

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**October 21-22, 2023
21st 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
Abundant Life

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE

"I'm Forever Grateful"

Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 96:1-4)

O sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;

Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,

God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD,

And greatly to be praised!

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 love is found / in water, wine and wheat: / a banquet hall on
holy ground / where peace and justice meet. / Here the love of God, through Jesus, / is
revealed in time and space; / as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *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

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

"Brighter than the Sun"

Joyful Spirit Singers

THE READING Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him — and the gates shall not be closed:²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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SERMON

"Nose Holding and Coin Tricks"

Pastor Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY "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 shall 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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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 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, / on your people pour your pow'r; / crown your ancient church's story; / bring its bud to glorious flow'r. / Grant us wisdom, grant us courage / for the facing of this hour, / for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us / scorn the Christ, assail his ways! / From the fears that long have bound us / free our hearts to faith and praise. / Grant us wisdom, grant us courage / for the living of these days, / for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; / bend our pride to your control; / shame our wanton, selfish gladness, / rich in things and poor in soul. / Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, / lest we miss your kingdom's goal, / lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation / to the evils we deplore; / let the gift of your salvation / be our glory evermore. / Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, / serving you whom we adore, / serving you whom we adore.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING AS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Director of Music

Fred Bornhoeft

Online Scripture Reader

Mary McGillis

Video Production

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 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 GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM

We are pleased to present the new 4th edition GriefShare program this fall. Meetings are on Thursdays through Nov 30, @10:00am-11:30am (exceptions: 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 Harvest Home Dinner & Concert-(Nov. 12) This ONLINE (www.spiritofgrace.com) option closes this upcoming Thursday, Oct 26. Only a few tickets remain. Cost \$25. Harvest Home Concert option to hear "The Sounds of the Southwest" remains open. Cost \$10 ONLINE.

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.

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 Wednesday, November 15, in the conference room from 10:00 am to 10:30am.

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR
October 21 - October 29

Saturday, October 21

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am Worship Service

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

9:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Counseling Ministry

*By appointment only

with Dr Joe Dramise

3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal

4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 25

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*

*By appointment only

with Dr Joe Dramise

Thursday, October 26

8:45 am Online Worship video production

10:00 am GriefShare

Friday, October 27

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

Saturday, October 28

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am Worship Service

