

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
August 1 & 2, 2020 – 9th 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: “Word of God, Across the Ages” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Lord, whose love in humble service / bore the weight of human need, / who upon the cross, forsaken,
/ worked your mercy's perfect deed: / we, your servants, bring the worship / not of voice alone, but
heart; / consecrating to your purpose / ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; / still the hungry cry for bread; / still the captives long for
freedom; / still in grief we mourn our dead. / As you, Lord, in deep compassion / healed the sick and
freed the soul, / by your Spirit send your power / to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, / till your love's revealing light / in its height and depth and greatness
/ dawns upon our quickened sight, / making known the needs and burdens / your compassion bids us
bear, / stirring us to ardent service, / your abundant life to share.

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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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Day by Day” Fred Bornhoeft

READING: Isaiah 55:1-5 Carroll Osburn

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the

disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON: Jesus – “What do you do when you only have five loaves and two fish?”

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

The Church of Christ in ev'ry age / Beset by change but Spirit led, / Must claim and test its heritage / And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, / The victims of injustice cry / For shelter and for bread to eat, / And never live until they die.

Then let the servant Church arise, / A caring Church that longs to be / A partner in Christ's sacrifice, / And clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, / Can cure the fever in our blood, / And teach us how to share our bread / And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve / In full obedience to our Lord: / To care for all, without reserve, / And to spread his liberating Word.

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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: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Praise the One who breaks the darkness / with a liberating light; / praise the One who frees the pris'ners, / turning blindness into sight. / Praise the One who preached the gospel, / healing ev'ry dread disease, / calming storms and feeding thousands / with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children / with a strong yet gentle word; / praise the One who drove out demons / with a piercing, two-edged sword. / Praise the One who brings cool water / to the desert's burning sand; / from this well comes living water / quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: / Christ, who suffered in our place; / Jesus died and rose for many / that we may know God by grace. / Let us sing for joy and gladness, / seeing what our God has done. / Praise the one redeeming glory; / praise the One who makes us one.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God.

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RUNNING THE RACE

“Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13-14