

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting III

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"Blessing Song"

arr. Phil Dave

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

For All the Saints

ELW 422 vs 1-4



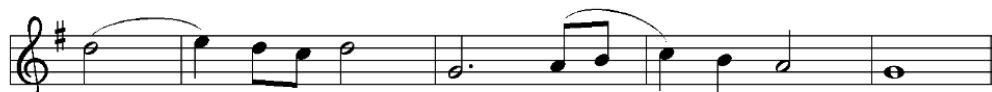
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;



we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; . . .



all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



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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 above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times; the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory¹ in the LORD; let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the LORD; let us exalt God's¹ name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who¹ answered me
and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant, and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from¹ all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who¹ fear the LORD and de-¹livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the¹ LORD is good; happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD, for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing¹ that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will¹ not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Garry Mohr

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Are They”

ELW 728

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. *Refrain*

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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 “Hear us, O God.”. The assembly responds with “your mercy is great.”

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

We remember the following members and friends of Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church:

<i>Shelly Baum</i>	<i>Hal Mills</i>	<i>Brian Box</i>	<i>Dan First</i>
<i>Rev Zach Johnson</i>	<i>Nasim Khoury</i>	<i>Paul Meinholz</i>	<i>Tom Lonze</i>
<i>Ron Klemetson</i>	<i>Lois Forand Shabe</i>	<i>Louis Loxson</i>	<i>Dan Wick</i>
<i>Mary Lou Costa</i>	<i>John Anthony Pinza</i>	<i>Beulah Moe Mohr</i>	<i>Doris Swink</i>
<i>Jimmie Lane</i>	<i>Carroll Lang</i>		

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

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 "A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays" - Jean Berger

OFFERING PRAYER - *All speak the prayer together.*

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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

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.**

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

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.

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.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **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**For All the Saints****ELW 422 vs 5-7**

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Phillip Keveren

This Sunday’s altar flowers are dedicated by Karen DeGilio in Thanksgiving for all the Saints who have blessed our lives!

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship
Wed 11/8/23	10:00 AM	In-Person Bible Study in the Chapel
Wed 11/8/23	7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom & In-Person
Thurs 11/9/23	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat 11/11/23	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.

ThankOffering Banks have been created by the Women of Grace. Sunday, November 19th, is Thankoffering Sunday. The banks made by the Women of Grace will be presented as a 'special' offering during the church service. Ladies are asked to put your name in the bank and Marsha Green will count and let you know the amount or the offering can be placed in an envelope. After the new year Marsha will call a meeting to discuss where the offering will be given.

Thank you!

The Food Shelf Thanksgiving Drive is on! This year we hope to provide full Thanksgiving meals to 40 families at a cost of \$75 each. Make your check out to HAGL and get it to the office via the offering plate or mail, with 'Thanksgiving' in the memo line. The turkey dinners will be given out on Saturday, November 18. Another option is to help a homeless person with a \$10 Tops gift card. Please help give others a Thanksgiving meal!

We are still in the planning stages for this year's Advent Dinner. We hope to have more details soon...for now pencil us in for **Sunday, December 3rd** for Advent fellowship and plan to bring your favorite Christmas dessert!

Saturday, December 9th, from 1—5 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! Bring your friends and enjoy Holiday Shopping, Christmas Caroling, Christmas Sweets and Treats, Hot Chocolate, Cider and Coffee, Raffle of Select Gifts, and get your picture taken with Santa!!

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

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=M2NmMUZCZzhMOUY0SG8xeHpxcU5RUT09>

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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!