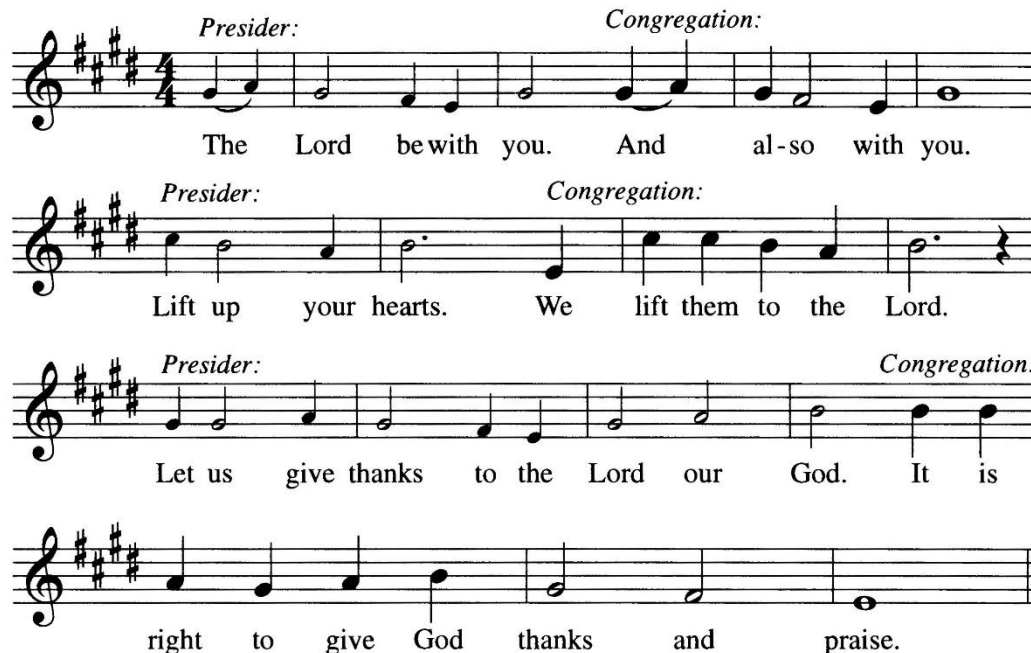
OFFERTORY

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**

Presider: *Congregation:*



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 God thanks and praise.

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

**HOLY, HOLY,
HOLY**

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy...Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation... *Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Father even as we pray...

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.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

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 Living Bread from Heaven****ELW 542**

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

“Joyful Day”

arr. Mark Hayes

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Tues 8/8/23	7:00 PM	Virtual Council Meeting
Wed 8/9/23	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 8/9/23	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom
Sat 8/12/23	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!

It is with sadness that we report that Hal Mills went to be with His Lord on 7/22/23 at 11:57 pm. Of course this was expected and thankfully Hal is now at peace, but a sadness and loss for Barbara and family and his many friends. Please pray for Barbara and her family as they mourn Hal's loss to them and make plans.

Irene Amon has passed all 4 of her compositional finals! Congratulations to her!! The last hurdle is the dissertation, which we wish you God's blessings as you work on this goal.

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.

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 \$35 for a single. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex today!

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. The casual reception would welcome cookies or finger desserts. If you'd like to help with the reception, setup, clean-up or serving please contact the office.

If you have any interest in **joining the bell choir for a special performance** at Shelly's memorial, please contact Bonnie Henry. There will be 3 rehearsals prior to the memorial service, which last about 1 hour each.

Thank you to those who participated in our **Spending Evenings Together** event on July 18th! We are planning our next event in August and will let you know the date soon. We hope you will join us and bring your friends!

HAGL On the Town Fellowship Event: Star Wars: Return of the Jedi in Concert at the Hollywood Bowl, Saturday, September 2nd, 2023 at 8:00 PM

Do you love Star Wars? Do you love music? HAGL member Tobe Poehlmann is organizing a fellowship event to spend an evening together at the Hollywood Bowl watching Star Wars: Return of the Jedi accompanied live by the LA Philharmonic Orchestra. If you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions, please contact Tobe Poehlmann at tap1981@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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!