

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Pentecost Peace

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"Come and Behold Him"

arr. Carol Tornquist

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son † , 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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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OPENING HYMN

You Servants of God

ELW 825

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - mighty to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

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 multi-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

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 130 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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 3:20-35

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder

his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;
²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of
 an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called
 him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers
 and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my
 brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my
 brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Garry Mohr

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 652

Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
 Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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 *"I Will Open My Eyes"* - Katherine Davis

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.**

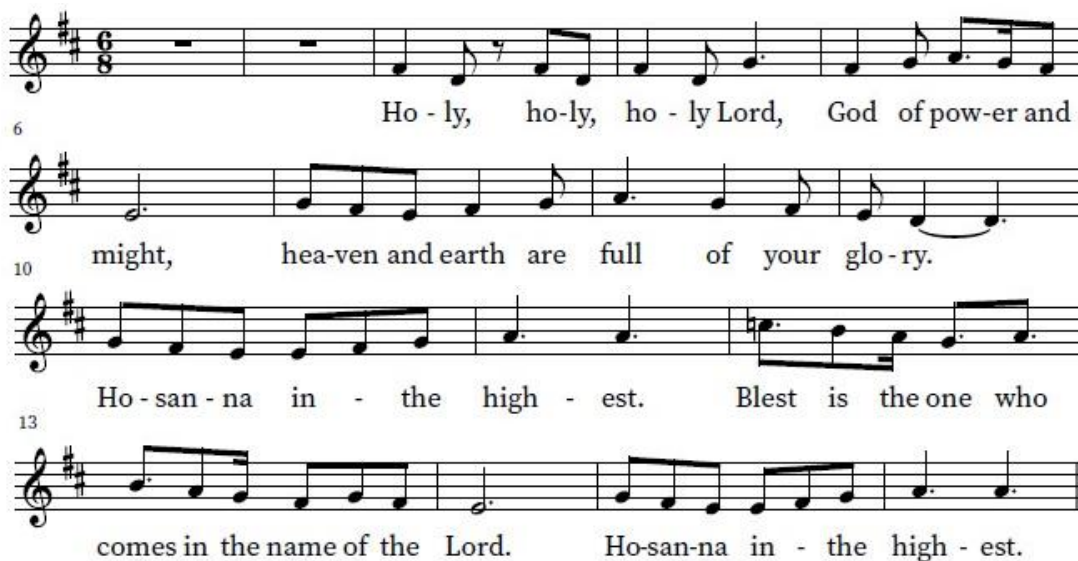
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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,

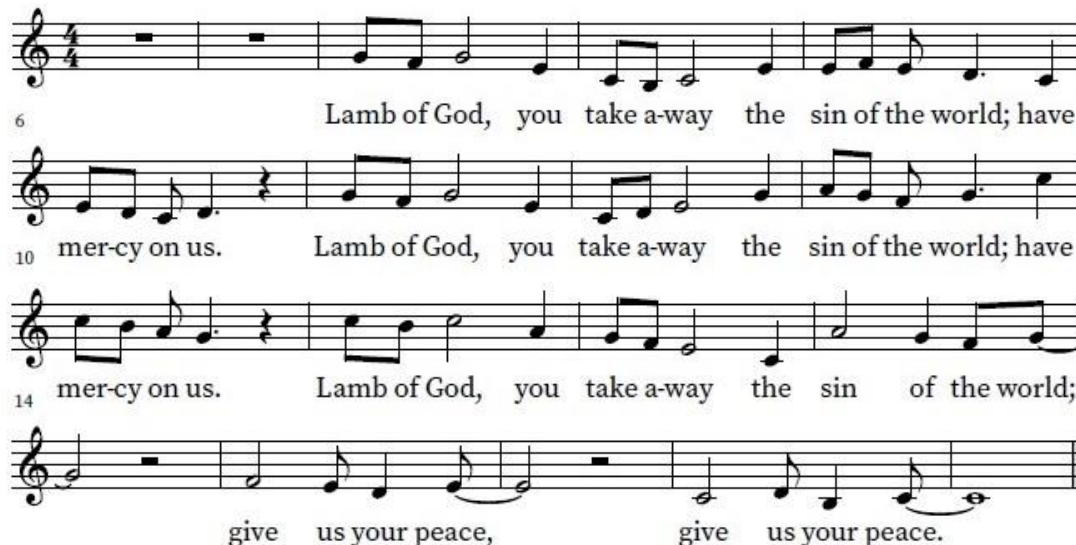
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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
14 mercy 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.**

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

faith, hope, love still re - main.

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**Go, My Children, with My Blessing****ELW 543**

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude*"The Solid Rock"*

arr. Mark Hayes

Altar flowers are given by Kristin, Katherine & Rosalie Johnson, in memory of Zach and in gratitude for the past 4 years of blessings thanks to the people of HAGL.

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Tues 6/11/24	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed 6/12/24	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Chapel
Thurs 6/13/24	7:00 PM	Choir Practice

Sat 6/15/24

9:30 AM

Food Shelf Open

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday June 30th 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!

Congratulations to Kristin Johnson on being awarded a **full scholarship from the ELCA Fund for Leaders program** for seminary studies. We wish Kristin all the best in her studies in Iowa!!!

Please join us after service at a reception for Kristin, Katherine & Rosalie Johnson and Kate Radford, as we say goodbye and wish them well for their upcoming moves and new chapters!!

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

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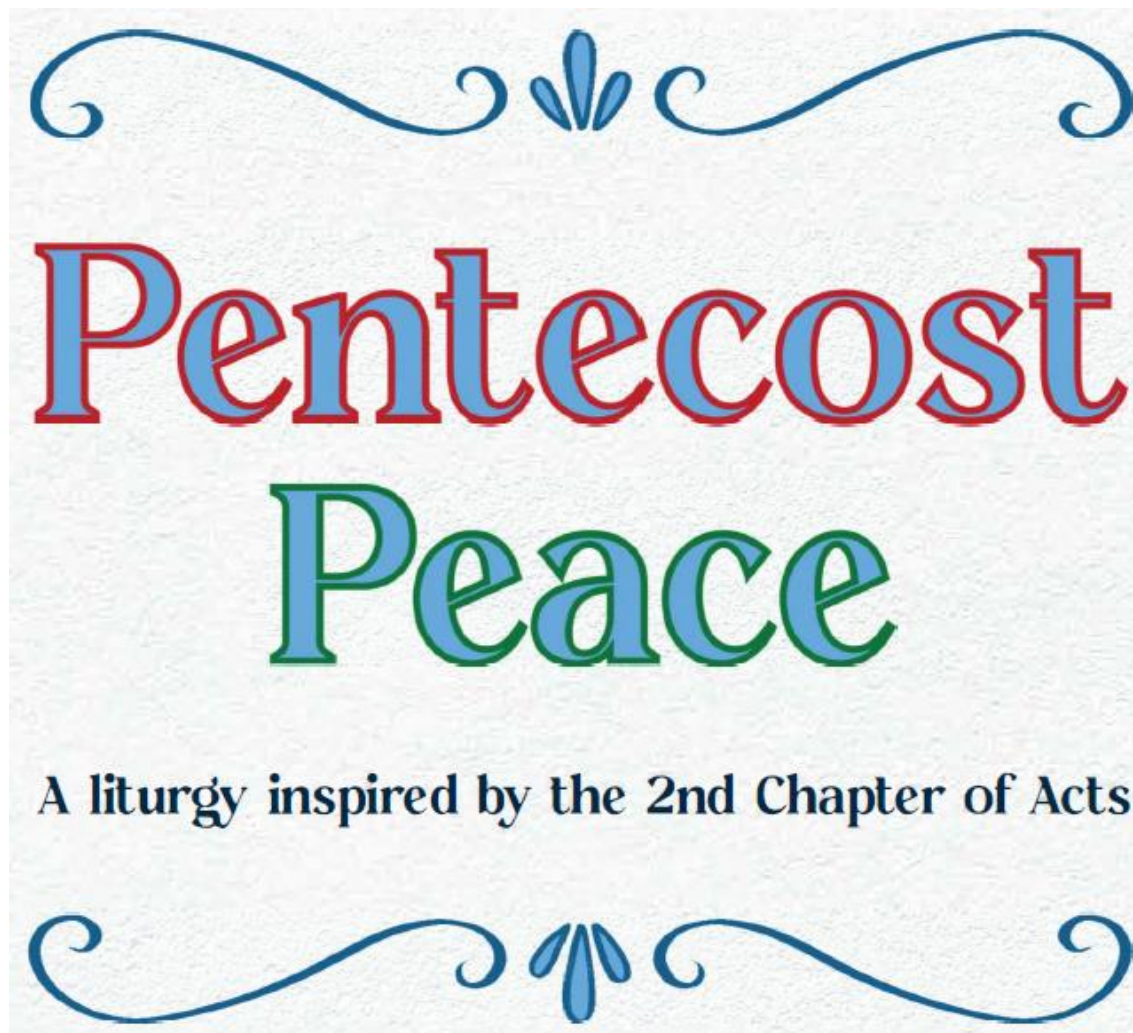
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We are back to joining at the altar for communion. We will be going up the center aisle and returning down the side aisles. If you are not comfortable with that, pick up a communion set at the table in the narthex and then proceed into the sanctuary.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