

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Pentecost Peace

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"Holy Spirit"

arr. Heather Sorenson

EASTER LITANY

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son \dagger , and of the Holy Spirit: **Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Lord Jesus, our risen Savior,

We confess to you our sinfulness. We believe anyone and anything but your holy Word. We prefer easy lies to hard truth. We are quick to judge, condemn, and exclude, but slow to forgive. We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. In your goodness, resurrect us. Amen.

Our Savior Christ comes with healing, forgiveness, and life in his wounded hands. He breathes his Holy Spirit upon us, kindling renewed faith, hope, and love. Receive all he gives with humble joy, and share them with warm generosity, in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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OPENING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
 call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
 stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley
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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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – TAPESTRY OF PEACE



8 Let us join our di - verse voi - ces in your praise;

13 may our sto-ries sing your glo-ry all our days. Weave a

18 ta-pes-try of peace in our mul-ti-co-lored strands; let all fear and hat-red

22 cease as we lift our hearts and hands. Your trans-cen-dent name con -

26 fes-sing, may our hi-er-ar-chies fall; let us share cre-a-tion's

bles-sings so your love is known and shown to all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was

spoken through the prophet Joel:

- ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
- ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

- ²⁴How manifold are your ^l works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ^l of your creatures.
- ²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- ^l y to number, living things both ^l small and great.**
- ²⁶There go the ships ^l to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the ^l sport of it.
- ²⁷**All of them ^l look to you to give them their food ^l in due season.**
- ²⁸You give it to them; they ^l gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ^l with good things.
- ²⁹**When you hide your face, ^l they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ^l to their dust.**
- ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they ^l are created;
and so you renew the face ^l of the earth.
- ³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- ^l dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in ^l all your works.**
- ³²You look at the earth ^l and it trembles; you touch the mountains ^l and they smoke.
- ³³**I will sing to the LORD as long ^l as I live; I will praise my God while I ^l have my being.**
- ³⁴May these words of ^l mine please God. I will rejoice ^l in the LORD.
- ^{35b}**Bless the LORD, ^l O my soul. Hal- ^l lelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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!

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

SERMON

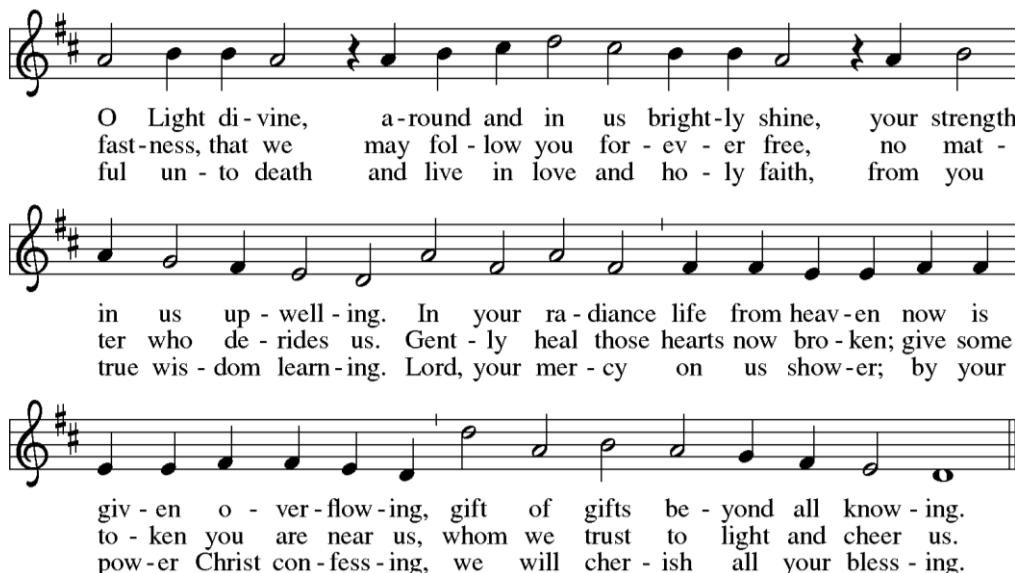
Guest Pastor Irene Amon

HYMN OF THE DAY

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O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in
work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di-vine, a-round and in us bright-ly shine, your strength
fast-ness, that we may fol-low you for-ev-er free, no mat-
ful un-to death and live in love and ho-ly faith, from you
in us up-well-ing. In your ra-diance life from heav-en now is
ter who de-rides us. Gent-ly heal those hearts now bro-ken; give some
true wis-dom learn-ing. Lord, your mer-cy on us show-er; by your
giv-en o-ver-flow-ing, gift of gifts be-yond all know-ing.
to-ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow-er Christ con-fess-ing, we will cher-ish all your bless-ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

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 "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE - *The presiding and the assembly share a virtual sign of peace.*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"God is My Song"

- Roy Ringwald

OFFERING PRAYER - *All speak the prayer together.*

**Lord Jesus, thank you for being our strength and our song. We gladly lay before you
everything we have received from you: our lives, our time, our treasures, and our talents.**

Use all we have and all we are to glorify you and show your love to those who need it most.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

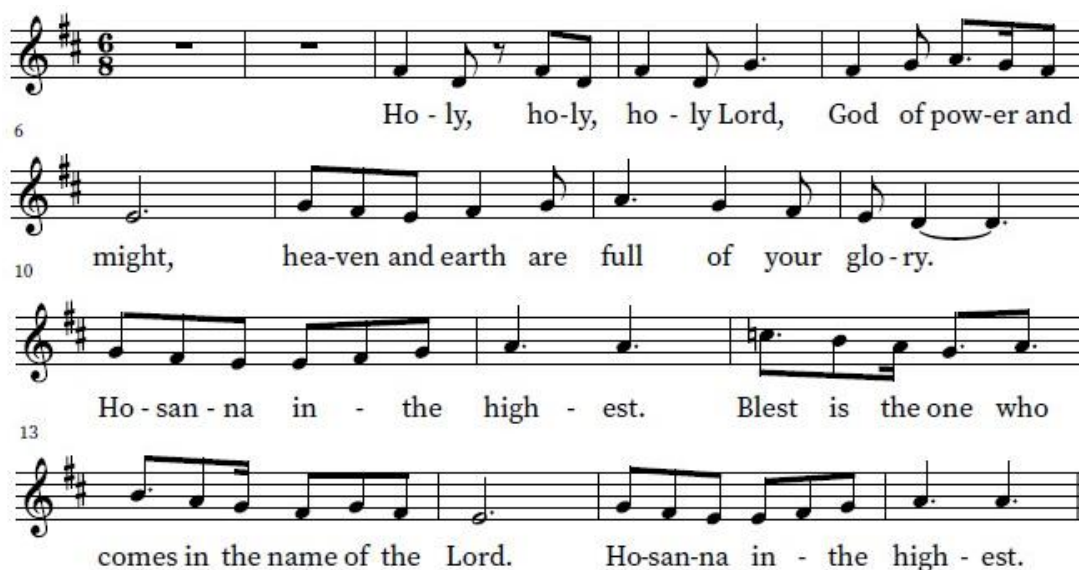
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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



6 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
10 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
13 Ho - san - na in - the high - est. Blest is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in - the high - est.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 temptations but deliver us from evil.

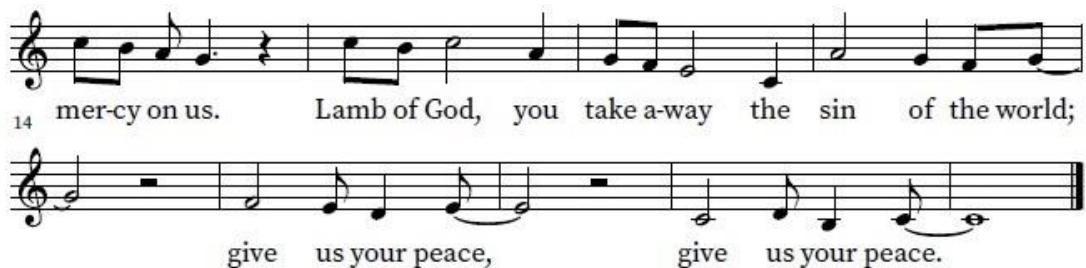
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



6 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
10 mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mercy on us.



14 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
give us your peace, give us your 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.”**

COMMUNION HYMN

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 for your great gift of love, your Son Jesus Christ. May we who have received his body and blood bear the light of his love into the world, to your glory and for the healing of our world. Amen.

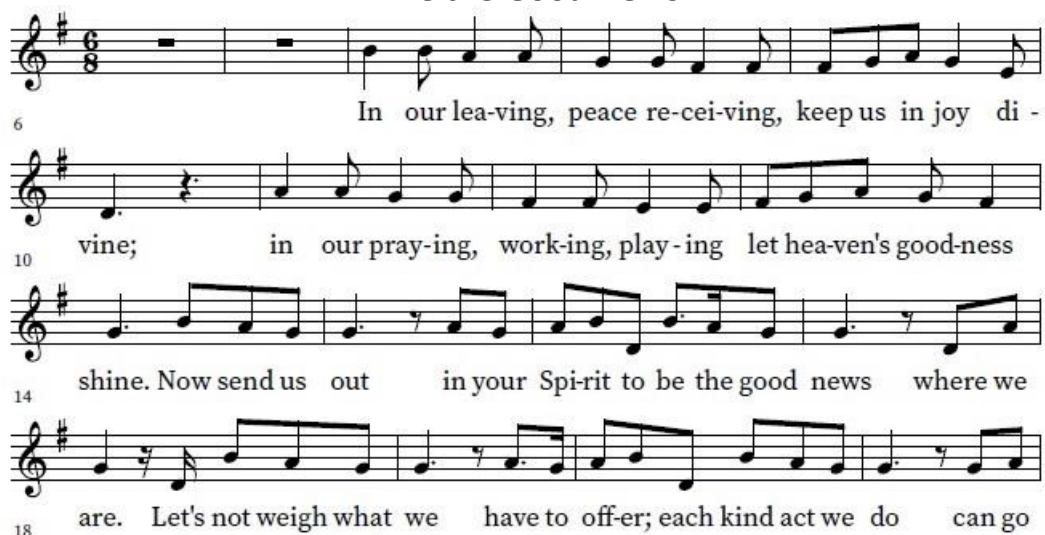
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Be the Good News”



6 In our lea-ving, peace re-cei-ving, keep us in joy di-
10 vine; in our pray-ing, work-ing, play-ing let hea-ven's good-ness
14 shine. Now send us out in your Spi-rit to be the good news where we
18 are. Let's not weigh what we have to off-er; each kind act we do can go

22 far. We yearn for a world with-out vio-lence, we long for a life free from

25 pain. O Christ be the light in our dark-ness and we'll see that

faith, hope, love still re - main.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Because He Lives (Blessed Holy Spirit)”

arr. Cindy Berry

Altar flowers are given by Fred Garcia and Anita Mork in memory of our friend Karen Smallfoot, a good and faithful servant.

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Wed 5/22/24	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Thurs 5/23/24	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat 5/25/24	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sat 5/25/24	11:00 AM	Karen Smallfoot's Memorial Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are sad to report what we heard from Dan Lien: "My heart is too heavy right now to say more. Our 44 1/2 year relationship on earth ended last night! **Mark F. King departed to be with God** at 11:57 pm Sunday night (5/5/24)! Forever in my heart. Even now as it is shattered. God bless you till we are together again!"

With sadness we share that our member, **Karen Smallfoot**, passed away unexpectedly on March 19, 2024, in her home. She is now with her Lord. Please pray for God's blessings and Grace for Karen. There will be a **memorial service** for Karen Smallfoot on **Saturday May 25th at 11:00 am** at HAGL.

Karen’s passing reminds us to have **updated contact and emergency contact info on file** with the office. Be sure we know who to contact on your behalf if the need arises. Send your info to the office or contact Leslie in the office to find out what information we already have.

THANKOFFERING CHURCHES 🏛️

Beginning Sunday, May 5th, you will notice a decorated shoebox in the narthex. Please write your name and your suggestions for donations to a charitable organization(s) and place them in the box. You may also text or email me. 626-215-3964, marshag06@gmail.com.

Thank you Women of Grace for participating, Marsha Green

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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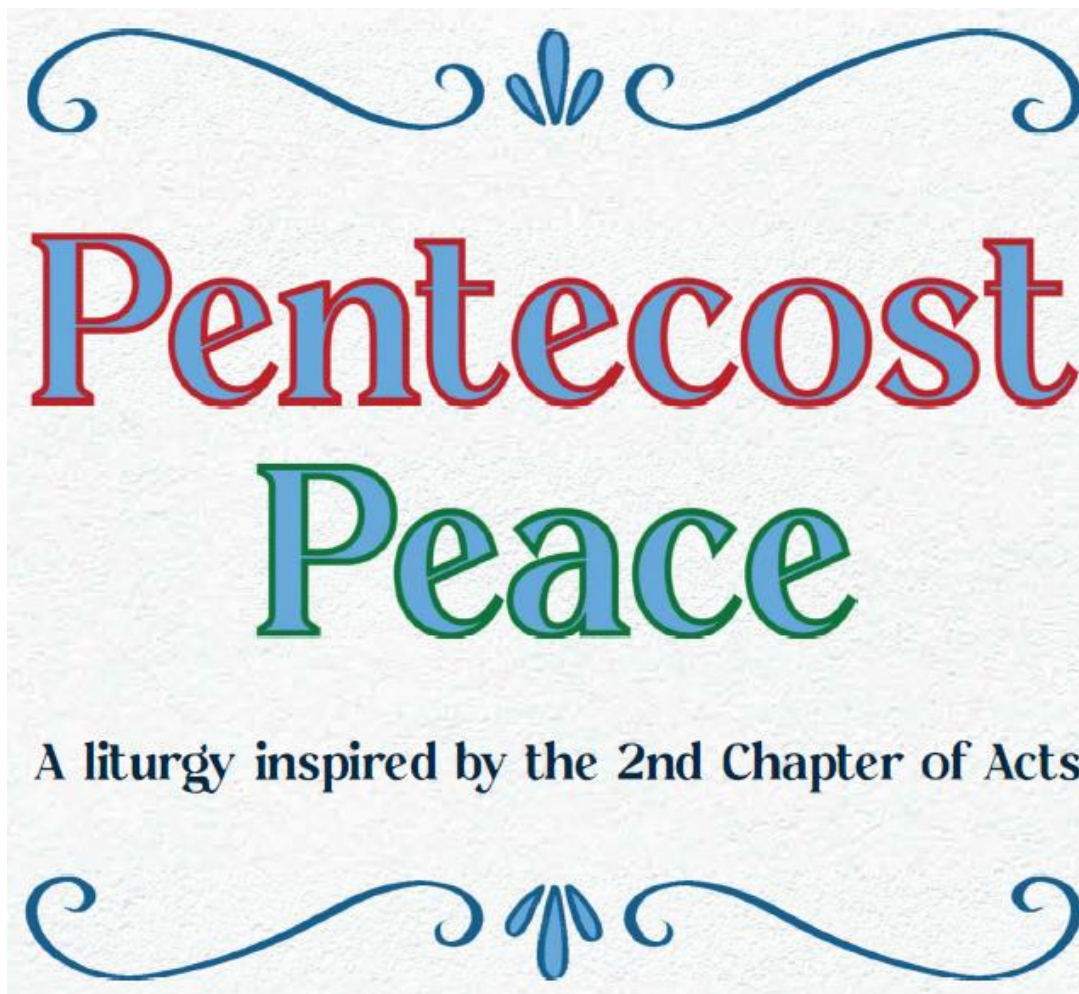
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We are back to joining at the altar for communion. We will be going up the center aisle and returning down the side aisles. If you are not comfortable with that, pick up a communion set at the table in the narthex and then proceed into the sanctuary. 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!



Original words and music by Paul Heatley
Composer-in-residence, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church, Pasadena, CA

Written in consultation with Bishop Brenda Bos
and in fond remembrance of Pastor Zachary Johnson

— *Composer's Note* —

ONE SUNDAY in the summer of 2023 Pastor Zach Johnson suggested that I compose a liturgy. I had not thought about this before but the idea soon took root and I felt I might be able to bring something new to our liturgical worship, both musically and lyrically—I especially wished to focus on our life together as the body of Christ and our calling to work for peace and justice in the world. I emailed Bishop Brenda Bos to ask if she had any ideas about this, and she certainly did: in a virtual meeting at the end of August she and I agreed that I would compose a liturgy for the Pentecost season inspired by the 2nd chapter of Acts. I immediately phoned Pastor Zach to share the news and was expecting to collaborate with him to flesh out the themes and text of the liturgy. That turned out to be the last conversation I had with Zachary Johnson who was called to his eternal home the very next day.

Zach was our pandemic pastor, coming to us from Iowa with his wife Kristin and their two young daughters in February 2020, just a few weeks before the lockdown that would physically separate him from his new flock. In addition to the problems of preaching and pastoring at a distance, he also faced

serious health challenges in the last few years. Even with all these difficulties our congregation was uniquely blessed by Pastor Zach's ministry to us, and with his love of music he was particularly encouraging to me as a songwriter. He helped to facilitate my participation in an artist residency program with Fuller Seminary, culminating in a hymn festival featuring several of my scripture songs which our church held in 2022.

In our shared grief at the loss of a beloved pastor and friend, Bishop Brenda and I were determined that the creative seed he planted would be brought to fruition in his honor, and she made time in her busy schedule to help me explore the aspects of the Pentecost story that we wanted to highlight in this liturgy. I was struck by how the Spirit enabled the disciples to both transcend their differences and celebrate their diversity: we see this in the way that the gospel of Christ is proclaimed in many languages, and also in the shared life of sacrificial love exhibited by the early church. Inspired by these reflections I wrote a six-piece liturgy called *Pentecost Peace* featuring three pieces with original lyrics: *Sacred Spate*, *Tapestry of Peace*, and the sending song *Be the Good News*.

Some of my favorite verses of scripture come from the end of Acts Chapter 2, so I pray that my words and music might evoke a vision of true community, nourished by God's unrelenting love, to sustain our hope in Christ and our faith in each other, even in our unjust and unpeaceful world.

Paul Heatley, Hut Avenue Grace Lutheran Church - February 2024
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