

**SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**November 6 & 7, 2021**

**All Saints Sunday**

**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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: “When I Can Read My Title Clear”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**MINISTRY MINUTE:**

**“Fa-La-La & Deck the Halls”** ..... Dorothy Carnes

**“WELCA Fall Luncheon”** ..... Julie Townsend

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: 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,

**C: we glorify you.**

P: 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,

**C: we glorify you.**

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

**C: we glorify you.**

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

P: 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 a companion 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.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: “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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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Have mercy on us, O God.

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables. We have sought glory and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

**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 is the day that the Lord has made.

Text: Psalm 118:24. Public Domain.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “When the Morning Comes”** . . . . . Fred Bornhoeft

## THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

**THE SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sing)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? / You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

**SERMON: "The All Saints Day Life Giver"** ..... *Pastor Scott Hackler*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "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!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: / the saints triumphant rise in bright array; / the King of glory passes on his way. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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 *(Response: Hear our prayer.)*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

**C: Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S SUPPER: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, almighty and merciful God. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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: God of new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless our feast and grace our table with your presence. Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and 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.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN: "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"**

Oh, when the saints go marching in, / oh, when the saints go marching in, / O Lord, I want to be in that number / when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, / oh, when the Lord in glory comes, / O Lord, I want to be in that number / when the Lord in glory comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed, / oh, when the new world is revealed, / O Lord, I want to be in that number / when the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather 'round the throne, / oh, when they gather 'round the throne, / O Lord, I want to be in that number / when they gather 'round the throne.

Oh, when they crown him King of kings, / oh, when they crown him King of kings, / O Lord, I want to be in that number / when they crown him King of kings.

And on that hallelujah day, / and on that hallelujah day, / O Lord, I want to be in that number / on that hallelujah day.

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## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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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 this **Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** – The holidays are fast approaching and for those who have lost a loved one it can be a difficult time. Join us on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12pm to learn how to:

\*Deal with emotions \*What to do with traditions \*Helpful hints for surviving social events \*How to find hope for the future

This program is from GriefShare and will include a video and discussion. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Invite your family and neighbors. Registration is requested. Call the church office (602-977-6000) or Deborah Frusciano (602-909-8369) for further details.

**GINGER CLARKSON MEMORIAL SERVICE** – Family & friends will gather to honor Ginger Clarkson on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10am at the Surprise Funeral Care (Dignity Memorial), 16063 W Bell Road, Surprise, 85374.

**HARVEST HOMECOMING DINNER & MUSIC** – *Extended to this weekend:* the LAST OPPORTUNITY to purchase tickets for the Harvest Homecoming Dinner on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. The cost is only \$20 per person. For those who have made the purchase to attend the dinner, if you were unable to print out your confirmation or lost your receipt – DON'T WORRY – the Fellowship Team has a complete list of all attendees. Doors open November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Reminder: A FREE WILL OFFERING will be taken to contribute to the FOOD BANK in appreciation for their entertainment.

**BARLEEN'S** – December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be here before you know it, and the fun trip over to Apache Junction and Barleen's Arizona Opry will take place. Motor coaches will begin to board at 3:30pm from the Spirit of Grace church parking lot, and we will depart promptly at 4:00pm.

- ❖ If you purchased a ticket (s) for this event, you will be receiving an email from Jan Hylen, around the second week in November.
- ❖ Please print out the email you receive and bring it along with you on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ It will serve as your boarding pass and table reservation.
- ❖ Also, remember that following CDC Guidelines, **FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED**. Face masks are to be worn at all time on the motor coach.
- ❖ Failure to comply will result in denial of boarding or removal.
- ❖ Please remember to bring your mask.

**FA-LA-LA and DECK THE HALL** – tickets go on sale this weekend before and after services. The event is Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3pm to 6:30pm. Tickets are \$5 each. We will go caroling to facilities and homebound members. If you do not wish to go caroling, you may stay at the church to decorate the Fellowship Hall and the narthex for Advent and Christmas and make Chrismon ornaments for the sanctuary tree. This event will close by gathering together at the end for a supper of mild chili or chicken rice soup. We ask that everyone bring an ornament or two to decorate the Fellowship Hall tree.

**NEW CONTACT INFORMATION?** – We have recently encountered several incidents where the contact information we have for members (i.e. phone number(s), email addresses, etc.) have been incorrect. If you have made changes to your information – even if it was a long time ago – please send your information to: sheila@spiritofgrace.com so that it may be updated or verified it is up to date. Please include your home/mailling address, phone numbers (landline and/or cell phone) and email address. Thank you!

**SECURITY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY** – We all know there are a lot of scammers, down-right crooks, on the Internet, on the phone, any place where a victim can be hooked. To protect yourself – *and to protect others* – it is extremely important to shred anything that contains personal information: i.e. Membership Directories. Be very suspicious of any email or text that is seeking “a favor” that represents itself as coming from a staff member at Spirit of Grace. You will *never* receive any such email or text from Spirit of Grace. Remember: Shred! Shred! Shred!

*Everyone is welcome to participate in all Spirit of Grace events and ministries:  
you do not need to be a registered member.*

***Those We Remember on All Saints Day***

*Ed Lovitt*

*Glenda Sibley*

*Alfred Weidner*

*John Brady*

*Marie Porter*

*Virginia Schlobohm*

*Joan Romano*

*Candice Padek*

*Bernie Ryan*

*Gilbert (Gil) Helvitson*

*Louis (Lou) Bevilacqua*

*Sean Harrell*

*Mark Lange*

*Patrick Slane*

*Virginia (Gini) Bornhoeft*

*Tom Hayes*

*Janet Bevilacqua*

*Carmen Evans*

*Linda Colliander*

*David VanHart*

*Edith Minster*

*Dennis (Denny) Indahl*

*June Dower*

*Marilyn Clauder*

*Roy Aune*

*Virginia (Ginger) Clarkson*

*Carolyn Marxen*

*Judith (Judie) Linton*

*Lori Holl*

## ***SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***November 6 & 7, 2021***

### **Saturday, November 6**

Food Ingathering Donations  
5:00 pm Worship Service

### **Sunday, November 7**

Food Ingathering Donations  
9:00 am Worship Service

### **Monday, November 8**

9:30 am Martha Circle  
10:00 am Welcome Session  
12:30 pm "Hand & Foot"  
Cardplayers  
1:00 pm Mary Circle

### **Tuesday, November 9**

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
9:30 am Rachel Circle  
10:00 am Finance Committee  
12:00 pm Counseling Ministry\*  
\*By appointment only  
with Dr Joe Dramise  
3:00 pm Grace Chimes  
4:15 pm Joyful Spirit Singers

### **Wednesday, November 10**

9:00 am Counseling Ministry\*  
\*By appointment only  
with Dr Joe Dramise  
10:00 am "Surviving  
The Holidays"  
10:00 am Executive Council

### **Thursday, November 11**

8:30 am Online Worship Service  
Video Recording  
9:45 am Deborah Circle  
1:00 pm Elizabeth Circle

### **Friday, November 12**

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

### **Saturday, November 13**

10:00 am Ginger Clarkson  
Memorial Service  
Surprise Funeral Care  
5:00 pm Worship Service

### **Sunday, November 14**

9:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Harvest Homecoming  
Dinner – *Ticket Required*

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