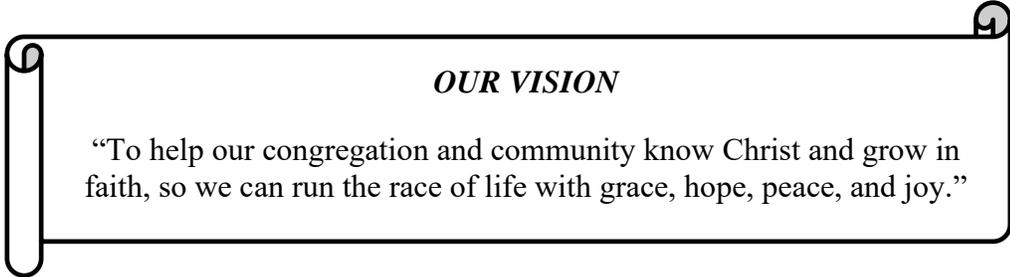


SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**July 17 & 18, 2021
8th Sunday of Pentecost**

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



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Be Not Afraid” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

GATHERING HYMN: “The Church's One Foundation”

The church's one foundation / is Jesus Christ, her Lord; / she is his new creation / by water and the word. / From heav'n he came and sought her / to be his holy bride; / with his own blood he bought her, / and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, / yet one o'er all the earth, / her charter of salvation, / one Lord, one faith, one birth: / One holy name she blesses, / partakes one holy food, / and to one hope she presses / with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union / with God, the Three in One, / and mystic sweet communion / with those whose rest is won. / O blessed heav'nly chorus! / Lord, save us by your grace, / that we, like saints before us, / may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900. Public Domain.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.
Gracious God, our provider, help us.

C: Too often we live as though your blessings and provisions are scarce. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. Turn us always to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God, Jesus has turned to you. He is the manna from heaven that comes to feed and nourish you. He is the worker of miracles and the Bread of Life who provides more than enough. He is God’s mercy and through him you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Amazing Grace” Chimes Duet: Lynn Dennis & Barbara Stenberg

THE READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead

of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord,
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: “The Lord is My Shepherd” *Pastor Scott Hackler*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my shepherd is, / whose goodness faileth never; / I nothing lack if I am his / and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, / my ransomed soul he leadeth / and, where the verdant pastures grow, / with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, / with thee, dear Lord, beside me, / thy rod and staff my comfort still; / thy cross before to guide me.

And so, through all the length of days, / thy goodness faileth never. / Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise / within thy house forever.

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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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord God, your gracious gifts sustain us.

C: Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Strengthen us in this meal and make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

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,

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

On our way rejoicing / gladly let us go. / Christ our Lord has conquered; / vanquished is the foe. / Christ without, our safety; / Christ within, our joy; / who, if we be faithful, / can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; / as we forward move, / hearken to our praises, / O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father / joyful songs we sing; / unto God the Savior / thankful hearts we bring; / unto God the Spirit / bow we and adore, / on our way rejoicing / now and evermore. **Refrain**

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt. Public Domain.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME SESSIONS are an opportunity for new and long-time visitors to learn why our church exists and how you can be more connected and committed to our ministry. You will meet other prospective members, learn about our mission and vision, and our various ministries. Our next Welcome Session is **Monday, August 9th, at 10:00 am**. So that we may have sufficient materials, please call the church office (623-977-6000, ext. 100) to register. Hope to see you there!

KINDRED SPIRITS – Do you feel alone or socially isolated? Increasing evidence demonstrates that social isolation has a detrimental impact on an individual's health and well-being. If you feel this way for any reason, you are not alone. Spirit of Grace would like to offer you an opportunity to gather for the purpose of giving support and comfort to each other. The group will be called "Kindred Spirits" and will meet the fourth Wednesday of each month. The first meeting will be July 28th at 10 am in the Conference Room. No prior registration is required and you do not need to be a member of Spirit of Grace to participate. Spiritual and professional services can be brought in depending on the needs of the group. *Presented for educational purposes only.*

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