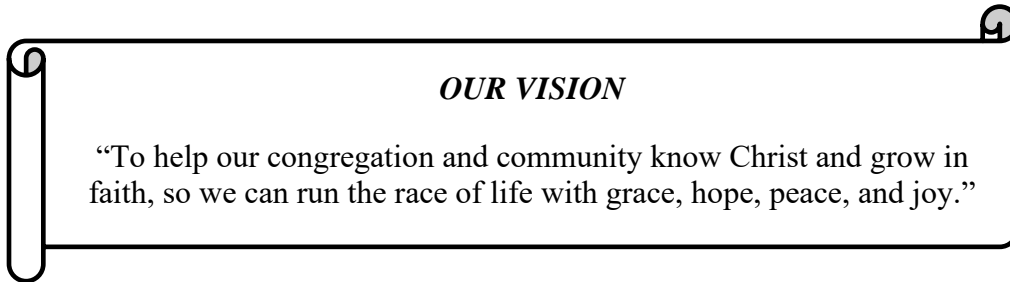


SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 23 & 24, 2021 – 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

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



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Almost Persuaded” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

GATHERING HYMN: “Arise, Your Light has Come!”

Arise, your light has come! / The Spirit's call obey; / show forth the glory of your God / which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! / Fling wide the prison door; / proclaim the captive's liberty, / good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! / All you in sorrow born, / bind up the brokenhearted ones / and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! / The mountains burst in song! / Rise up like eagles on the wing, / God's pow'r will make us strong.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess before God and one another, trusting in God’s endless mercy and love. Holy God,
C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and those we share with all. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: How vast is God’s grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God’s own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God’s forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ’s justice and the Spirit’s reconciling peace.

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: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC: “I Will Make You Fishers of Men”..... Fred Bornhoeft

THE READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Gail Bakken

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “It’s Time! Drop what you are doing!” *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."

As of old St. Andrew heard it / by the Galilean lake, / turned from home and toil and kindred, / leaving all
for his Jesus' sake.

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! By your mercy, / Savior, may we 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.

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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: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. / Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. / In my love's baptismal river / I have made you mine forever. / Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. / Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. / Here you heard my dear Son's story, / here you touched him, saw his glory. / Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. / Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. / Here my Spirit's power filled you, / here my tender comfort stilled you. / Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

"I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace. / I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace. / I the Lord will be your Father, / Savior, Comforter and Brother. / Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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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