

*SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH*

February 20 & 21, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

**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: “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”**

“Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; / drink the water I will give. / If you knew what gift I offer, / you would come to me and live.”

**Refrain**

Jesus, ever flowing fountain, / give us water from your well. / In the gracious gift you offer / there is joy no tongue can tell.

“Come to me, believers burdened; / find refreshment in this place. / Come, receive the gift I offer, / turn to me and seek my face.” **Refrain**

“Come to me, repentant sinners; / leave behind your guilt and shame. / Come and know divine compassion, / turn to me, I call your name.” **Refrain**

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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 know us more deeply than we know ourselves. You know our motives and you see our ways. We confess that often we are burdened by our thoughts and actions. We are burdened by the brokenness of humanity. We know that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor 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. Amen.**

**P:** Children of God, the Lord’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace. By the saving love of Jesus Christ who died and rose for you, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

**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: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: “Here’s One”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**THE READING: Psalm 25:1-10** ..... Judy Butz

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way. You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

**SERMON: “Baptism, Temptation, Repentance”** ..... *Pastor Scott Hackler*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Thy Holy Wings”**

Thy holy wings, O Savior, / spread gently over me; / and let me rest securely / through good and ill in thee. / Oh, be my strength and portion, / my rock and hiding place, / and let my ev’ry moment / be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, / within thy downy breast / where I will find sweet comfort / and peace within thy nest. / Oh, close thy wings around me / and keep me safely there, / for I am but a newborn / and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters / of Noah's cleansing flood. / Give me a willing spirit, / a heart both clean and good. / Oh, take into thy keeping / thy children great and small, / and while we sweetly slumber, / enfold us one and 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: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing / my great Redeemer's praise, / the glories of my God and King, / the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, / assist me to proclaim, / to spread through all the earth abroad / the honors of your name.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, / new life the dead receive; / the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, / the humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love / be now and ever giv'n / by saints below and saints above, / the church in earth and heav'n.

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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