

AMAZING GRACE ALL ARE WELCOME

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We want it to be of public record that those of any skin color or heritage are welcome here.

We want it to be known that those who suffer from addiction to drugs and alcohol - whether recovering or not - are welcome here.

We want it to be known that women and children are welcome here and they will not be abused or harassed.

We want it to be of public record that in this congregation you can bring children to worship and even if they cry during the whole darn service, they are welcome.

We want it to be known that those who are single by choice, by circumstance, by divorce, or through death of a spouse are welcome here.

We want it to be known that gossips, cheats, and liars are welcome here.

We want it to be known that those with family problems are welcome here.

We want it to be known that homosexuals and heterosexuals and members of their families are welcome here.

We want it to be known that if you're promiscuous, have had an abortion, have been an absent father or mother, you are welcome here.

Let it be public knowledge that we take seriously that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The young and the old, the rich and the poor; all of the broken are welcomed here.

We want it to be public knowledge that "we are justified by the grace of God, which is a gift through the redemption which is Christ Jesus our Lord."

May God give us the grace to welcome and forgive one another as Christ welcomes and forgives us!

Ministries

Acolytes: Light candles & help with communion.

Altar Guild: Altar Care (communion, flowers, cloths)

Christmas Kids: Christmas gifts for children.

Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets: For families in need.

Assisting Ministers: Assists pastor with service.

Audio Tape Ministry: Record and distribute services.

Bubba and Girl Scouts: Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

Youth Camp: Four Day camp each June.

Chayah: Prison ministry for Black Canyon & Adobe Mt.

Cursillo: Adult Discipleship program.

Domestic Violence/Homeless Hotline: 602-263-8856.

Fellowship: Host coffee hour Sunday mornings or attend bimonthly event.

Food Pantry: Non-perishable food for immediate needs.

Greeters & Ushers: Welcome & directs worshipers.

Internet Ministry: Audio archive of pastoral messages.

Jail Churches: Worship Services for inmates.

Jail & Prison Ministry: Outreach to prisoners.

Men's & Women's Bible Study: Dates announced.

Multimedia Ministry: Audio & visual presentations.

Praise & Worship Team: Participates in worship music.

Prayer Ministries: Monday evening and Daily intercessors.

Readers: Reads scripture during worship service.

Special Music: Share your music talents during worship.

Celebrate Recovery: Recovery, life issues, etc. Tuesdays at 6:30PM.

Visitation: Takes communion to homes & hospitals.

Community Hunger: The last Sunday of the month.

Womens Group: Friendship Tea.

Mens Group: Bubba Breakfast.

Food Pantry & Robyn's Clothes Rack: At AG site.

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All Inclusive Ministries

All activities at Amazing Grace are Christ-centered events and ALL are WELCOME! Communion is served at every service and ALL are WELCOME at the Lord's Table!

- CASUAL DRESS IS THE NORM
- CHILDREN ARE WELCOME
- WORSHIP IS FUN
- PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY
- PUPPETS ARE USED IN KID TALK
- MUSIC IS LIVELY
- SERMONS RELATE TO DAILY LIFE
- REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED
- ALL ARE WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE

Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM: Traditional Worship
❖ Sunday School for the Children
10:00 AM: Contemporary Worship
❖ Fun & Casual Worship
❖ Sunday School for the Children
9:30 AM: Study for all
12:00 PM: Spanish Worship
❖ Sunday School for the Children

Monday Evenings

6:30 PM: Prayer Time

Tuesday Schedule

9:30AM: Bible Study
5:30PM: Purple Book Adult study
6:30PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday Schedule

6:30 PM:
❖ Adult Bible Study
❖ Cool Group (teens 12-19)
❖ Bubba Scouts (boys 5-15)
❖ Girl Scouts (girls 5-11)
7:30 PM: Worship of Praise

Saturday (Dates announced)

8:00AM: Bubba breakfast
11AM-1PM Women's friendship Tea

Seasonal Events

Agape Meal
Prayer Vigils
Christian Concerts
Youth Discipleship
Healing Service
Rally Day
Posada/progressive dinner
Christmas Kids
SONrise Service
Stations of the Cross
Good Friday Worship
Youth Camp
Summer Picnic
T-Shirt Sunday
Fellowship Events

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Mission Statement:

Our mission is to love all people to Christ by becoming Jesus' followers and by enjoying the ever-changing adventure of Jesus.

Vision Statement:

We will be a growing and changing community in Christ, reaching out in love to all people, and free to risk all in serving Christ.

Our Core Values

1. Christ Alone

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

2. Love

37Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22: 37-39

3. Community

"34A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34-35

4. Evangelism/All Inclusive

"18Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 18-20

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5. Prayer

“22If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” *Matthew 21:22*

6. Discipleship

“24Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.” *Matthew 16: 24-25*

7. Authority of Scripture

“16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2*Timothy 3: 16-17*

8. Freedom to be who we are in Christ

“36So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” *John 8:36*

9. Hope

“13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” *Romans 15:13*

Our Position on Other Issues

There is ONE church and Christ is the head of the church.

Colossians 1: 15-19

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.** 19For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Women can be leaders in the church.

Galatians 3:26-29

26You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** 29If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We believe in Word and Sacrament. There are two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion

Acts 2: 42

42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Matthew 28:19

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19our Lord Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Mark 16:16

16our Lord Christ said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Holy Communion is open to all at Amazing Grace including children with parent's approval.

We baptize infants as well as adults.

Acts 16: 29-34

29The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; **then immediately he and all his family were baptized.** 34The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

Luke 1: 41-45

41When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? **44As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"**

Matthew 18: 1-4

1At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2He called a little child and had him stand among them. 3And he said: **"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 21: 15-16

15But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. 16"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read," **'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?"**

Mark 10: 13-16

13People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.**

Ephesians 4: 2-4

2Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5one Lord, one faith, **one baptism;** 6one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

We believe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

John 16: 13-15

13But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14He will bring glory to me by taking from

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what is mine and making it known to you. 15All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-13

4There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 12**The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

We are pro-life.

Deuteronomy 18: 9-13

9 When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. **10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire**, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, 11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. **12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD**, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. 13 You must be blameless before the LORD your God.

2 Kings 21: 5-6

5 In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. **6 He sacrificed his own son in the fire**, practiced sorcery and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. **He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.**

Jeremiah 1: 5

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, **before you were born I set you apart**; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

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We are pro-marriage. Pertaining to same sex marriage, the scriptures are clear that it is a sin. Homosexuality is a sin just like any other sin. It can be forgiven and we welcome all homosexuals. We do not bless same sex relationships or ordain homosexuals.

Romans 1: 22-32

21For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. **26Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27In the**

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same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. 28Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

1Corinthians 6: 9-11

9Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor **male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders** 10nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit the kingdom of God. 11And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Divorce is a sin just like any other sin. It can be forgiven and we welcome all divorced people.

Matthew 5:31

31"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

We are members of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). This is a voluntary association and not a denomination. LCMC has over 200 member congregations in 8 different countries. Theologically we are a Christ-centered Christian church that is evangelical, charismatic, and Lutheran.

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Goals for 2010 at Amazing Grace

- 1.Hire Pastor Perry fulltime.**
- 2.Plant one new satellite campuses**
- 3.Grow our Jail Ministry**
- 4.Reach Out in the Community**
- 5.Continue Improving our Facilities**
- 6.Take more responsibility for our church
in order to free up the pastors.**
- 7. Maintain our unity in Christ.**
- 8.Be intentional on bringing our Anglo and
Latino members together as one church.**

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Getting to Know You Questionnaire Amazing Grace

1. Name _____

2. When and where were you born? _____

When did you move to Arizona (circumstances surrounding move)?

3. What is/was your career(s) or primary job?

4. Where did you grow up?

5. What are your interests, hobbies, and special talents?

6. Other interesting things about your life you would like to share with everybody?

7. How did you hear about Amazing Grace and what prompted you to join the church?

What do I have to Offer God?

Time

How much time I spend each week....

watching TV	laying around
playing video games	gossiping
partying	being angry
reading	frustrated at work
"zoning out"	being self-centered
eating	worrying about bills
sleeping	hoping for a lucky break

Am I using my time the way that God would have me use it? Yes No

What can I do to use my time more effectively?

Where does God & my church family fit in my weekly schedule?

How will I serve God & my church family with my time ?

Talent

I use the talent that God has given me to.....

get me by at work	give me pleasure
pay bills	exploit my fellow man
try to meet deadlines	fulfill all of my wants

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What can I do to use my talents more effectively?

How am I using my talent to please God?

What will I do with my talent for God and my church family this year?

Treasures

How much money I spend each week on.....

Coffee/Energy Drinks/Soda	Utilities/Bills
Fast Food	Gas
Movies/Entertainment	Cell Phone
Alcohol/Cigarettes	Clothing/Jewelry/Makeup
Junk Food	Lottery

Am I using my money the way that God would have me use it? Yes No

What can I do to use my money more effectively?

When I give to my church or a charity how do I feel about it?

What can I give whole-heartedly, with no regret, to God and my church each week?

THE AMAZING GRACE MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

Having been baptized and receiving Christ as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with Amazing Grace's mission statement, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Amazing Grace Christian Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church...by acting in love toward other members...by refusing to gossip...by following the leaders.

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and the growth in our fellowship together."
(Romans 14:19)

"Have a sincere love for other believers; love one another earnestly with all your heart." (1Peter 1:22)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building up others according to their needs." (Ephesians 4:29)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." (Hebrews 13:17)

2. I will share the responsibility of my church...by praying for its growth...by inviting the unchurched to attend...by warmly welcoming those who visit.

"To the church...We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." (1Thessalonians 1:1-2)

"The Master said to the servant, go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people there to come so my house will be full." (Luke 14:23)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (Romans 15:7)

3. I will serve the ministry of my church...by discovering my gifts and talents...by being equipped to serve by my teachers...by developing a servant's heart.

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." (1Peter 4:10)

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4. I will support the testimony of my church...by attending faithfully...by living a godly life...by giving regularly. Trusting in God's Grace, I will give _____% of my income or \$_____ weekly for our mission at Amazing Grace. It will be given in 52 equal payments of \$_____ per week for the upcoming year. I will also give _____ per month for our building program.

"Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)

"Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27)

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." (1Corinthians 16:2)

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