

## 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

### Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Pentecost Peace

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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### Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

arr. Jason Tonioli

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{†}$ , and of the Holy Spirit: **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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Hill Ave Grace  
Lutheran Church

## OPENING HYMN

## O Day of Rest and Gladness

ELW 521

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;  
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;  
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:  
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,  
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;  
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams  
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.  
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.  
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.  
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

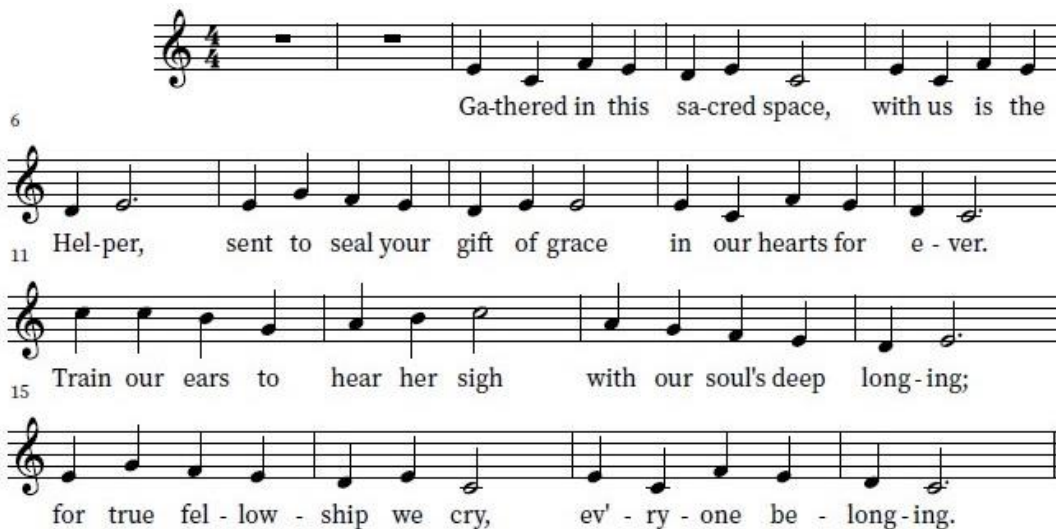
Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

## 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.**

**GATHERING SONG—SACRED SPACE**


6 Ga-thered in this sa-cred space, with us is the  
 11 Hel-per, sent to seal your gift of grace in our hearts for e-ver.  
 15 Train our ears to hear her sigh with our soul's deep long-ing;  
 for true fel-low-ship we cry, ev'-ry-one be-long-ing.

**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**

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *“Ach Herr, Mich Armen Sünder”*      BWV 135. (1724)      - J.S. Bach  
 Text by Cyriakus Schneegass (1597)

Translation:      **Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder**  
*Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am,*

**straf nicht in deinem Zorn,**  
*do not punish me in your rage,*  
**dein ernsten Grimm doch linder,**  
*but soften your stern wrath*  
**sonst ists mit mir verloren.**  
*otherwise I am lost.*  
**Ach Herr, wollst mir vergeben**  
*Ah Lord, may it be your will to forgive*  
**mein Sünd und gnädig sein,**  
*my sin and be merciful*  
**dass ich mag ewig leben,**  
*so that I may live forever*  
**entfliehen der Höllenpein.**  
*and flee from the pains of hell*

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.  
 I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;  
 I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,  
 in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.  
 Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest  
 winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.  
 I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;  
 I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.  
 I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15** *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks <sup>1</sup> to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> to sing praise to your name, <sup>1</sup> O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love <sup>1</sup> in the morning and your faithful- <sup>1</sup> ness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and <sup>1</sup> on the lyre, and to the melody <sup>1</sup> of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your <sup>1</sup> acts, O LORD;  
 and I shout for joy because of the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish <sup>1</sup> like a palm tree,  
 and shall spread abroad like a ce- <sup>1</sup> dar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house <sup>1</sup> of the LORD shall flourish in the courts <sup>1</sup> of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit <sup>1</sup> in old age; they shall be <sup>1</sup> green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up- <sup>1</sup> right the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is <sup>1</sup> no injustice.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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: Mark 4:26-34**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Garry Mohr

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW 853

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## 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.

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (1529 version) - Martin Luther

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

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

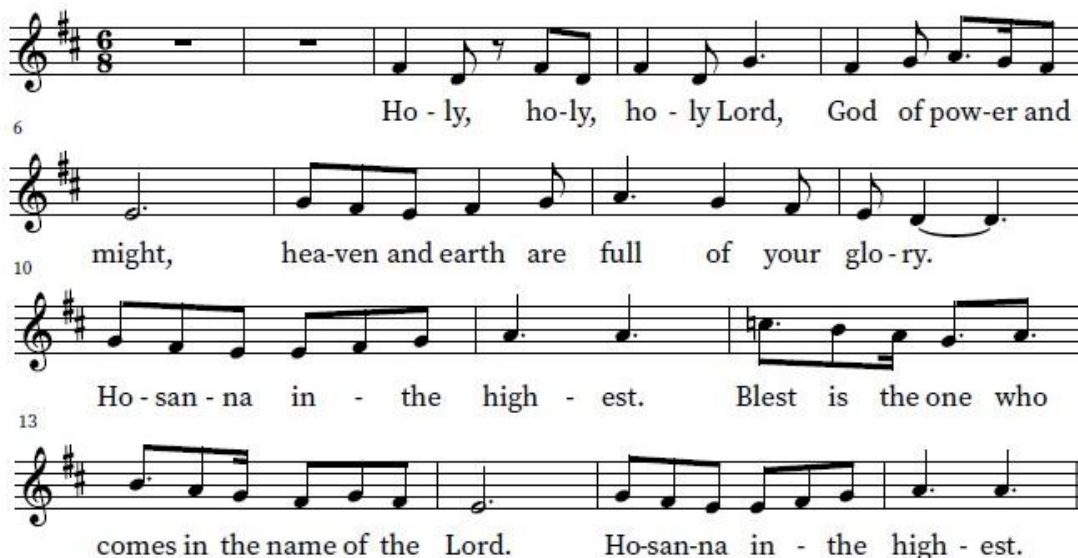
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 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.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Translation:

*“Ehr Sei ins Himmels Throne”*

**Ehr sei ins Himmels Throne**

*May there be honor in heaven’s throne*

**mit hohem Ruhm und Preis**

*with high renown and praise*

**dem Vater und dem Sohne**

*to the Father and the Son*

**und auch zu gleicher Weis**

*and also in a similar way*

**dem Heiligen Geist mit Ehren**

*to the Holy Spirit with honor*

Closing chorale from BWV 135



**in alle Ewigkeit,**  
*in all eternity*  
**der woll uns allen bescheren**  
*who want to bestow on us*  
**die ewige Seligkeit.**  
*eternal blessedness.*

Translations by Francis Browne

### SENDING SONG - 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  
 29 faith, hope, love still re - main.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** - *All speak the prayer together.*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 † Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

L.V. Beethoven

*Altar flowers are given by Maggie Dickerson in celebration of her 80th birthday.*

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Wed 6/19/24	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Sat 6/22/24	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>** is an important day for the future of our congregation! A **Special Congregational Meeting will be held right after worship service to nominate the Call Committee**. Lunch and refreshments will be provided!! After the very short Congregational meeting everyone is invited to stay and work with the synod staff who will be here to help us put down our goals for our congregation and a new pastor, to help the Call Committee. Please plan to attend the Congregational and synod meetings, and let anyone on council know if you'd like to be part of the Call Committee!

### THANKOFFERING CHURCHES 🏛️

In June 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

### Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father figures!

We hope everyone enjoys the **special musical offerings** today from our choir and organist on this **Music Sunday**.



**The Southwest CA Synod has proclaimed June 30, 2024 as Solheim Sunday within the synod.** With this special designation, the synod council has granted Solheim permission to ask synod congregations to support Solheim's ministry by giving a special offering. Donations may be channeled through the congregation and the synod office or directly to Solheim through a special giving envelope.

Hill Avenue Grace has been involved with Solheim for generations, with several members serving on the Board over the years, members who reside at Solheim, and a previous Executive Director, who is a long time member of HAGL.

Contributions from SWCA Synod congregations are providing charitable care, spiritual care, activities, transportation services and abundant living for residents. Your support enables Solheim to continue to be a premier care provider for older adults.

Join the SWCA Synod in Synod-wide recognition of Solheim's ministry to older adults and in celebration of 100 years of dedication to loving and caring for seniors. Special giving envelopes will be available, and you may make your gift either directly to Solheim, or to Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church, and write Solheim in the memo.

Contact Tina Antypas for more information,  
tantypas@solheimsenior.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**

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We join 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!