

***SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH***  
**October 17 & 18, 2020 – 20<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: “Canticle of the Turning”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “This Is My Father's World”**

This is my Father's world, / and to my list'ning ears / all nature sings, and round me rings / the music of the spheres. / This is my Father's world; / I rest me in the thought / of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; / his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; / the birds their carols raise; / the morning light, the lily white, / declare their maker's praise. / This is my Father's world; / he shines in all that's fair. / In the rustling grass I hear him pass; / he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; / oh, let me not forget / that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, / God is the ruler yet. / This is my Father's world; / why should my heart be sad? / The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; / God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “In Christ Alone”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**THE FIRST READING: Psalm 96:1-13** ..... Ellie Brooks

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day. Declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens. Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth. Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.” Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth. You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: “Gotcha!”** ..... *Pastor Scott Hackler*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"**

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult / of our life's wild, restless sea, / day by day his clear voice sounding, / saying,  
"Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship / of the vain world's golden store, / from each idol that would keep us, /  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, / days of toil and hours of ease, / still he calls, in cares and pleasures, /  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! In your mercy, / Savior, make us hear your call, / give our hearts to your obedience, / serve  
and love you best 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**

### **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: “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!

Ascended on high, almighty to save; / yet still he is nigh, his presence we have. / The great congregation his triumph shall sing, / ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

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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## **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