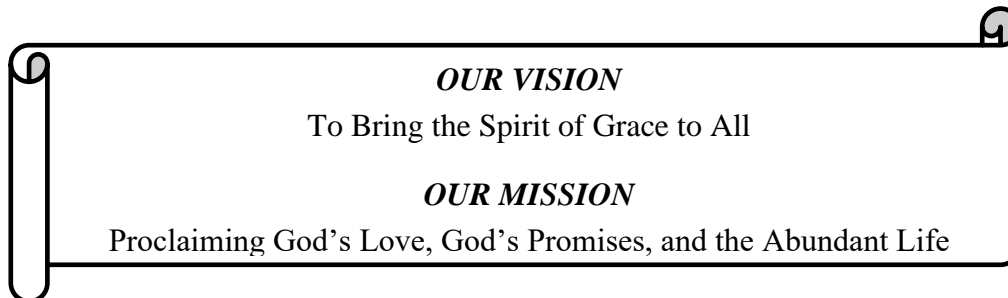


***SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**August 12 & 13, 2023  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

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



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE: “Be Still My Soul”** ..... Sandy Hobbs

**INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**GATHERING LITANY** (based on P)

**P:** O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

**C:** **Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**

**P:** Sing to the Lord, sing praises!

**C:** **Declare all that God has done**

**P:** Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord be joyful!

**C:** **Seek the Lord and be strong; seek God's presence always.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “Shout to the Lord”**

My Jesus, my Savior, / Lord, there is none like you. / All of my days I want to praise / the wonders of your mighty love. / My comfort, my shelter, / tower of refuge and strength; / let ev'ry breath, all that I am / never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing / power and majesty, praise to the King. / Mountains bow down and the seas will roar / at the sound of your name. / I sing for joy at the work of your hands; / forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. / Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors 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, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**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: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**MUSICAL OFFERING: “Light Dawns on a Weary world”** ..... Pastor Scott

## THE READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever

escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

P: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? / You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**SERMON: “If you are really out there...”** .....*Pastor Scott Hackler*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

Eternal Father, strong to save, /whose arm has bound the restless wave, /who bade the mighty ocean deep /its own appointed limits keep: /oh, hear us when we cry to thee /for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word /the winds and waves submissive heard, /who walked upon the foaming deep, /and calm amid the storm didst sleep: /Oh, hear us when we cry to thee /for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood /upon the chaos dark and rude, /and bid its angry tumult cease, /and give, for wild confusion, peace: /oh, hear us when we cry to thee /for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, /all trav'lers guard in danger's hour /from rock and tempest, fire and foe, /protect them wheresoe'er they go; /thus evermore shall rise to thee /glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt. Public Domain.

**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 – After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, “Hear our prayer”**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky

**C: You are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **THE LORD’S SUPPER: WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.

**C: Amen.**

P: We thank you, generous God,

**C: for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God who calls across the cosmos, who speaks in the smallest seed and the greatest storm, bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN: “Oh God, our help in ages past”**

O God, our help in ages past, /our hope for years to come, / our shelter from the stormy blast, / and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne /your saints have dwelt secure; / sufficient is your arm alone, / and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood /or earth received its frame, / from everlasting you are God, / to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, / our hope for years to come, / still be our guard while troubles last / and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Public Domain.

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Scripture Reader: Terry Pierce

Hymn Singers: Ken Carnes, Cathy Pierce, Terry Pierce, Nancy Newman

Audio & Visual: Jerry Huston

**\*\*\*Announcements & Upcoming Events\*\*\***

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** – High blood pressure is no laughing matter. So before heading out to your favorite restaurant for breakfast, get your blood pressure checked – it only takes a few minutes! Blood pressures will be checked Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Conference Room from 10:00 am – 10:30 am.

**JUNE OAKINS MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Family, friends, and Spirit of Grace worshipers will gather together on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at Spirit of Grace at 11:00 am.

**INTERESTED IN CPR TRAINING?** – Contact Faith Community Nurse Deborah Frusciano at 623-977-6000, ext. 140 or via email: [deborah@spiritofgrace.com](mailto:deborah@spiritofgrace.com).

**PIZZA & BINGO NIGHT** Come join the Fellowship team for the annual Pizza & Bingo night September 17, at 5:00 pm. Cost \$10.00 for food, fun prizes!! REGISTRATION begins online August 18 and ends September 10.

**TREMBLE CLEFS COMCERT IS COMING** – tickets are free!! Save the date. October 1, at 3:00 pm.

**SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*August 13<sup>th</sup> - August 20<sup>th</sup>*

**Saturday, August 12**

Food Ingathering Donations  
5:00 pm Worship Service

**Wednesday, August 16**

9:00 am Counseling Ministry\*  
\*By appointment only  
with Dr Joe Dramise

**Sunday, August 13**

Food Ingathering Donations  
9:00 am Worship Service

**Thursday, August 17**

1:00pm Council meeting

**Monday, August 14**

10:00 am Welcome session

**Friday, August 18**

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

**Tuesday, August 15**

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm Counseling Ministry  
\*By appointment only  
with Dr Joe Dramise  
4:00 pm Joyful Spirit Singers

**Saturday, August 19**

5:00 pm Worship Service

**Sunday, August 20**

9:00 am Worship Service

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