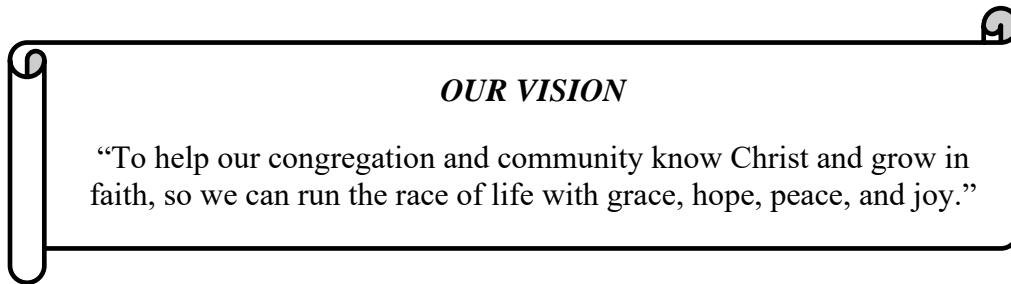


SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
October 31 & November 1, 2020 – All Saints Sunday

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



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Morning Has Broken” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

GATHERING HYMN: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, / leaning on the everlasting arms; / what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, / leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, / safe and secure from all alarms; / leaning, leaning, / leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, / leaning on the everlasting arms; / oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, / leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, / leaning on the everlasting arms; / I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, / leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

Text: Elisha Hoffman, 1839-1929. Public Domain.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Holy One,
C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.
P: Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of 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: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC: “When the Morning Comes” Fred Bornhoeft

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Sharon Smith

I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God’s name together. I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors. Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God! Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 Sharon Smith

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest, / all who by faith before the world confessed, / your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; / you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; / you, in the darkness drear, their one true light. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, / through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, / singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: / Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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: “Shall We Gather at the River”

Shall we gather at the river, / where bright angel feet have trod, / with its crystal tide forever / flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, / the beautiful, the beautiful river; / gather with the saints at the river / that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, / washing up its silver spray, / we will walk and worship ever, / all the happy golden day. **Refrain**

Soon we'll reach the shining river, / soon our pilgrimage will cease; / soon our happy hearts will quiver / with the melody of peace. **Refrain**

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



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