

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**October 14-15, 2023
20th Sunday of Pentecost**

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

OUR MISSION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

INVOCATION

We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be-side still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

GATHERING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, / God of glory, Lord of love! / Hearts unfold / like flow'rs before thee, / praising thee, their sun above. / Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, / drive the gloom of doubt away. / Giver of immortal gladness, / fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, / earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, / stars and angels sing around thee, / center of unbroken praise. / Field and forest, vale and mountain, / flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, / chanting bird, and flowing fountain / call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, / ever blessing, ever blest, / wellspring of the joy of living, / ocean-depth of happy rest! / Thou our Father, Christ our brother, / all who live in love are thine; / teach us how to love each other, / lift us to the joy divine!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin and the sin of humankind.

Steadfast and faithful God,

You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us and all people back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

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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ANTHEM

"On to Higher Ground"

Fred Bornhoeft, Sandy Hobbs

THE READING Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on

doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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SERMON

"Through It All...Claim JOY!"

Pastor Gary

HYMN OF THE DAY "Through It All"

I've had many tears and sorrows, / I've had questions for tomorrow, / there's been times I didn't know right from wrong. / But in every situation, / God gave me blessed consolation, / that my trials come to only make me strong.

Refrain

Through it all, / through it all, / I've learned to trust in Jesus, / I've learned to trust in God. / Through it all, / through it all, / I've learned to depend upon His Word.

I've been to lots of places, / I've seen a lot of faces, / there's been times I felt so all alone. / But in my lonely hours, / yes, those precious lonely hours, / Jesus lets me know that I was His own. *Refrain*

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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, hear our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed with your love. Form us into the body of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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.

Blessed be your name, O God,

for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "O Savior, Precious Savior"

O Savior, precious Savior, / whom yet unseen we love; / O name of might and favor, / all other names above: / we worship thee; we bless thee; / to thee alone we sing; / we praise thee and confess thee, / our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, / who wondrously hast wrought, / thyself the revelation / of love beyond our thought: / we worship thee; we bless thee; / to thee alone we sing; / we praise thee and confess thee, / our gracious Lord and King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth, / all grace and pow'r divine; / the glory that excelleth,
/ O Son of God, is thine. / We worship thee; we bless thee; / to thee alone we
sing; / we praise thee and confess thee, / our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation / of this our song above, / in endless adoration / and
everlasting love; / then shall we praise and bless thee / where perfect praises ring,
/ and evermore confess thee,
our Savior and our King!

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING AS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Director of Music

Fred Bornhoeft

Online Scripture Reader

Rick Jaegar

Video Production

Jerry Huston



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

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, November 6th, 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.

NEW EDITION GRIEF SHARE PROGRAM

We are pleased to present the new 4th edition GriefShare program this fall. Meetings are on Thursdays, Sept 7th - Nov 30, @10:00am-11:30am (exceptions: Oct 11, Nov 15 & 22 are Wednesdays). To Register, call Spirit of Grace at 623-977-6000 or griefshare.org or Deborah Frusciano at 602-909-8369. You do not need to be a member of Spirit of Grace to participate in this program. A donation of \$20 is requested to cover the cost of your GriefShare Workbook.

HARVEST HOME DINNER & CONCERT Snowbirds and people of SOG, there are only 52 tickets left for the Harvest Home Dinner/Concert on Nov. 12. Registration has now opened to the public-so don't wait if you want to go. Harvest Home Dinner/Concert. \$25 @ 5:00 pm. Concert only @ 6:30 pm \$10. We'll be in the lobby to register you by check or by credit card! Remember this event opens to the public Oct. 13! You have two options from which to select:

1. Dinner & Concert with reserved seating-\$25.
2. Concert only-\$10 no reserved seating.

Don't miss the SOUNDS OF THE SOUTHWEST SINGERS!

CHIMES WORKSHOP OCTOBER 28th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm there will be chimes worship led by Sandy Hobbs and Barbara Stenberg. The workshop will cover basic techniques for playing and additional techniques to enhance. If you are interested in learning to play, all welcome includes current members. It's a lot of fun to give it a try, you might be surprised.

FOODBANK: Saturday October 28th from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Join us to sort food for distribution at Valley View Community. SOG volunteers will be the only group working there and we can use up to 15 people. Please RSVP so they can plan workstations accordingly by emailing marsha.gilford@gmail.com. Wear closed-toe shoes and meet at

the food bank located at 10771 W. Peoria Ave. (Directions: Grand Ave. to right at 111th Ave; then turn left on Peoria Ave).

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be returning on October 31st, the last Tuesday of October. It will be Halloween so let's have pumpkin muffins!! We are looking forward to another enjoyable and successful year of breakfast devotions for the men of Spirit of Grace. The staff are also looking for help in the kitchen preparing the delicious breakfast. If you'd like to help, please contact Paul Reichenbach. In October there will be a clipboard in the lobby to sign up

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR

October 14 - October 22

Saturday, October 14

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, October 15

9:00 am Worship Service

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Counseling

Ministry*

*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise

Wednesday, October 18

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*

*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise

Thursday, October 19

8:45 am Online Worship video
production

10:00 am GriefShare

1:00 pm Congregation Council
meeting

Friday, October 20

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

Saturday, October 21

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am Worship Service

