

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**October 28-29, 2023
22nd Sunday of Pentecost
Reformation Sunday**

**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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MINUTE

**WELCA Fall Thank Offering
Surviving the Holidays**

**Sue Todd
Deborah Frusciano**

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

Though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam,

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult, we will not fear.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

GATHERING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

The church's one foundation / is Jesus Christ, her Lord; / she is his new creation /
by water and the word. / From heav'n he came and sought her / to be his holy
bride; / with his own blood he bought her, / and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, / yet one o'er all the earth, / her charter of salvation / one
Lord, one faith, one birth: / one holy name she blesses, / partakes one holy food,
/ and to one hope she presses, / with ev'ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation / and tumult of her war, / she waits the consummation
/ of peace forevermore; / till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest, / and the great church victorious / shall be the church
at rest.

Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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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 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Trivial, Significant, or Sacred!!" Pastor Gary Benson

HYMN OF THE DAY "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

God's word is our great heritage / and shall be ours forever; /
to spread its light from age to age / shall be our chief endeavor. /
Through life it guides our way; / in death it is our stay. /
Lord, grant while time shall last / your church may hold it fast /
throughout all generations.

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925, alt.

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	Sat. "Jesus Paid It All"	Sandy Hobbs
	Sun. "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"	Fred Bornhoeft, Sandy Hobbs

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.

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

May God, who gives life to all things and frees us to live fully, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; / curb those who by deceit or sword / would wrest the kingdom from your Son / and bring to naught all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, / for you are Lord of lords alone; / defend your holy church, that we / may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, / send peace and unity on earth; / support us in our final strife / and lead us out of death to life.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING AS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Director of Music	Fred Bornhoeft
Choir Director	Ken Carnes
Choir Accompanist	Sandy Hobbs
Saturday Scripture Reader	Shelly Nelson
Sunday Scripture Reader	Lorri Mohrweis
Saturday Usher Coordinator	Glenda Jones
Sunday Usher Coordinator	Rich Frusciano
Audio/Lighting	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.

HARVEST HOME DINNER & CONCERT Tickets Sales have ended for dinner. Only the concert tickets for the “The Sounds of the Southwest” remain available. The cost is \$10 and is available on our website.

WELCA FALL Thank Offering luncheon is November 16, at 11:00 am in fellowship hall. Cost is \$10.00. Checks are preferred. Lunch will be catered by Wild Bunch Catering. Our speaker is from Doves, the center for Aging. She will also speak about the Mosaic Program. Bring you thank offering and any new hygiene items to donate.

NEW EDITION GRIEF SHARE 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.

MEN’S BREAKFAST will be returning on October 31st at 8am, 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 Sunday, November 19, in the conference room from 10:00 am to 10:30am.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS November 14, at 10:00am-12pm Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one’s death. The death can be in the past or recent. The seminar will include a video, workbook, and discussion. This is offered by GriefShare and is the new 4th edition with relevant and updated information:

*How to deal with the many emotions you’ll face during the holidays*What to do about traditions and other coming changes *Helpful tips for surviving social events. This event will be held in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served. Please call the church office 623-977-6000 to register so we have enough materials for everyone. Contact Deborah Frusciano for more information 623-977-6000 ext 140 or 602-909-8369 cell. Please join us for this encouraging seminar and ask your family and friends to attend with you.

The Flowers are in celebration of Bev & Robin Aguilar’s 59th anniversary.

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR
October 28 – November 5

Saturday, October 28

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am Worship Service

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

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, November 1

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*

*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise

Thursday, November 2

8:45 am Online Worship video
production

10:00 am GriefShare

Friday, November 3

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

Saturday, November 4

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, November 5

9:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday, November 14, 10 am -12 pm

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Help and hope as you navigate the Holiday season!

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. The death can be in the past or recent. The seminar will include a video, workbook, and discussion. This is offered by GriefShare and is the new 4th edition with relevant and updated information.

The event is free to attend, however a donation of \$7.00 is suggested to cover the cost of the workbook.

You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays.
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes.
- Helpful tips for surviving social events.
- How to discover hope for your future.

This event will be held in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served. Please call the church office 623-977-6000 to register so we have enough materials for everyone. Contact Deborah Frusciano for more information 623-977-6000 ext 140 or 602-909-8369 cell. Please join us for this encouraging seminar and ask your family and friends to attend with you.