

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Feast & Celebration

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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## Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

*"No Greater Love"*

arr. Craig Curry

## 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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Lutheran Church

## OPENING HYMN

## Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## 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

*to Verses*

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*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

*Refrain*

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

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



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

### PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD<sup>l</sup> God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their<sup>l</sup> hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to<sup>l</sup> those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell<sup>l</sup> in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have<sup>l</sup> met together;  
righteousness and peace have<sup>l</sup> kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up<sup>l</sup> from the earth,**

and righteousness shall look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity, and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go be- <sup>1</sup> fore the LORD and shall prepare for <sup>1</sup> God a pathway.

## SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

<sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

## SERMON

Pastor Zach Johnson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

ELW 755

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
 3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
 hush the o - cean wild; boi - s't'rous waves o - bey thy  
 fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach -'rous shoal; chart and  
 will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

**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 musical notation is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are as follows:

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* 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**

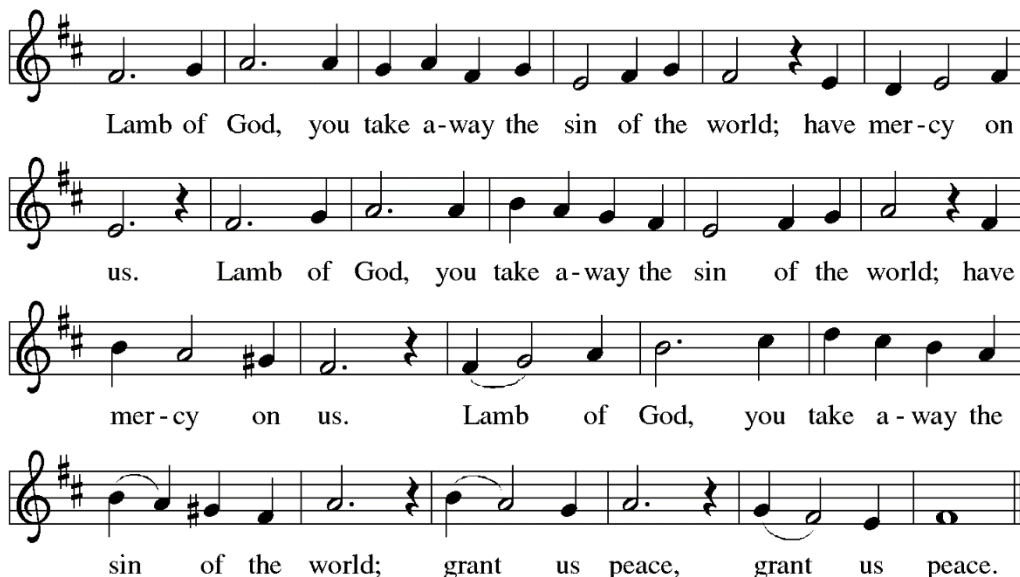
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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

# When Peace, like a River

*It Is Well with My Soul*

ELW 785

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

**DISMISSAL**

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

**Postlude**

*"I Give You My Heart"*

arr. Carol Tornquist

*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
Wed 8/16/23	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 8/16/23	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom
Sat 8/19/23	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.

**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 for Tuesday, August 29th**. We hope you will join us and bring your friends! Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend so we can plan for the food accordingly.

## **HAGL On the Town Fellowship Event: Star Wars: Return of the Jedi in Concert at the Hollywood Bowl, Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of God's Work Our Hands day**, and we have some great plans in store as we observe this event. We are doing a joint project with Trinity Lutheran, Pasadena and Christ the Shepherd Lutheran, Altadena, where we will be creating care kits for PCC students in need. We will also be worshipping together with all 3 churches gathering in the gymnasium, followed by a potluck lunch and the service project. Worship will start at 10 am in the gym. Please mark your calendars and watch for the sign-up for the potluck lunch. Bring your friends to participate in the wonderful GWOH festivities!

**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>

**Meeting ID: 950 0759 0439**

**Passcode: worship**

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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!