

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**July 24 & 25, 2021
9th Sunday of Pentecost**

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

OUR VISION

“To help our congregation and community know Christ and grow in faith, so we can run the race of life with grace, hope, peace, and joy.”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: “Kindred Spirits” Adrienne Pederson

CALL TO WORSHIP: “And Can It Be” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult”

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult / of our life's wild, restless sea, / day by day his clear voice sounding, / saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship / of the vain world's golden store, / from each idol that would keep us, / saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, / days of toil and hours of ease, / still he calls, in cares and pleasures, / "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, / Savior, may we hear your call, / give our hearts to your obedience, / serve and love you best of all.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Gracious God, our provider, help us.

C: Too often we live as though your blessings and provisions are scarce. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. Turn us always to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God, Jesus has turned to you. He is the manna from heaven that comes to feed and nourish you. He is the worker of miracles and the Bread of Life who provides more than enough. He is God's mercy and through him you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Time for Turning" Fred Bornhoeft

THE READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

P: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you. They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power, that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-out all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works. You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

P: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six

months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord,
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: "Hungry?" *Pastor Scott Hackler*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Break now the bread of life, / dear Lord, to me, / as once you broke the loaves / beside the sea. / Beyond the sacred page / I seek you, Lord; / my spirit waits for you, / O living Word.

Bless your own word of truth, / dear Lord, to me, / as when you blest the bread / by Galilee. / Then shall all bondage cease, / all fetters fall; / and I shall find my peace, / my All-in-All!

You are the bread of life, / dear Lord, to me, / your holy word the truth / that rescues me. / Give me to eat and live / with you above; / teach me to love your truth, / for you are love.

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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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord God, your gracious gifts sustain us.
C: **Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he come to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Strengthen us in this meal and make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you teach us to pray:

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.

Let us pray,

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "You Servants of God"

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, / and publish abroad his wonderful name; / the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol; / his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Ascended on high, almighty to save; / yet still he is nigh, his presence we have. / The great congregation his triumph shall sing, / ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! / Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. / The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, / fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, / all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might, / all honor and blessing, with angels above, / and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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, August 9th, 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!

KINDRED SPIRITS – Do you feel alone or socially isolated? Increasing evidence demonstrates that social isolation has a detrimental impact on an individual's health and well-being. If you feel this way for any reason, you are not alone. Spirit of Grace would like to offer you an opportunity to gather for the purpose of giving support and comfort to each other. The group will be called "Kindred Spirits" and will meet the fourth Wednesday of each month. The first meeting will be July 28th at 10 am in the Conference Room. No prior registration is required and you do not need to be a member of Spirit of Grace to participate. Spiritual and professional services can be brought in depending on the needs of the group. *Presented for educational purposes only.*

DIAKONIA is a program of the Rocky Mountain Synod designed for individuals who want to become more involved in their church or want to better understand their faith. It is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education. The classes are taught by Lutheran Pastors. An Information Session is being offered on Tuesday, July 27th, at 7pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3641 N 56th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018. A Zoom Information Session is available on Wednesday, July 28th, at 7pm. A link to that meeting is available at www.diakoniaaz.org. Look for the link to Information Sessions and for any other information about this program.

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