

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**January 20-21, 2024
3rd Sunday After Epiphany**

**Ministers: Every Member of Spirit of Grace
Pastor Scott Hackler**

OUR MISSION

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY MINUTES

INVOCATION

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

Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 62, Jonah 3, 1 Corinthians 7)

The God of all creation calls us.

We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.

Powerful and constant love belong to God.

We celebrate the presence of our mighty, loving God.

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people,

to carry your vision in this time and place,

to go where you send us

bringing your amazing good news.

As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ,

Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. Amen.

OPENNING HYMN "I Love to Tell Story"

I love to tell the story / of unseen things above, / of Jesus and his glory, / of Jesus and his love. / I love to tell the story, / because I know it's true; / it satisfies my longings / as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; / 'twill be my theme in glory / to tell the old, old story / of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: / how pleasant to repeat / what seems, each time I tell it, / more wonderfully sweet! / I love to tell the story, / for some have never heard / the message of salvation / from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, / for those who know it best / seem hungering and thirsting / to hear it like the rest. / And when, in scenes of glory, / I sing the new, new song, / I'll sing the old, old story / that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness 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.

Text: Psalm 118:24. Public Domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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 Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "The Right Time"

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HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult / of our life's wild, restless sea, /
day by day his clear voice sounding, / saying, "Christian, follow
me:

As of old Saint Andrew heard it / by the Galilean lake, / turned from home and toil
and kindred, / leaving all for Jesus' / sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship / of the vain world's golden store, / from each idol
that would keep us, / saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, / days of toil and hours of ease, /
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, / "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, / Savior, may we hear your call, /
give our hearts to your obedience, / serve and love you best of
all.

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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 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.

And so we remember your Son,
his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection,
his word, and his presence in this meal,
and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray that you send your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom,
your guidance everywhere in the church.

Send your Spirit upon the bread and cup;

renew the world with your mercy.

We praise you, holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,

Abba, Living Water, Breath of Life, today, tomorrow and forever. Amen!

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.

Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

O Jesus, I have promised / to serve you to the end; / remain forever near me, / my master and my friend. / I shall not fear the battle / if you are by my side, / nor wander from the pathway / if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; / the world is ever near. / I see the sights that dazzle, / the tempting sounds I hear. / My foes are ever near me, / around me and within; / but, Jesus, then draw nearer / to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking / in accents clear and still / above the storms of passion, / the murmurs of self-will. / Now speak to reassure me, / to hasten or control; / now speak and make me listen, / O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised / to all who follow you / that where you are in glory / your servant shall be too. / And Jesus, I have promised / to serve you to the end; / oh, give me grace to follow, / my master and my friend.

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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 Accompanist/Pianist
Online Scripture Reader
Video Production

Sandy Hobbs
Anne Ellenberger
Richard Johnson
Jerry Huston

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 5th 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!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets at 10am. Pastor Scott will take you through the Gospel of Mark which is our focus in worship this coming year. Come and learn about this important book of the Bible.

BASEBALL GAME

If you purchased seats for the March 7 baseball game between the Texas Rangers and the AZ Diamondbacks—PLEASE PICK UP YOUR TICKETS this weekend in the narthex.

TICKETS "Mardi Gras and All That Jazz" on February 4 at 2:30 pm are on sale this weekend and next. This event is a performance by the All-Stars Big Band playing

different jazz selections to get your toes tapping. Then we'll gather for fellowship and a piece of traditional Mardi Gras King Cake and coffee. Cost: \$5.

MEN'S BREAKFAST is the last Tuesday of the month. The next one is on January 30th 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.

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 9:00 am and 11:00am.

FOOD BANK

Join your Spirit of Grace friends on **January 27 from 9:30-11:30** to work at the Valley View Food Bank, 10771 West Peoria Ave, Sun City. If you like to join us, please call Anneke Rutgers (623-760-8160).

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 25th to April 18th 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

Deborah Frusciano: 602-909-8369. *You do not need to be a member of Spirit of Grace to participate in this program.*

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.

HELP WANTED!

Website Administrator – someone in partnership with Pastor Scott, who has average computer skills or better, willing to help maintain and improve our website.

Council Recording Secretary – working alongside the Council Secretary to record minutes at Council Meetings.

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR
January 20 – January 28

Saturday, January 20

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am Worship Service
10:00 worship Service
10:00 Blood Pressure

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

9:00 am Staff meeting
12:00 pm Counseling Ministry
*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise
3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal
3:00 pm Men's Choir Rehearsal
4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 24

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*
*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise
10:00 am Pastor Scott
"Gospel of Mark Study"

Thursday, January 25

9:00 am Online Worship
video recording
9:00 am Internal Audit Committee
10:00 am Griefshare

Friday, January 26

9:30 am Bulletin Assemble

Saturday, January 27

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am Service
10:00 am Service
9:00 am and 11:00 am
Blood pressure checks