

# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

*But as for what was sown on  
good soil, this is the one who  
hears the word and  
understands it, who indeed  
bears fruit ...*

*Matthew 13:23, NRSV*



## **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 10, 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.*

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

**Prelude**

**“Toccata octava”**

Johann Speth

*(Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation)*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn**

**“You Are Holy”**

**#525**

*1<sup>st</sup> time – All*

*2<sup>nd</sup> time – Pulpit side begin and sing 1-1/2 times*

*Lectern side wait until pulpit side sings 1/2 way through,  
then begin and sing all the way through.*

## Greeting

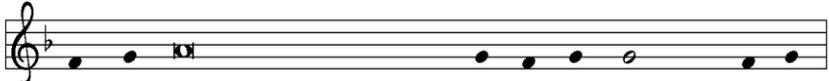
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie



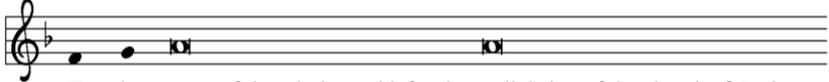
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



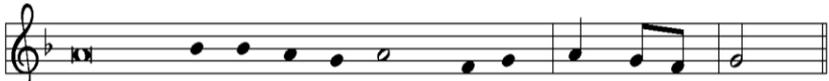
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



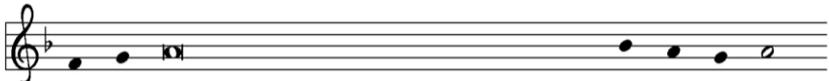
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



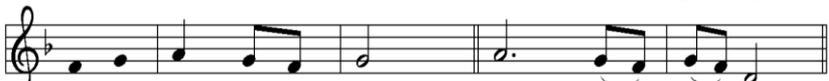
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**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.

The first line of music shows the melody for the first line of text. The second line of music shows the melody for the second line of text. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

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.

The third line of music shows the melody for the first line of text. The fourth line of music shows the melody for the second line of text. The fifth line of music shows the melody for the third line of text. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

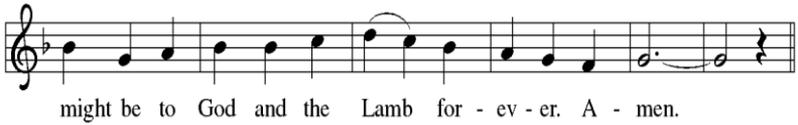
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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

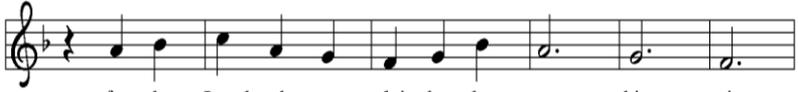
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might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

**C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*sit*

### The Lesson

**Romans 8:1–11**

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,

who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note on "ty." in the second staff.

**Psalm 65:1-13**

**R** <sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O <sup>1</sup>God, in Zion; to you shall vows <sup>1</sup>be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one who <sup>1</sup>answers prayer, to you all <sup>1</sup>flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- <sup>1</sup>er than we are, but you blot out <sup>1</sup>our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your <sup>1</sup>courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness <sup>1</sup>of your temple. R**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of <sup>1</sup>our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans <sup>1</sup>far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains <sup>1</sup>by your power; you are girded a- <sup>1</sup>bout with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring | of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.

**R**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness, and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing, and the hills be | clothed with joy.

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain; let them shout for | joy and sing. **R**

### Special Music

“Andante Cantabile”

Rimsky-Korsakov

Jason Bradwell, Trombone

### Children’s Sermon

*stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

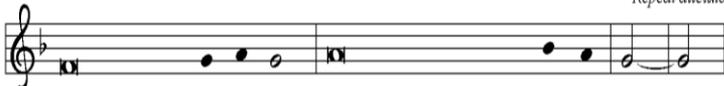


C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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

*Repeat alleluia*



L: The word is very | near to you;\* it is in your mouth and | in your heart.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Thirteenth Chapter.

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

**Gospel**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>18</sup>Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Hear us O God,

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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

“Lo Ballo dell’ Intorcia”

Antonio Valente

*stand*

### Offering Prayer

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "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." The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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 we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

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**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table prepared before you. Taste God’s goodness and mercy.

*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: #423, #596, #528**

**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.

*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: Generous God, we give you thanks that again this day you have opened wide your hand and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Sharing your compassionate heart, may we be blessed and given to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**                      **“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”**                      **#729**

**Postlude**                      **“Toccata Septima”**                      Johann Speth



**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 Rich and Yvonne Dewein in honor of church musicians.

**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.

**Happy Birthday to the following people this week!** Rich Dewein, Kristina Hutton, Rebecca Lewis, Melissa Petty, Amy Westercamp, Matthew Harbaugh, Heather Honnold, Pauline Olson, Eric Selander, Stacy Walters, Bailey Woodruff, Hannah Jensen, Kristin Swanson, Rebecca Harmon, Serena Helton and Mindy Scholten.



**Saturday Bible Study** meets at 6:00 p.m. in Esperanza Café. We are studying the various stories in the book of Genesis, and you are invited to come for as much of the 8-week overview as your schedule allows. Carla Peterman and other volunteers will be leading this time of informal conversation. We hope to see you there!



**The Men in Mission will be selling tickets for the August 7<sup>th</sup> I-Cubs game after worship services today and July 16, & 17.** If you have any questions, please contact Max Palmer @ 255-3304 or Carter Woodruff @ 277-0910. We hope you'll join us at the ballgame!

# CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, July 10**

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

## **MONDAY, July 11**

4:00 p.m. - TOPS

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall

## **TUESDAY, July 12**

6:00 p.m. –TOPS

7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. – Social Ministry Team

## **WEDNESDAY, July 13**

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

## **THURSDAY, July 14**

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

10:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. – Calvin Community Communion

7:00 p.m. – Council Mtg. with Endowment Committee

## **SATURDAY, July 16**

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion Service in Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. – Bible Study in Esperanza Café

6:00 p.m. – Hannah Circle Potluck at Donna Trickel's home

Youth Group from MN Spending the night.

## **SUNDAY, July 17**

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

## 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 – Jay Wangerin/Linda Biegger/Mark Stumme

Liturgist – Hal Turner

Lector – Julie Honsey

Communion Assistants – Kristen & Bill Marberry

Acolytes – Leslie Denton/Cooper Mortenson

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*You care for the land  
and water it;  
you enrich it  
abundantly.*

Psalm 65:9

