

# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 29, 2011/el 29 de mayo de 2011

9:00 a.m.

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.*

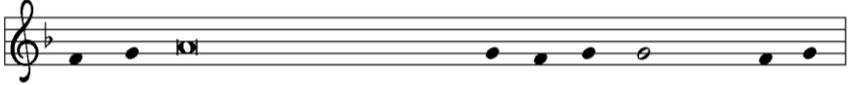
*Nuestro propósito es traer la buenas de Dios a través de la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo.*



# Kyrie



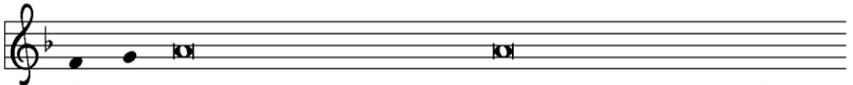
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



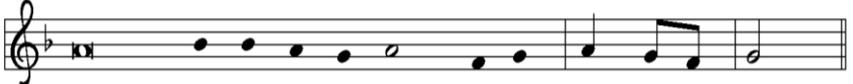
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



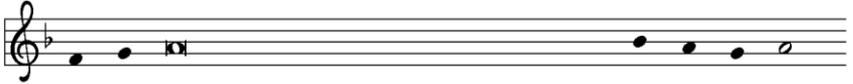
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



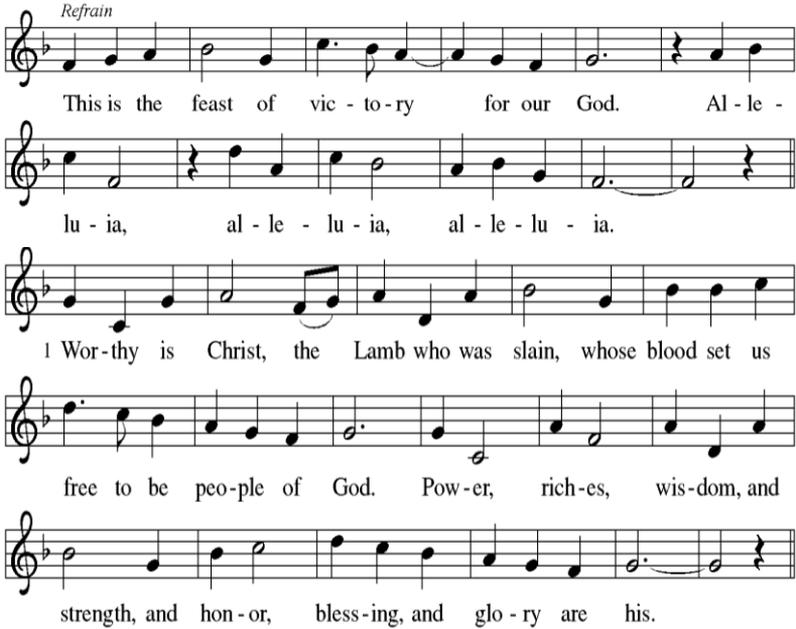
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# Canticle of Praise

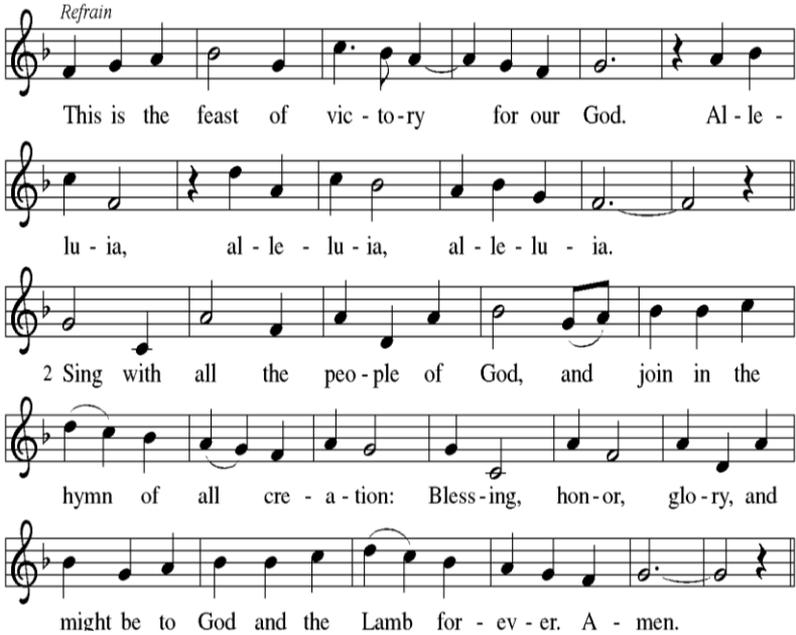
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Greeting**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray,  
 C: **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*sit*

**First Lesson Acts 17:22–31**  
*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

**la lectura Hechos 17:22-31**  
 22 Pablo se puso en medio del Areópago y tomó la palabra: —¡Ciudadanos atenienses! Observo que ustedes son sumamente religiosos en todo lo que hacen.<sup>23</sup> Al pasar y fijarme en sus lugares sagrados, encontré incluso un altar con esta inscripción: A UN DIOS DESCONOCIDO. Pues bien, eso que ustedes adoran como algo

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the

Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the

desconocido es lo que yo les anuncio. <sup>24</sup> »El Dios que hizo el mundo y todo lo que hay en él es Señor del cielo y de la tierra. No vive en templos construidos por hombres, <sup>25</sup> ni se deja servir por manos \*humanas, como si necesitara de algo. Por el contrario, él es quien da a todos la vida, el aliento y todas las cosas. <sup>26</sup> De un solo hombre hizo todas las naciones para que habitaran toda la tierra; y determinó los períodos de su historia y las fronteras de sus territorios. <sup>27</sup> Esto lo hizo Dios para que todos lo busquen y, aunque sea a tientas, lo encuentren. En verdad, él no está lejos de ninguno de nosotros, <sup>28</sup> "puesto que en él vivimos, nos movemos y existimos" . Como algunos de sus propios poetas griegos han dicho: "De él somos descendientes." <sup>29</sup> »Por tanto, siendo descendientes de Dios, no debemos pensar que la divinidad sea como el oro, la plata o la piedra: escultura hecha como resultado del ingenio y de la destreza del \*ser humano. <sup>30</sup> Pues bien, Dios pasó por alto aquellos tiempos de tal ignorancia, pero ahora manda a todos, en todas partes, que se \*arrepientan. <sup>31</sup> Él ha fijado un día en que juzgará al mundo con justicia, por medio del hombre que ha designado. De ello ha dado pruebas a todos al \*levantarlo de entre los muertos.

world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

**Psalm 66:8-20**

**R** <sup>8</sup>Bless our <sup>1</sup>God, you peoples;  
let the sound of <sup>1</sup>praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- <sup>1</sup>mong  
the living and has not allowed  
our <sup>1</sup>feet to slip. R**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup>tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- <sup>1</sup>ver is  
tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- <sup>1</sup>to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- <sup>1</sup>on  
our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our  
heads; we went through <sup>1</sup>fire and  
water, but you brought us out into  
a place <sup>1</sup>of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house <sup>1</sup>with  
burnt offerings and will pay <sup>1</sup>you  
my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised <sup>1</sup>with my  
lips and spoke with my mouth  
when I <sup>1</sup>was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings  
of fatlings with the <sup>1</sup>smoke of  
rams; I will give you ox- <sup>1</sup>en and  
goats. R**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you <sup>1</sup>who

**Salmos 66:8-20**

**R** <sup>8</sup>Pueblos todos, bendigan a  
nuestro Dios, hagan oír la voz de  
su alabanza.

<sup>9</sup>**Él ha protegido nuestra vida,  
ha evitado que resbalen nuestros  
pies. R**

<sup>10</sup>Tú, oh Dios, nos has puesto a  
prueba; nos has purificado como a  
la plata.

<sup>11</sup>**Nos has hecho caer en una red;  
¡pesada carga nos has echado a  
cuestas!**

<sup>12</sup>Las caballerías nos han aplastado  
la cabeza; hemos pasado por el  
fuego y por el agua, pero al fin nos  
has dado un respiro.

<sup>13</sup>**Me presentaré en tu templo  
con holocaustos y cumpliré los  
votos que te hice,**

<sup>14</sup>los votos de mis labios y mi boca  
que pronuncié en medio de mi  
angustia.

<sup>15</sup>**Te ofreceré holocaustos de  
animales engordados, junto con  
el humo de ofrendas de carneros;  
te ofreceré toros y machos**

believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**<sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

**<sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject-ed my prayer, nor withheld un-failing love from me. **R**

**cabríos. R**

<sup>16</sup> Vengan ustedes, temerosos de Dios, escuchen, que voy a contarles todo lo que él ha hecho por mí.

**<sup>17</sup> Clamé a él con mi boca; lo alabé con mi lengua.**

<sup>18</sup> Si en mi \*corazón hubiera yo abrigado maldad, el Señor no me habría escuchado;

**<sup>19</sup> pero Dios sí me ha escuchado, ha atendido a la voz de mi plegaria.**

<sup>20</sup> ¡Bendito sea Dios, que no rechazó mi plegaria ni me negó su amor! **R**

**Special Music**                      **“His Strength Is Perfect”**                      arr. Tom Fettke

**Children’s Sermon**

*stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

P: Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.

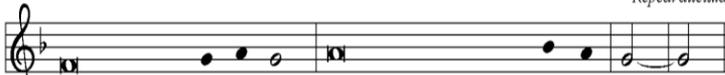


C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



L: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fourteenth Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel**                      **John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

**el Evangelio**                      **Juan 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> »Si ustedes me aman, obedecerán mis mandamientos. <sup>16</sup> Y yo le pediré al Padre, y él les dará otro \*Consolador para que los acompañe siempre: <sup>17</sup> el Espíritu de verdad, a quien el mundo no puede aceptar porque no lo ve ni lo conoce. Pero ustedes sí lo conocen, porque vive con ustedes y estará <sup>[a]</sup> en ustedes. <sup>18</sup> No los voy a dejar huérfanos; volveré a ustedes. <sup>19</sup> Dentro de poco el mundo ya no me verá más, pero ustedes sí me verán. Y porque yo vivo, también ustedes vivirán. <sup>20</sup> En aquel día ustedes se darán cuenta de que yo estoy en mi Padre, y ustedes en mí, y yo en ustedes. <sup>21</sup> ¿Quién es el que me ama? El que hace suyos mis mandamientos y los obedece. Y al que me ama, mi Padre lo amará, y yo también lo amaré y me manifestaré a él.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*sit*

**Sermon**

**Creed**

**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 to the dead.  
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.**

**El Credo Apostólico**

**Creo en Dios Padre todopoderoso,  
creador del cielo y de la tierra.**

**Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo,  
nuestro Señor.**

**Fue concebido por obra del  
Espíritu Santo**

**y nació de la Virgen María.**

**Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio  
Pilato,**

**fue crucificado, muerto y  
sepultado.**

**Descendió a los muertos.**

**Al tercer día resucitó**

**subió a los cielos,**

**y está sentado a la diestra del  
Padre.**

**Volverá para juzgar a los vivos  
y a los muertos.**

**Creo en el Espíritu Santo,**

**la santa iglesia católica,**

**la comunión de los santos,**

**el perdón de los pecados,**

**la resurrección del cuerpo,**

**y la vida eterna. Amén.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P: Hear us O God,**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P: Into your care, O God, we place ourselves and all our prayers,  
trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.**

**C: Amen.**

**All:** God of love, pour out your unifying Spirit upon us. We give you thanks for the blessing of this community of faith. Continue to awaken your gifts in us so we can faithfully build up the body of Christ. Strengthen us to answer the call to the work of your ministry here at Grace. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

**Passing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C:** And also with you!

*sit*

**Announcements**

**The Offering**

**“Avant-Propos”**

Richard Lloyd

*stand*

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

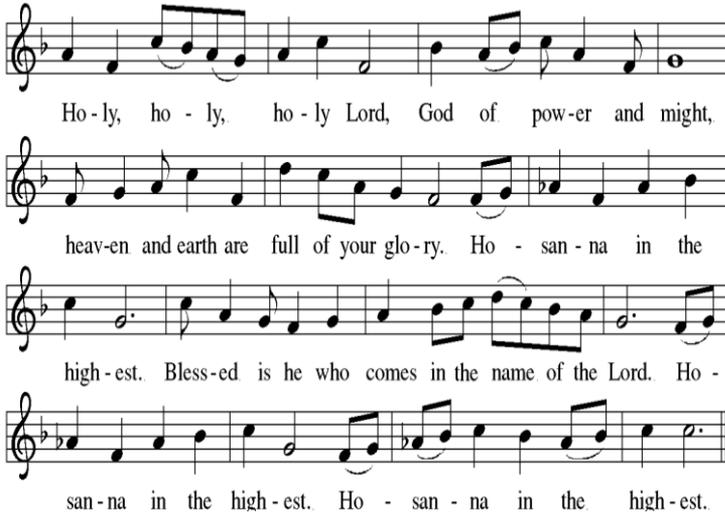
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our

Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

**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**

**El Padrenuestro**

**Padre nuestro  
que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada  
día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros  
perdonamos a los que nos  
ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder y tuya es la  
gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to the table of the risen Christ.

*sit*

### **Communion Song**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Distribution Hymns: #661, #742, #616**

**Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s Table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.

*La santa cena -- Todos quien son bautizados están invitados a recibir la Santa Cena. Los niños que no han tomado la clase de primera comunión están invitados a recibir una bendición. Si usted prefiere tener jugo de uva, utilice un vidrio de color rosa.*

*stand*

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C. Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

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

## **Hymn**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**#660**

## **Postlude**

**“Postlude”**

Andrew Fletcher



**If you are not able to come forward to take communion**, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the aisle and the pastors will commune you in your pew.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

**A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If you don't see anyone in the nursery, check in the daycare office. Another option is to go with them to the Gathering Hall for a while, as the service is broadcast there.

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and given by Jane and Ed Ridnour in memory of our parents.

**Happy Birthday to the following people this week!** Ralf Hoifeldt, Annette Taylor, Kira Nehmer, Torry Henderson, Loree Nelson, Jonathan Fry, Kiernan Hutton, Barbara Bergman, Lindsey Nelson, Brianna Adams, Nathan Brown, Danielle Russell, Marvin Simonsen, Lisa Brown, Leslie Denton, Achmed Johnson, Virgil Olson, and Erica Schwarz.

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings, from 8:45–10:15 a.m., in Grace Hall II. Pastor Mike leads this study. We will continue the

Genesis study through June 21 and then pick back up on September 13, with a study on Romans.

## **Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

Visitors and members are asked to sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please sign the guest book at the Welcome Center.

Pastor – Michael Schmidt

Director of Music - Rich Dewein

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Grace Kids' Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Latino Communications Coordinator - Claudia Castillo

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant – Lori Fry

Ushers – 8:15 Carol Krause/Jerry Westercamp/Mike Peterman/ Kevin Drury

Liturgist – Kelley Bowermaster

Lector – Carol Woodruff

Communion Assistants – Kevin Drury/Ginny Wangerin

Acolytes – Andy & Sean Anderson

Altar Guild – Helen Ringgenberg/Barb Zimany/Gail Peterson

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**If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister**, please call Howard Kulzer or Kate Schaller. Stephen Ministers are here to help you by listening to your concerns, caring for you, and praying with you.

**Grace Women's Ascension Day Service is on Thursday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m., followed by brunch at 11:00 am.** Lydia Circle will be taking reservations for the brunch this morning before and after services. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 30. Cost is \$5 for Grace members and their personal guests, and a free will offering for guests from Clusters 10 & 11. Contacts are Mary Helt at 255-6433 and Jan Gross 288-6974.



**Lutheran Lakeside Camp Scholarship Fund** - Confirmation Camp is an expectation connected with Confirmation, so we have a fund in which to draw from to support those students for whom it is a financial hardship. **During Coffee time today, we will be collecting money to help out our students.**

**Saturday Holy Communion Worship Services will begin next Saturday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m., in Esperanza Chapel.**



**VBS Volunteers:** Are you crafty at heart? Do you like leading games? Would you enjoy providing a nurturing environment in aftercare or accompanying us on a field trip? How about helping in the kitchen on Family Night? Please consider sharing your gifts and talents during VBS week June 27 - July 1. More information is available on the volunteer form at the Gathering Hall display, and a wide variety of volunteer opportunities is available. We would love to have you join our team! One day, multi-day, partial day, or whole week opportunities abound depending upon your availability. Questions? See anyone on the VBS Planning Team (listed on the display).



In the coming weeks, please be on the lookout for various donation sign-up lists for snacks and supplies at the Gathering Hall display. Your generosity of time and supplies makes the week possible, and we thank you ahead of time. Make a difference in the life of a child this summer!

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

### **SUNDAY, May 29**

#### **Summer Worship Schedule begins**

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Gathering Hall

### **MONDAY, May 30**

#### **Memorial Day**

Office Closed

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA Groups

### **TUESDAY, May 31**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:45 a.m. - Bible Study

6:00 p.m. –TOPS

### **WEDNESDAY, June 1**

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

### **THURSDAY, June 2**

#### **Ascension Day**

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

11:00 a.m. – Brunch

No Men in Mission this evening

### **FRIDAY, June 3**

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Iowa Lutheran Hospital Volunteer

Recognition Luncheon in Grace Hall 1 & 2

### **SATURDAY, June 4**

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Child Safety Training

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion Service in Esperanza Chapel

### **SUNDAY, June 5**

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion Service – Baptism of Pressly Reha

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Gathering Hall

10:00 a.m. – Grace Women’s Board Mtg.