

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
July 18 & 19, 2020 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Ministers: Every Member of Spirit of Grace
Pastor Scott Hackler – Pastor Gary Benson

OUR VISION

“To help our congregation and community know Christ and grow in faith, so we can run the race of life with grace, hope, peace, and joy.”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!
C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less / than Jesus' blood and righteousness; / no merit of my own I claim,
/ but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; / all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, / I rest on his unchanging grace; / in ev'ry high and stormy gale
/ my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, his covenant, his blood / sustain me in the raging flood; / when all supports are washed
away, / he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When he shall come with trumpet sound, / oh, may I then in him be found, / clothed in his
righteousness alone, / redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose
faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Most merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are captive 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day / that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; / we will rejoice, we will rejoice / and be glad in it, and be glad in it. / This is the day that the Lord has made; / we will rejoice and be glad in it. / This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

Text: Psalm 118:24. Public Domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Ten Thousand Angels Cried” Stephen Coffman

READING: Psalm 86:11-17 Darrell Young

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is

the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON: “Separating the Weeds from Wheat”

..... Bruce Belanger, Synodically Authorized Minister

HYMN OF THE DAY: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! / Let angels prostrate fall; / bring forth the royal diadem / and crown him Lord of all. / Bring forth the royal diadem / and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line, / whom David Lord did call – / the God Incarnate, man divine – / and crown him Lord of all. / The God Incarnate, man divine – / and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe / on this terrestrial ball / to him all majesty ascribe / and crown him Lord of all. / To him all majesty ascribe / and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng / we at his feet may fall! / We'll join the everlasting song / and crown him Lord of all. / We'll join the everlasting song / and crown him Lord of all.

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APOSTLES’ CREED

C: 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 into hell. 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

LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation, / thanks be to God. / For these gifts to ev'ry nation, / thanks be to God. / For the plowing, sowing, reaping, / silent growth while we are sleeping, / future needs in earth's safekeeping, / thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, / God's will is done. / In the help we give our neighbor, / God's will is done. / In our worldwide task of caring / for the hungry and despairing, / in the harvests we are sharing, / God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, / thanks be to God. / For the good we all inherit, / thanks be to God. / For the wonders that astound us, / for the truths that still confound us, / most of all, that love has found us, / thanks be to God.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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