

*SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH*  
October 10 & 11, 2020 – 19<sup>th</sup> 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: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN: “You Servants of God”**

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, / and publish abroad his wonderful name; / the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol; / his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! / Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. / The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, / fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, / all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might, / all honor and blessing, with angels above, / and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Faithful God,

**C:** have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**P:** God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” . . . . . Fred Bornhoeft**

**THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9 . . . . . Loy Brooks**

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON: “Get On With the Party!”** ..... *Pastor Scott Hackler*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Are Called”**

Come! Live in the light! / Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! / We are called to be light for the kingdom, / to live in the freedom of the city of God.

**Refrain**

We are called to act with justice, / we are called to love tenderly; / we are called to serve one another, / to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! / Show your mercy to all those in fear! / We are called to be hope for the hopeless / so all hatred and blindness will be no more. **Refrain**

Sing! Sing a new song! / Sing of that great day when all will be one! / God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters / and brothers united in love. **Refrain**

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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**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER: WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he come to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying; Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, you teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **BLESSING AND PRAYER**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Let us pray,

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN: “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”**

Give to our God immortal praise! / Mercy and truth are all his ways; / wonders of grace to God belong; / repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save / from guilt and darkness and the grave. / Wonders of grace to God belong; / repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; / the King of kings with glory crown. / His mercies ever shall endure / when lords and kings are known no more!

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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.” Philipians 3:13-14