

Grace Lutheran Church Launch Day
September 11, 2022
With guest guitarist, Spencer Franson



Opening Song: This Is the Day (141)

Prayer for our Launch Day, may we rise up, Oh, God!
(based on litany by Shelly Rambo)

*Rise up, people of God. **As people of God, we rise up.***

*We rise up with gratitude. ... With spirits of gratitude:
Rise up, people of God. **As people of God, we rise up.***

*We rise up in prayer ... With prayerful hearts:
Rise up, people of God. **As people of God, we rise up.***

*We rise up to carry on the work ... With active hands:
Rise up, people of God. **As people of God, we rise up.***

*We rise up with a song of resurrection. ... Christ is alive. Christ is risen.
Rise up, people of God. **As people of God, we rise up. Amen.***

Song: I Will Call Upon the Lord (70)

First Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Choir Anthem “Soon and Very Soon” Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

No more crying there,

We are going to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

Hallelujah.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Sermon

Song: The Church Song—solos on verses (135)

Offering and response: We Are An Offering (146)

Prayers of the Church with response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (92)

Hear us now as we pray as Jesus teaches us:

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Table Prayer

Song for the Sending: Praise to You O God of Mercy (119)

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Minister: Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones

Assisting Minister: Mitch Piper

Reader: Roger Pomplun

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Mission Focus Conversations

On Tuesday, September 13th we will have the final session with Pr Erin Nelson about putting our core values into action. We will move into action goals for the ministry ahead of us. We meet from 7pm to 9pm in the Parlors.

Coffee Hour Sign-up

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church for anyone interested in providing coffee. Coffee hour is at 9am before the service, so be sure to have everything ready before then.

Responsibilities would include making the coffee, bringing light snacks, and cleaning up afterward.

Thank you.

Communion Set-up

Starting September 18, we will be switching to having Communion on every Sunday. I am hoping to have at least five people that are willing to be part of the Communion team. That way, you would do set up on one Sunday a month and those months that we only have four Sunday's, we would have a person in reserve if someone needed help.

If you are interested in serving our congregation on the Communion team, either contact me by phone or email. Or see me in Church on September 4 as I will be setting up for Communion on that Sunday. Thank you!

Please contact Anita Reid if you are willing to serve: 715-835-2248 or voss523@gmail.com

Sunday School

Sunday School is set to begin on September 18. After that it will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Worship begins at 10am on Sunday and Sunday School will be held during the service.

Crafters' Corner

The Crafters are again planning their Unique Boutique Sale for Saturday, November 5th.

When you are cleaning or taking inventory, the Crafters can use old (slightly used) Christmas wreaths, balls (any color, size, or shape), and any Christmas flowers or other decorations.

This year's Crafting group is trying to raise at least \$2,000 for Grace Communities to repair their patios.

Grace Church Choirs

Our Adult Choir is welcoming new members of all skill levels. If you have a love for singing and would enjoy sharing any level of

gifts with your fellow congregation members, please give us a try. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. weekly and Sundays from 9:00-9:30 a.m. to prepare for our anthems that day. The choir is a very welcoming and supportive group! Even if you are only able to join us every other week, please give us a try. All are welcome!

The Family Choir will be meeting the second and fourth Sundays every month directly after the services. All ages are welcome. Helpers accompanying smaller children or older parent are also wonderful additions. Share the gift of music and praise with your family members this year.

If you have questions, please email or call Diana Cataldi at gracechoirec@gmail.com or (937)903-0059.

Pacibells Welcomes New Members

If you would like to join our music ministry at Grace, and can read music, you are invited to try handbells!

Pacibells rehearses every Thursday, from 6:00-7:00pm, and we ring for 10:00 worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month, beginning Sept. 18.

Please contact Karen Lionberger at bellhog76@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more info.

God's Work, Our Hands

Every year the ELCA invites congregations to put our hands to work in service to those around us. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday at Grace will be September 18th. We will reflect together in worship on God's call to service, and then engage in several opportunities as you feel the call. Specific Eau Claire opportunities include Clean-up in the Northside Cemetery on Omaha (Sunday 1 to 3pm on the 18th), dropping off and receiving items for the Neighbor to Neighbor rummage sale and scholarship program (Saturday 10am to noon, Sunday noon to 2pm at Grace), and bags will be ready for you to fill Little Free Libraries in your neighborhoods.

Rally Day: Let's Launch

It's here. Let's support our Grace kids, our Scouts, our ministries, and our seasonal activities by being at church for our launch day **THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11!**

10 am Worship in the Parlors, 11am Potluck Lunch in the Parlors

The lunch will include a make-your-own sandwich bar, salads, salty snacks, and ice cream with all the fixings.

After lunch, Ministries' Displays can be viewed, games can be played. Make sure to be there for the Rocket Launch by the Scouts and Grace Kids to signify the launch of Grace's Sunday School and seasonal activities!