

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 27 & 28, 2021

2nd 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: “Above All” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; / wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; / stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, / and make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, / no sudden rending of the veil of clay, / no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; / but take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King; / all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? / I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. / Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860. Public Domain.

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.

Text: Psalm 118:24. Public Domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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: “You Are Mine” Dave & Gerry Seaburg

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Bob Schallhorn

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING: Psalm 22:23-31 Bob Schallhorn

You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel. For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them. From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God. For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations. Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord. Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The Lord has acted!”

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior, / King of creation, / Son of God and Son of Man! / Truly I'd love thee, / truly I'd serve thee,
/ light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, / fair are the woodlands, / robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; / Jesus is fairer, / Jesus
is purer, / he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, / Lord of the nations, / Son of God and Son of Man! / Glory and honor, / praise, adoration, /
now and forevermore be thine!

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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: “Day by Day”

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, / bringing comfort to my anxious soul. / Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me / draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. / Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, / brings to naught the burdens of my quest; / Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, / where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me / strength to serve and wisdom to obey; / I will seek your loving will to guide me / o'er the paths I struggle day by day. / I will fear no evil of the morrow, / I will trust in your enduring grace. / Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow / till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me / when my burdens grow too great to bear; / oh, what joy to know that you will hear me / when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. / Day by day, no matter what betide me, / you will hold me ever in your hand. / Savior, with your presence here to guide me, / I will reach at last the promised land.

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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