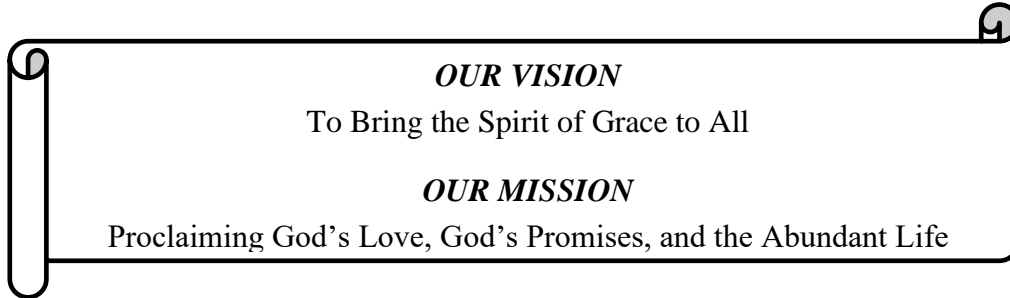


SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**August 5 & 6, 2023
10th Sunday of Pentecost**

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “Oh, How He Loves You and Me” Sandy Hobbs

INVOCATION

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

GATHERING LITANY (based on Psalm 145:15-16, Isaiah 55:1-3)

P: Lord, the eyes of all turn to you.
C: **We turn to you longing to be filled.**
P: We turn to you to eat the Bread of Life.
C: **We turn to you to taste your goodness and live.**
P: May this time together in your presence nourish our hearts and minds.
C: **May it strengthen our relationship with you and one another.**
P: May it renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.
C: **For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer / for all things living, you have made good: / harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard, / hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, / that with our neighbor we may be fed. / Sowing or tilling, we would
work with you, / harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, / by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share / one with another, so that,
rejoicing / with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, / freely confessing your gracious hand. / Where you are reigning, no
one will hunger; / your love sustaining showers the land.

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: 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: “My Redeemer Is Faithful” Ken Carnes

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works. You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully. You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them. You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever and ever.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE READING: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ

for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The gospel of the Lord,

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

SERMON: “God Abundantly Provides” *Bruce Belanger, Synodically Authorized Minister*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Living Bread from Heaven”

O living Bread from heaven, / how well you feed your guest! / The gifts that you have given / have filled my heart with rest. / O wondrous food of blessing! / O cup that heals our woes! / My heart, this gift possessing, / in thankful song o'er flows.

My Savior, you have led me / within your holiest place, / and here yourself have fed me / with treasures of your grace; / for you have freely given / what earth could never buy, / the bread of life from heaven, / that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; / this food can death destroy. / And you have freely granted / the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit / the favor you have shown; / and all my soul and spirit / bow down before your throne.

Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened / with heav'nly food, while here / my course on earth is lengthened, / to serve you, free from fear; / and bring me home to praise you / where none can peace destroy, / where I will ever raise you / glad songs in endless joy.

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

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C: Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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 of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Let All Things Now Living"

Let all things now living / a song of thanksgiving / to God the creator triumphantly raise, / who fashioned and made us, / protected and stayed us, / who still guides us on to the end of our days. / God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, / a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, / till shadows have vanished / and darkness is banished, / as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: / the stars in their courses / and sun in its orbit obediently shine; / the hills and the mountains, / the rivers and fountains, / the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. / We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; / with glad adoration a song let us raise / till all things now living / unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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, August 14th, 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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Women of Spirit of Grace are invited to a Bible study **this Thursday, August 10th**, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall with Noelle Nothelfer facilitating. The study will be from the July Gather magazine. It is under Session 3 of “Salvation Now.” If you have not received your magazine, instructions will be sent out on how to get the study off the website. Copies will also be available on the day of the study. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Nicholson 303-907-0761.

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 13th, 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 19th, 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.

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 5th - August 13th

Saturday, August 5

Food Ingathering Donations
5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, August 6

Food Ingathering Donations
9:00 am Worship Service

Monday, August 7

No Activities

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

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

Thursday, August 10

1:00 pm Women's Combine
Bible Study

Friday, August 11

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

Saturday, August 12

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, August 13

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

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