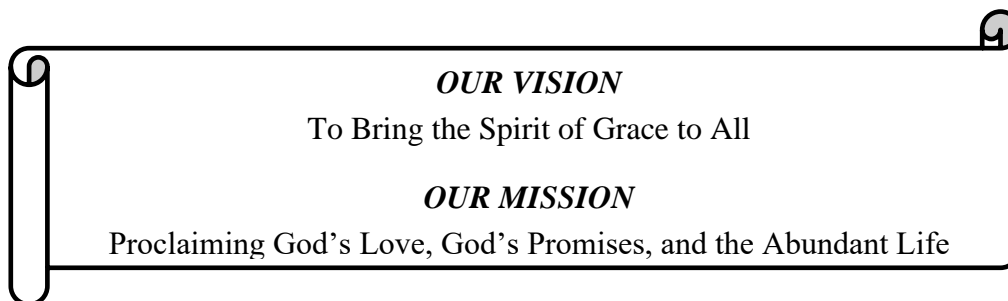


SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 26 & 27, 2023
13th Sunday of Pentecost

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “He Is Our Peace” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!
C: **Amen.**

GATHERING LITANY (based on Psalm 67)

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C: **let all the peoples praise you.**
P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C: **for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C: **let all the peoples praise you!**

GATHERING HYMN “The Church Song”

Refrain

We are the church, / the body of our Lord; / we are all God's children. / We have been restored.
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your**

Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: 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.

Text: Psalm 118:24. Public Domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

MUSICAL OFFERING “Our God is an Awesome God” Sandra Hobbs

THE READING Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: 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 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

SERMON **“Confused”** *Pastor Scott*

HYMN OF THE DAY **“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.

Yet she on earth has union / with God, the Three in One, / and mystic sweet communion / with those whose rest is won. / Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! / Lord, save us by your grace, / that we, like saints before us, / may see you face to face.

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APOSTLES’ CREED

C: 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

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: You are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

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

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: We thank you, generous God,

C: for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed and the greatest storm, bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: 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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Announcements & Upcoming Events***

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, Sept 11th, 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.

PIZZA AND BINGO – Sept 17th in Café Grace!! Tickets are available online through our website. Cost: \$10.00 non-refundable.

TREMBLE CLEFS CONCERT IS COMING – tickets are free!! Save the date October 1st, at 3:00 pm here at Spirit of Grace

NEW EDITION GRIESHARE PROGRAM COMING THIS FALL

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.

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 27 - September 2

Saturday, August 26

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, August 27

9:00 am Worship Service

Monday, August 28

No Activities

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Counseling Ministry*
*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise
4:00 pm Summer Spirit Singers

Wednesday, August 30

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*
*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise

Thursday, August 31

1:00 pm Women's Combine
Bible Study

Friday, Sept 1

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

Saturday, Sept 2

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, Sept 3

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Blood Pressure Checks