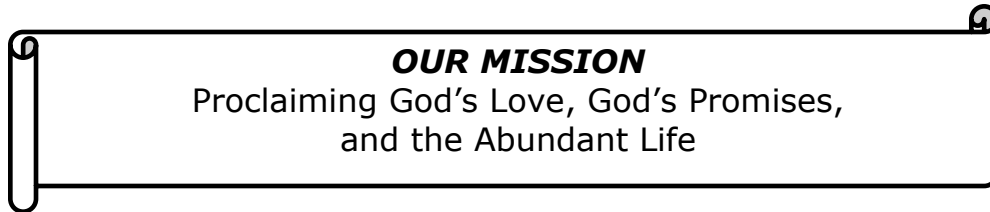


**SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**January 13-14, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church**

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



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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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**INVOCATION**

Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations.

**You, O Lord, have been our dwelling place throughout these 25 years.**

Before the mountains were born you brought forth the earth.

**You, O Lord, are God from everlasting to everlasting.**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!**

The Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have put our trust in you.**

Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for God's compassion never fails.

**You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!**

Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

**You, O Lord, have built your church in this place and we have been blessed.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

God of life,

**you promise good news for all people and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

## **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 is the day that the Lord hath made.

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE PASSING**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **ANTHEM**

### **"He Leadeth Me"**

**Sandy Hobbs**

## **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for

you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God!**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

### **THE GOSPEL     John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON     "The Gracious Invitation"     Pastor Scott Hackler**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY     "God's Work, Our Hands"**

God's work, our hands: working together, / building a future, repairing the world, / raising up homes, planting new gardens, / feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. / Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, / sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, / following Jesus to places unknown, / walking as friends, marching for freedom, / running the race with God's future the goal. / Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, / sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together, / praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, / praying for peace, shouting for justice, / claiming God's love for the lost and the least. / Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, / sharing the good news of your gospel.

God is at work in and around us: / seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise! / Washed and set free, humbled and honored, / gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. / Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, / sharing the good news of your gospel.

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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: God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

### **OFFERING**

**"Lift Every Voice"**

**Sandy Hobbs**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. **Use all that we offer to serve your mission among us. And now meet us in the holy supper where in bread and cup you open heaven to us. May we receive your gifts and follow in your ways, through your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We praise you, O God,

**For nurturing our past, our present, our future;**

For the universe beyond our knowing,

**For the desert in which we live,**

For creatures seen and unseen,

**For our ancestors from many cultures.**

We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron,

**For traditions of prayer and praise, giving and thanksgiving.**

We praise you, for the leaders of your church,

**And for all who offer their faithful service.**

We praise you for your Son, O God, who saves us from sin and from evil,  
**who continues to lead us to new life.**

**INVITATION                    "Come to the Table of Mercy"**

Come to the table of mercy, / prepared with the wine and the bread. / All who are hungry and thirsty, / come, and your souls will be fed. / Come at the Lord's invitation; / receive from his nail-scarred hand. / Eat of the bread of salvation; / drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

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

We praise you, O God,

**For nurturing our past, our present, our future;**

For the universe beyond our knowing,

**for the desert in which we live,**

for creatures seen and unseen,

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**Who continues to lead us to new life.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God,

**for nourishing our roots and creating us anew in this meal. By the power of your Spirit, renew us to live as your body, alive for a future of praise, and empowered for decades of witness and service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Bishop Hutterer**

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN      "Take My Life, That I May Be"**

*Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be / consecrated, Lord, to thee; / take my moments and my days; / let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move / at the impulse of thy love; / take my feet and let them be / swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

Take my silver and my gold, / not a mite would I withhold; / take my intellect and use / ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

Take my voice and let me sing / always, only for my King; / take my lips and let them be / filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

Take my will and make it thine; / it shall be no longer mine; / take my heart, it is thine own; / it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

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## **DISMISSAL**

Renewed in the grace of God, let us go forth to share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERVING AS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Choir Director

Ken Carnes

Choir Accompanist/Pianist

Sandy Hobbs

Reader

Marianne White

Video Production

Jerry Huston, Richard Johnson

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Visitors, Guests and Friends!** Let us know that you are here by using this QR code. We are so happy that you have joined us in worship.



**WELCOME SESSIONS** are an opportunity for new and long-time visitors to learn about our church and how you can be more connected and committed to our ministry. You will meet other prospective members, learn about our vision, mission and values, and our various ministries. Our next Welcome Session is Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am - noon. So that we may have sufficient materials, please call the church office (623-977-6000, ext. 100) to register. Hope to see you there!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** is the last Tuesday of the month, next on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am. We're offering a new menu variation with breakfast sandwiches and hash browns. There will of course be the usual juice, fruit cup, pastries and coffee. Bruce Belanger will lead the men in discussing selected scripture lessons. Please sign up to attend on clipboard in the Narthex.

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

January 28, Bring your donations to the Valley View Community Food Bank next Sunday. ***If anyone sees a brother or sister in need...let us not love with words or speech but in actions and with truth.*** I John 3:17-18.

**GRIEFSHARE WILL RESUME** Thursdays, January 25<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. To register Call: Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church (623)977-6000 or online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)  
Deborah Frusciano: 602-909-8369.

*You do not need to be a member of Spirit of Grace to participate in this program.*

**BLOOD PRESURE 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, January 28, in the conference room from 10:00 am to 10:30am.

**GET READY FOR ALL THAT JAZZ** tickets for All that Jazz which is February 4 will be on sale next weekend.

### **MEN'S CHOIR**

Calling all men...If you are so inclined, we would love to have you join us this next Tuesday, January 16, at 3:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. We will be preparing music for church services on February 4. Ken Carnes, Director.

**THE MIDDLE EAST – What's Going on There?** Wednesday, January 10-11 a.m.  
Winnie Fritz, a member of Spirit of Grace, will be presenting on the geography, culture,

history, & current events. Winnie has lived in the Middle East all or part of every year for 51 years. Come and learn.

**TWO SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES** – Beginning **Sunday, January 21** Spirit of Grace will return to two Sunday worship services: the first service at 8:00 am and the second service at 10:00 am.

***SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR***  
***January 13 – January 21***

**Saturday, January 13**

5:00 pm Worship Service

**Sunday, January 14**

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Breakfast

11:30 am

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program

**Monday, January 15**

Church & Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 16**

9:00 am Staff meeting

9:00 am Comfort Quilters

12:00 pm Counseling Ministry

\*By appointment only

with Dr Joe Dramise

3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal

3:00 pm Men's Choirs

4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, January 17**

9:00 am Counseling Ministry\*

\*By appointment only

with Dr Joe Dramise

10:00 am Middle East Presentation

**Thursday, January 18**

9:00 am online video recording

1:00 pm council meeting

**Friday, January 19**

**Saturday, January 20**

5:00 pm Worship Service

**Sunday, January 21**

8:00 am Service

10:00 am Service