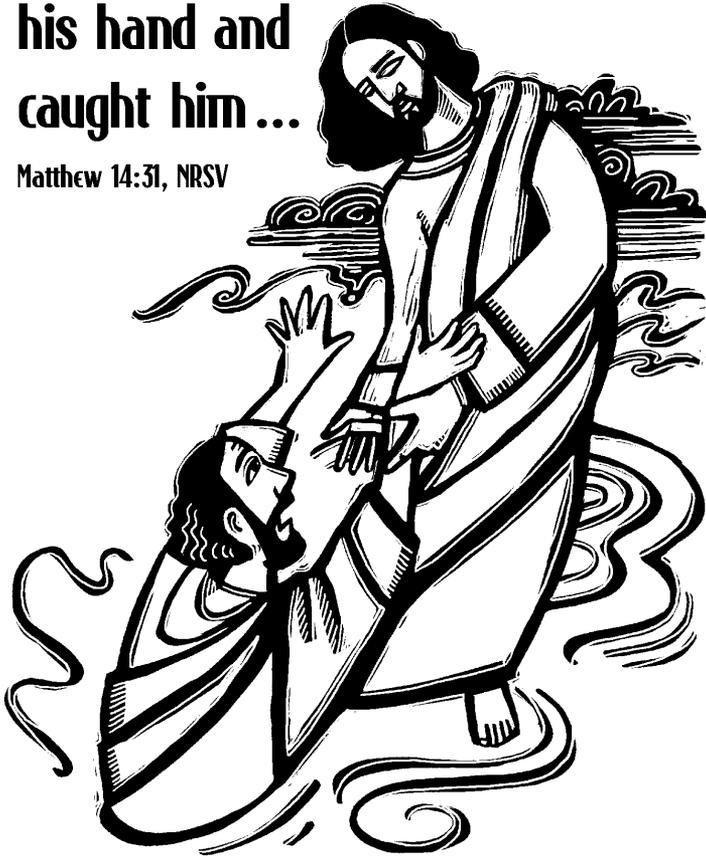


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

**Jesus immediately reached out
his hand and
caught him ...**

Matthew 14:31, NRSV



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 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

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Busarow

(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.

C: Amen

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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Greeting

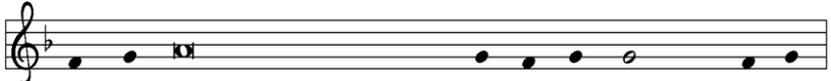
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



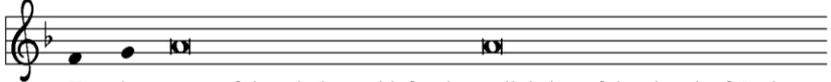
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



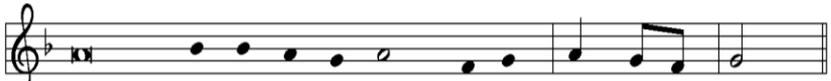
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



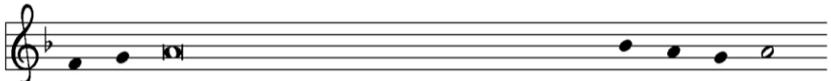
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



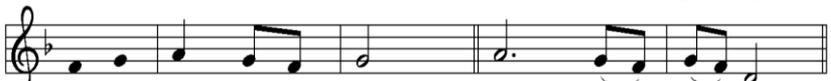
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



Canticle of Praise

Refrain

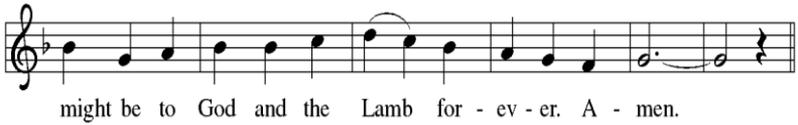
Musical notation for the first part of the Canticle of Praise, consisting of five staves. The melody is in a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who 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." The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb).

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Refrain

Musical notation for the second part of the Canticle of Praise, consisting of four staves. The melody is in a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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". The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb).

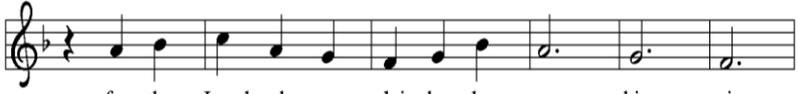
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hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



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



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: **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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First Lesson

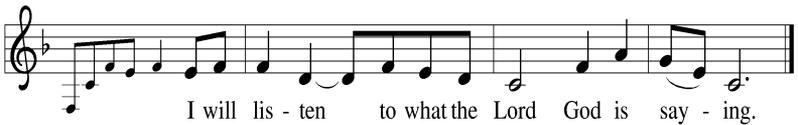
1 Kings 19:9–18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am

left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 85:8–13

R ⁸I will listen to what the LORD ¹God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their ¹hearts to you.
⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to ¹those who fear you, that your glory may dwell ¹in our land. R**
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have ¹met together; righteousness and peace have ¹kissed each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up ¹from the earth, and righteousness shall look ¹down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R

Special Music

“Grace Alone”
Pastor Mike Schmidt

Scott Wesley Brown

Children’s Sermon

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Gospel Acclamation

C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

L: I wait for | you, O LORD;* in your word | is my hope.

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

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

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

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Sermon

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Hymn

"God of the Sparrow"

#740

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!**

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Announcements

The Offering “Pastorale on “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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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.

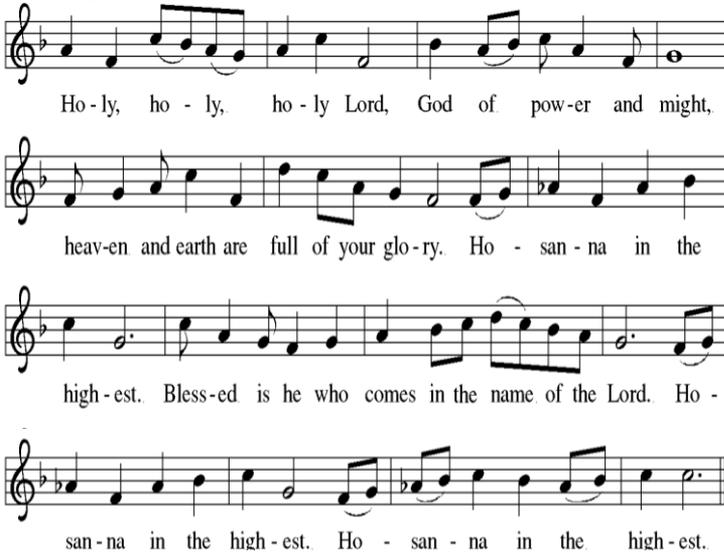
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.

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.

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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: #614, #612, #473

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.

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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

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

#765

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

Compra



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 given by Pat and Denny Rehder in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary August 13.

Quarters placed in the offering plate this morning, and every first Sunday, goes to Quarters for Hunger.

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! Kenneth DeBolt, Layne Weber, Teri Koch, Katherine Lenhart, Ross Lewis, Jeffrey Anderson, Delores Larsen, Linda Ulrick, Ruth Ann Allen, Anthony Zingale, Maria Jacobo, Paul Johnson, and Josefina Ruiz.



Saturday Bible Study meets at 6:00 p.m. in Esperanza Café. We are studying the various stories in the book of Genesis.

The Luther Park Auxiliary's Ice Cream Social will be today from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., at the Luther Park Apartments Community Center, located at 1555 Hull Avenue in Des Moines. There will be a free will offering for the ice cream and brownie sundaes, as well as a variety of homemade cakes and pies, sugar free items and beverages. All proceeds will go towards the new third floor game room at the Luther Park Apartments.



Backpack Blessing and College Send-Off: This will take place during the worship services on Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14. We invite school age children to bring their backpacks for a blessing, and we will offer a blessing for anyone continuing his or her education as well. Let's get the year off to a good start!



The 2010 Grace Lutheran Church Best Shot Golf Outing will be held Sunday, September 26th, at Woodland Hills Golf Course. Tee off time is 3:30 p.m. It is a *fun* 9-hole tournament with a meal following. Please sign up in the gathering hall. If you are not a golfer, you are welcome to sign up for the meal only. And we want to encourage you to invite guests to join us for the golf and/or meal! If you have any questions, you can see one of the golf outing coordinators, Carol Woodruff or Connie Heuton.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, August 7

- 9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. – Grace Women’s Board Mtg.
- 10:00 a.m. – Companion Congregation Committee Mtg.
- 3:05 p.m. – Men in Mission – I-Cubs game

MONDAY, August 8

- 4:00 p.m. - TOPS
- 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall
- 6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Team Mtg.

TUESDAY, August 9

- 6:00 p.m. –TOPS
- 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Mtg.
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry Team Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. – Social Ministry Team Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, August 10

- 9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

THURSDAY, August 11

- 9:00 a.m. – Quilters
- 10:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Mosaic Mtg. in Grace Hall I
- 1:30 p.m. – Calvin Community Communion

FRIDAY, August 12

- Grace Kids Care closed for In-Service Day
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Church Women United Planning Team Mtg.
- 5:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, August 13

3:30 p.m. - Wedding of Elly Peterman & Jeremy Hartbeck

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

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

SUNDAY, August 14

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 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

Interim Organist – Rich Snyder

Ushers – Norm Trentmann/Eric Weber/Jay Wangerin

Liturgist – Kathy Bowermaster

Lector – Mary Freimuth Helt

Communion Assistants – Beth Flannery/Mike Flannery

Acolytes – Cooper Mortenson/Sawyer Shiffler

Altar Guild – Alice Kulzer/Helen Ringgenberg/Kara Jordahl

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