

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 4-5, 2023

23rd Sunday of Pentecost

All Saints 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 ANNOUNCEMENT

MINISTRY MINUTE "Advent Giving Tree – Gift Cards"

Deborah Frusciano

PRELUDE "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again "

Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, **we glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, **we praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, **we worship you.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sisters and brothers represented by these candle lights. We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest, / who thee by faith before the world
confessed, / thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; / thou, Lord, their captain in
the well-fought fight; / thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. / Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, / we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; /
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, / through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host, / singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: / Alleluia!
Alleluia!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We
pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our
own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to
ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us
again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and
resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your
sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom
and newness to do God's work in the world.

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

"Meekness and Majesty"

Fred Bornhoeft

THE READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before
the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud

voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"#blessed"

Pastor Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY "Shall We Gather at the River"

Shall we gather at the river, / where bright angel feet have trod, /
with its crystal tide forever / flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, / the beautiful, the beautiful river; /
gather with the saints at the river /that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, / washing up its silver spray, / we will walk and worship
ever, / all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

Ere we reach the shining river, / lay we ev'ry burden down; /
grace our spirits will deliver, /and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

Soon we'll reach the shining river, / soon our pilgrimage will cease; / soon our happy
hearts will quiver / with the melody of peace. *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: Lord, in your mercy, **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: 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 "Go, My Children with My Blessing"

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. / Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. / In my love's baptismal river / I have made you mine forever. / Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. / Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. / Here you heard my dear Son's story, / here you touched him, saw his glory. / Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. / Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. / Here my Spirit's power filled you, / here my tender comfort stilled you. / Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We Remember and Honor Those Who Have Died

Sharon Bornhoeft	08-10-23	Donna Hays	04-05-23
Pastor Harold Stromer	01-07-22	John Schmidt	04-25-23
Kathryn Stromer	10-28-22	Jo Hepburn	06-03-23
William Lang	11-10-22	Glen Colville	06-13-23
Ardeth Lewon	12-16-22	Mary Perissinotto	06-18-23
Robert Bornhoeft	12-23-22	June Oakins	07-23-23
Duane Dennis	12-23-22	Karl Boldt	08-21-23
Roger Brown	01-25-23	Fred Schreiber	09-01-23
LuAnn Finkenaur	02-08-23	Arvid Herstedt	09-06-23
Charles (Charlie) Heinz	03-07-23	Ann Smith	10-01-23

SERVING AS WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Director of Music	Fred Bornhoeft
Online Scripture Reader	Cathy Pierce
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.



SPECIAL GUESTS: Sarah Rejman, founder of Kafiki House (formerly known as The Plaster House) in Arusha, Tanzania, and Board President, Gail Gettler are our guests this weekend. Sarah will share information at Cafe Grace during our fellowship hour. Spirit of Grace's annual Gifts of Hope campaign has long supported this wonderful organization which provides surgical and rehabilitation care for Tanzanian children.

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!

HARVEST HOME DINNER GUESTS November 12: please be checked in and seated by no later than 4:45pm. Doors open at 4:15 pm your ticket includes:

- **Sound of the Southwest** concert November 12 at 6:30 pm tickets cost is \$10 and will be available at the door.
- **White Christmas** tickets at AZ Broadway Theater for Dec. 14. Lunch & matinee are only available online until November 10 Cost \$66.

WELCA FALL THANKOFFERING LUNCHEON is November 16, at 11:00 am in fellowship hall. The cost is \$15.00. 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.

INTERESTED IN CPR TRAINING? – Contact Faith Community Nurse Deborah Frusciano at 623-977-6000, ext. 140 or via email: deborah@spiritofgrace.com.

GRIEFSHARE

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 call Deborah Frusciano at 602-909-8369 or go to griefshare.org. 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.

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.

ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023 GIFT CARD COLLECTION For this year's Advent Giving Tree, we will once again be sharing the light and hope of Advent with Military Families at Luke Air Force Base. We will be collecting gift cards and Christmas cards to give to the families. Thank you for your continued support of the Advent Giving Tree. Your prayers and generosity show our Military Families how much their service and sacrifice mean to our congregation. Please bring gift cards and Christmas cards by December 12. for further information Contact Deborah 623-977-6000 ext 140 or 602-909-8369 cell.

COMFORT COVERS QUILTING GROUP will meet again Tuesday November 28 from 9am-1:00pm.

CHIMES WORKSHOP November 11th 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.

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR
November 4 – November 12

Saturday, November 4

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, November 5

9:00 am Worship Service

Monday, November 6

Tuesday, November 7

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 8

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*

*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise

Thursday, November 9

8:45 am Online Worship video
production

10:00 am GriefShare

Friday, November 10

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

Saturday, November 11

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am Worship Service

5:00pm Harvest Homecoming

*Ticket Required