

SPIRIT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 20 & 21, 2021

Christ the King

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:

“Gifts of Hope Kick-Off” Kerstin Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP: “We Declare Your Majesty” Fred Bornhoeft

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou almighty King, / help us thy name to sing; / help us to praise; / Father all-glorious, / o'er all victorious, / come and reign over us, / Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, / merciful, mighty Lord; / our prayer attend. / Come and thy people bless, / and give thy word success, / and let thy righteousness / on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, / thy sacred witness bear / in this glad hour! / Thou, who almighty art, / rule now in ev'ry heart, / and never from us depart, / Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great One in Three, / eternal praises be / hence evermore! / Thy sov'reign majesty / may we in glory see, / and to eternity / love and adore.

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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.

Text: Psalm 118:24. Public Domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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: "The King of Who I Am" Fred Bornhoeft

THE READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM: Psalm 93

The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved. Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

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 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

SERMON: "Who Reigns?" *Pastor Scott Hackler*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "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.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring / peculiar honors to our King; / angels descend with songs again, / and earth
repeat the loud 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: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C: Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

Lead on, O King eternal! / The day of march has come; / henceforth in fields of conquest / your tents will be our home. / Through days of preparation / your grace has made us strong; / and now, O King eternal, / we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, / till sin's fierce war shall cease, / and holiness shall whisper / the sweet amen of peace; / for not with swords loud clashing, / nor roll of stirring drums, / but deeds of love and mercy / the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: / we follow, not with fears, / for gladness breaks like morning / where'er your face appears. / Your cross is lifted o'er us; / we journey in its light; / the crown awaits the conquest; / lead on, O God of might!

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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 **Monday, December 13th, 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!

ADVENT GIVING TREE – This year we are supporting Children of Military Personnel at Luke Air Force Base. Purchase a gift card (Amazon, Visa, Target, Walmart), and the families will buy gifts for their children. Write the amount on the gift card if it isn't already specified. Place it in a Christmas Card with a short note to the family if you wish to write one. *Sign your first name only. Do not seal the envelope.* Bring your gift card to the church between now and December 12th and place in the box in the Narthex. (It is labeled “Advent Giving Tree Card Drop Off Box” and is colorfully wrapped.) The gift cards will be given to needy families on the base. Contact Deborah Frusciano if you have any questions. 623-977-6000 or cell 602-909-8369.

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 this Wednesday, November 24th 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 24th, at 5:00 pm. Complementary pie and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall following worship service. *Everyone* is welcome – no reservation required.

THANKSGIVING DAY – The church & office will be closed on November 25th in honor of Thanksgiving Day. Normal hours of operation resume on Friday, November 26th.

BARLEEN'S – December 2nd 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 2nd.
- ❖ 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 – This is the **LAST WEEKEND** to purchase tickets for Fa-La-La and Deck the Halls on Friday, December 3rd at 3 pm. With this fun event, you will have your choice of caroling or decorating, and chili or chicken rice soup. This is also the last opportunity to submit people who would like to have carolers come and sing at their residence. Get your tickets—only \$5!

2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – For those *who have contribution envelopes assigned to them*, they will be available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall beginning Saturday, December 4th. If you no longer want envelopes, please notify Sheila in the office. If you did not pickup or use your 2021 envelopes, the 2022 envelopes will not be issued. *However, if you still want them for next year*, please notify Sheila in the office (email: sheila@spiritofgrace.com or 623-977-6000, ext. 100) **by Tuesday, November 30th**.

*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 6th, 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

SPIRIT OF GRACE CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 20 & 21, 2021

Saturday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 21

9:00 am Worship Service
Gifts of Hope Kick-Off

Monday, November 22

12:30 pm "Hand & Foot"
Cardplayers

Tuesday, November 23

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 24

9:00 am Counseling Ministry*
*By appointment only
with Dr Joe Dramise
10:00 am Kindred Spirits
2:00 pm Bulletin Assembly
5:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service

Thursday, November 25

**Church & Office Closed
In Observance of
Thanksgiving Day**

Friday, November 26

No Activities

Saturday, November 27

5:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday, November 28

9:00 am Worship Service

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