

## 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting X

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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### Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

arr. Victor Labenske

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



Hill Ave Grace  
Lutheran Church

## OPENING HYMN

## Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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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

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

**PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15** *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O <sup>1</sup> God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine <sup>1</sup> out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and <sup>1</sup> planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the <sup>1</sup> ground for it; it took root and <sup>1</sup> filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered <sup>1</sup> by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees <sup>1</sup> by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils <sup>1</sup> to the sea and its branches <sup>1</sup> to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken <sup>1</sup> down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck <sup>1</sup> off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has <sup>1</sup> ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have <sup>1</sup> grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O <sup>1</sup> God of hosts, look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and <sup>1</sup> tend this vine; preserve what your right <sup>1</sup> hand has planted.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Garry Mohr

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
 word and thought may work a work for you.  
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

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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 "God of grace,". 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

*"The Light of the World"*

- Clifford McCormick

**OFFERING PRAYER** - *All speak the prayer together.*

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### 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.*

**Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you his peace. In the name of the Father, the  $\dagger$  Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****ELW 547****Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
 to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace; Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*“In His Time”*

Diane Ball

*This week’s altar flowers are given by Fred Garcia and Anita Mork to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Pastor Zachary Johnson.*

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship
Tues 10/10/23	7:00 PM	Virtual Council Meeting
Thurs 10/12/23	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat 10/14/23	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Johnson family** after Pastor Zach’s passing. One way we can help the Johnson family now is by sending gift cards for food delivery, restaurants, and groceries. Or sign-up to be part of the ‘Meal Train for the Johnson family’ at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gkod7o> and check back regularly as updates are made by the family based on their needs.

**Thank Offering Banks** have been created by the women of grace. Thank Offering Sunday is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The gifts will be distributed to a charity to be determined soon. Look for the banks in the narthex or ask Marsha Green for one! Fill up your bank and return when directed, so the funds can go to a worthy cause.

**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).

**The Annual LWR Quilt Drive is happening on October 17th** here at HAGL! Start preparing those quilts to donate to our world neighbors, or put a check in the offering plate with 'Quilts' on the memo line for us to send along to LWR! Your love is bringing physical comfort and essential needs to those who need it most. Quilts measuring 60 x 80 should be brought to the office by Oct 15th.

**Rally Day will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 29th!** We will enjoy brats and sauerkraut in honor of Marty & Kate in true German style. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex so we know how much food to provide. We are asking the congregation to bring sides and desserts. We hope you will join us!

**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!

# SOLHEIM SAVE THE DATES

SENIOR COMMUNITY This fall and holiday season, join us for all of our events!



**Saturday, September 23**  
from 5:00 - 9:00 PM  
At Solheim Senior Community

The Eagle Rock Oktoberfest at Solheim is an event that everyone looks forward to each year! With live Bavarian music, authentic German food, beer and more, you're sure to have a great time... all while supporting a great cause!

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit:  
[www.solheimsenior.org/oktoberfest](http://www.solheimsenior.org/oktoberfest)



**Saturday, October 28**  
from 6:00 - 10:00 PM  
At La Canada Flintridge Country Club

Join us as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary! This not-to-be-missed event will feature a Masquerade Ball theme with dinner, dancing, libations, live entertainment, and a live auction. Join us as we celebrate 100 years of serving seniors!

For more information or to become a sponsor, visit our event website:  
[www.solheimsenior.org/100](http://www.solheimsenior.org/100)



**Saturday, December 9**  
from 1:00 - 5:00 PM  
At Solheim Senior Community

Looking for unique and meaningful gifts for your loved ones this holiday season? Come check out our "Spirit of Giving" Christmas Boutique! Our Christmas Boutique features local vendors who sell handmade arts, crafts and treats to benefit a good cause. Come get in the holiday spirit and take part in the holiday festivities at Solheim!

[solheimsenior.org/christmasboutique](http://solheimsenior.org/christmasboutique)

Also save this date! November 16 at 2PM, *Across the Decades Fashion Show: Fashion, Song and Dance from 1920s through today!*

## Do You Want to Support Solheim's Events?

There are a number of ways you can help:

### BECOME A SPONSOR

All of our events require the support from individuals and local businesses who are willing to partner with Solheim by making a financial donation. Various sponsorship levels are available. Sponsorship not only allows our events to be a great success, but can be a great marketing opportunity for you as well!

### SELL TICKETS

If you have friends, family, church members or anyone else who would be interested in joining us at our events, you can help us sell tickets!

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Volunteering at our events can be fun and rewarding! We can always use volunteers to help run our events smoothly. A variety of volunteering opportunities are available at any or all of our events!

### CONTRIBUTE PRIZES, AUCTION ITEMS OR CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE GIFTS

Donate contest give-a-ways for our Oktoberfest, an auction gift for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Masquerade Ball Celebration, or contribute items to sell at our Christmas Boutique.

For more information about sponsoring an event, volunteering, selling tickets or donating items for our contests, auction or Christmas Boutique, please contact Tina Antypas at 323-257-7518 or email [TAntypas@SolheimSenior.org](mailto:TAntypas@SolheimSenior.org).

If you cannot join us at any of our events, please consider making a donation in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Give online at: [www.SolheimSenior.org/100](http://www.SolheimSenior.org/100)

