

*SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH*

**November 13 & 14, 2021**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**MINISTRY MINUTE:**

“Advent Giving Tree” ..... Deborah Frusciano  
“Outreach Worship Ministry” ..... Phil Nelson

**CALL TO WORSHIP: “Salute to Veterans Day”** ..... Fred Bornhoeft

**INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**A LITANY FOR VETERANS**

**P:** On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces.

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**C: We give thanks for our soldiers’ courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

**P:** Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served.

**C: Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.**

**P:** Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**C: We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.**

**P:** We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

**C: We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “Jesus Shall Reign”**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun / does its successive journeys run; / his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, / till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, / and praises throng to crown his head; / his name like sweet perfume shall rise / with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: / the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, / the weary find eternal rest, / and all who suffer want are blest.

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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 the day that the Lord has made.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "That Truth May Live"** ..... Fred Bornhoeft  
..... Harmonica: Bill Lyes

**THE READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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: Mark 13:1-8**

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: "The Good Ol' Days"** ..... *Pastor Scott Hackler*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: "Built on a Rock"**

Built on a rock the church shall stand, / even when steeples are falling; / crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, / bells still are chiming and calling – / calling the young and old to rest, / calling the souls of those distressed, / longing for life everlasting.

Christ builds a house of living stones: / we are his own habitation; / he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, / granting us life and salvation. / Where two or three to seek his face, / he in their midst will show his grace, / blessings upon them bestowing.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, / grant that, when church bells are ringing, / many may come to hear your Word, / who here this promise is bringing: / "I know my own, my own know me; / you, not the world, my face shall see; / my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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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, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"**

Oh, happy day when we shall stand / amid the heav'nly throng; / and sing with hosts from ev'ry land / the new celestial song, / the new celestial song.

Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come / and show himself as Lord, / and thousands meet in their new home / which Jesus has prepared, / which Jesus has prepared.

Oh, what a mighty rushing flood / of joy and love and peace / will roll down over us with good / and blessedness and grace, / and blessedness and grace.

O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; / your love has made us free / to stand among the saints and sing / the glory that we see, / the glory that we see.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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Hymn Vocalists: Pastor Gary Benson, Karen Boeck, Tom Chambers, Nancy Newman

Audio & Lighting: Jim Miller

Producer & Editor: Jerry Huston

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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, December 13<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!

**HARVEST HOMECOMING DINNER & MUSIC** – is this Sunday and doors open at 4:30 pm. Bring your computer “ticket” or your yellow receipt if you made your purchase at the office. Everyone will be checked in with our list attendees. If someone purchased your ticket under their name, please arrive at the door together so that you can be checked in correctly. Reminder: A FREE WILL OFFERING will be taken to contribute to the FOOD BANK in appreciation for their entertainment.

**KINDRED SPIRITS** – All people need some level of socialization to be healthy. Kindred Spirits is a group that encourages you to reach out and seek the support of others. If you are feeling alone, isolated, or merely want to make some new connections, join us on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The group meets the 4th Wednesday each month in the conference room at Spirit of Grace. No prior registration is required and you do not need to be a member of Spirit of Grace to participate. *Presented for educational purposes only.*

**THANKSGIVING EVE** – with grateful hearts, we will worship together on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. Complementary pie and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall following worship service. *Everyone* is welcome – no reservation required.

**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 are now 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 Christmas 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](mailto:sheila@spiritofgrace.com) so that it may be updated or verified it is up to date. Please include your home/ mailing 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.*

## OUTREACH WORSHIP MINISTRY

### **What is the purpose of the ministry?**

Provide worship services to residents of independent/assisted living facilities

### **Who provides these services?**

People just like you and me. This includes members, associate members, and other regular worship attendees at Spirit of Grace

### **Describe a worship service that is provided**

- Worshippers are greeted as they arrive
- An order of service is followed
- Hymns are sung, scriptures read, a brief message is given, prayers are offered and Communion is served

### **What tasks would I be asked to perform?**

Assist with any of the above activities where you feel comfortable.

### **How can I learn more?**

- Stop by the table in the narthex at the conclusion of today's service.
- Join us for pizza and salad on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm to meet others and find out answers to your questions.

### ***Why does Spirit of Grace do this Ministry?***

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you" John 20:21*



**WELCA Fall Luncheon & Program  
Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am  
Spirit of Grace Fellowship Hall**

**Lunch**

**Bring your own bag lunch – beverages & packaged sweet treats will be provided.**

**Program**

**Guest Speaker:** Ms Solveig Muus, Outreach Program, Grace Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ

**Giving Thanks:** Thankofferings collected

**In-Kind Donations to Grace Lutheran Outreach Program** (Collection boxes will be in the Fellowship Hall)

- ❖ Travel-size toothbrushes & toothpaste
- ❖ Travel-size deodorant/antiperspirant
- ❖ Travel-size shampoo & conditioner
- ❖ Chap Stick
- ❖ Disposable razors
- ❖ Travel-size shaving cream
- ❖ Soap (small or regular)
- ❖ Women's hygiene products

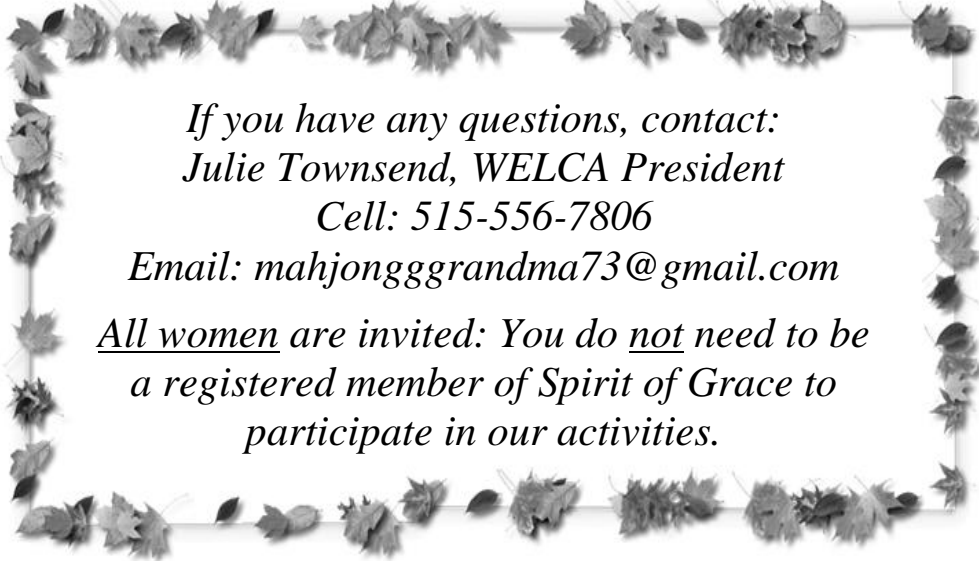
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**In-Kind Donations to I-HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program), Surprise, AZ, through Lutheran Social Services.**  
A collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall.

*\*\*All items must be in new, or like-new, condition*

- ❖ Dollar Store Flip-Flops (for showering)
- ❖ Headphones
- ❖ Large backpacks/duffle bags
- ❖ Travel-size hand sanitizer
- ❖ Masks – disposable or reusable
- ❖ Washcloths
- ❖ Clear travel or cosmetic bags
- ❖ Socks
- ❖ Journals/Notebooks
- ❖ Underwear – men & women
- ❖ Deck of Cards
- ❖ Chess or Checkers set



*If you have any questions, contact:  
Julie Townsend, WELCA President  
Cell: 515-556-7806*

*Email: mahjonggrandma73@gmail.com*

*All women are invited: You do not need to be a registered member of Spirit of Grace to participate in our activities.*

## **SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*November 13 & 14, 2021*

### **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*

### **Monday, November 15**

12:30 pm “Hand & Foot”  
Cardplayers

### **Tuesday, November 16**

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
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 17**

9:00 am Counseling Ministry\*  
\*By appointment only  
with Dr Joe Dramise  
1:00 pm WELCA Board

### **Thursday, November 18**

8:30 am Online Worship Service  
Video Recording  
9:30 am Internal Audit Committee  
11:00 am WELCA Fall  
Thankoffering Luncheon  
1:00 pm Council Meeting

### **Friday, November 19**

9:30 am Bulletin Assembly

### **Saturday, November 20**

5:00 pm Worship Service  
Gifts of Hope Kick-Off

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