

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**August 19, 2023
12th Sunday of Pentecost**

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

OUR VISION

To Bring the Spirit of Grace to All

OUR MISSION

Proclaiming God's Love, God's Promises, and the Abundant Life

PRELUDE

“We Are the Reason”

Fred Bornhoeft

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MINUTE

“GriefShare”

Deborah Frusciano, Faith Community Nurse

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

GATHERING LITANY (based on Psalm 67)

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: Let all the peoples praise you.

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: Let all the peoples praise you!

GATHERING HYMN: “All Are Welcome”

Let us build a house where love can dwell /and all can safely live, / a place where saints and children tell
/ how hearts learn to forgive. / Built of hopes and dreams and visions, / rock of faith and vault of grace; /
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, / all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, / and words are strong and true, / where all God's children
dare to seek / to dream God's reign anew. / Here the cross shall stand as witness/ and symbol of God's
grace; / Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where all are named, /their songs and visions heard /and loved and treasured, taught
and claimed /as words within the Word. /Built of tears and cries and laughter, /prayers of faith and songs
of grace, /let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

MUSICAL OFFERING: “Amazing Grace” Sandy Hobbs

THE READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The gospel of the Lord,

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

SERMON: "Dogs and Crumbs"

Pastor Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble"

Lord, whose love in humble service / bore the weight of human need, / who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed: / we, your servants, bring the worship / not of voice alone, but heart; /
consecrating to your purpose / ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; / still the hungry cry for bread; / still the captives long for freedom; / still
in grief we mourn our dead. / As you, Lord, in deep compassion / healed the sick and freed the soul, / by your
Spirit send your power / to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, / till your love's revealing light / in its height and depth and greatness / dawns
upon our quickened sight, / making known the needs and burdens / your compassion bids us bear, / stirring us to
ardent service, / your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, / forth in your dear name we go, / to the child, the youth, the aged, / love in
living deeds to show; / hope and health, good will and comfort, / counsel, aid and peace we give, / that your
servants, Lord, in freedom / may your mercy know and live.

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APOSTLES CREED

**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: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

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 maybe 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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Rise, Shine, You People"

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered / our human story; God in him is centered. / He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, / with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; / he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. / All men and women, who by guilt are driven, / now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, / your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. / To all the world go out and tell the story / of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. / Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. / Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation / God's new creation.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Hymn Singers: Cathy Pierce, Terry Pierce, Nancy Newman

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*****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, Sept 11th, 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!

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

PIZZA AND BINGO – Sept 17th in Café Grace!! Tickets are available. Cost: \$10.00 non-refundable.

TREMBLE CLEFS CONCERT IS COMING – tickets are free!! Save the date: 3:00 pm on October 1st at Sprit of Grace at

NEW EDITION GRIESHARE PROGRAM COMING THIS FALL

We are pleased to present the new 4th edition GriefShare program this fall. GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a loved one. The loss can be recent or in the past. We will meet weekly, **September 7 to November 30, 2023, 10-11:30** in the Fellowship Hall. **All sessions meet on Thursday except: October 11, November 15, November 22. These are on Wednesday.**

GriefShare Leaders: Deborah Frusciano, Miriam Hackler, Carol Starnes

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 20th - August 27th

Saturday, August 19

Food Ingathering Donations
5:00 pm Worship Service

Wednesday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 20

Food Ingathering Donations
9:00 am Worship Service

Thursday, August 24

1:00 pm Women's Combine
Bible Study

Monday, August 21

No Activities

Friday, August 25

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

Tuesday, August 22

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 26

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, August

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Blood Pressure Checks

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