

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 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

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

Held

(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

“How Firm a Foundation”

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Greeting

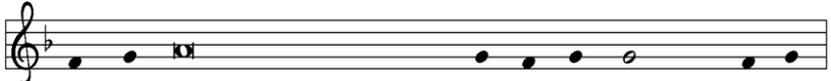
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



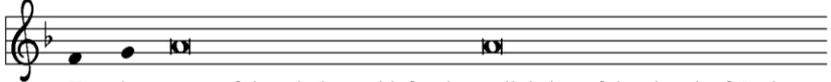
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



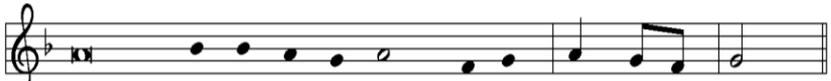
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



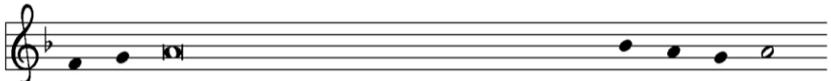
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



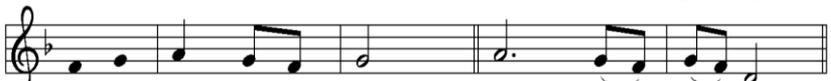
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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 refrain, consisting of two staves. The first staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a whole note G4. The second staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a whole note G4. The text 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' is written below the staves.

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

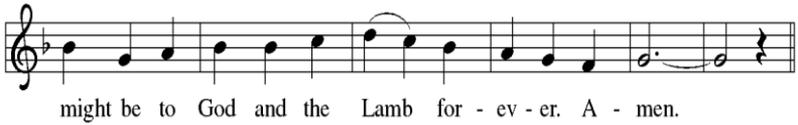
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

Musical notation for the second refrain, consisting of two staves. The first staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a whole note G4. The second staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a whole note G4. The text 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' is written below the staves.

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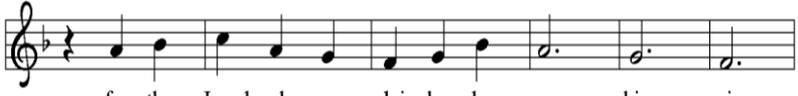
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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The Lesson: Isaiah 51:1–6

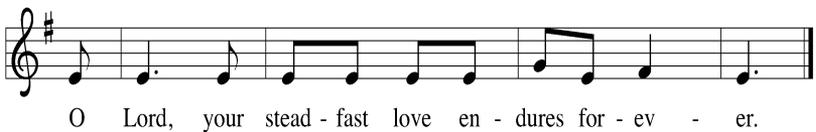
Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and

made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 138

R ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹my whole heart; before the gods I will ¹sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.**

³When I called, you ¹answered me; you increased my ¹strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹you, O LORD, when they have heard the words ¹of your mouth. R**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹of the LORD, that great is the glory ¹of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares ¹for the lowly, perceiving the haughty ¹from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur-¹pose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works¹ of your hands. R

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: You are¹ the Messiah,* the Son of the¹ living God.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13–20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will

be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

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Hymn

“Holy God, Holy and Glorious”

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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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our 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!**

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Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

“Now the Silence”

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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.

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.

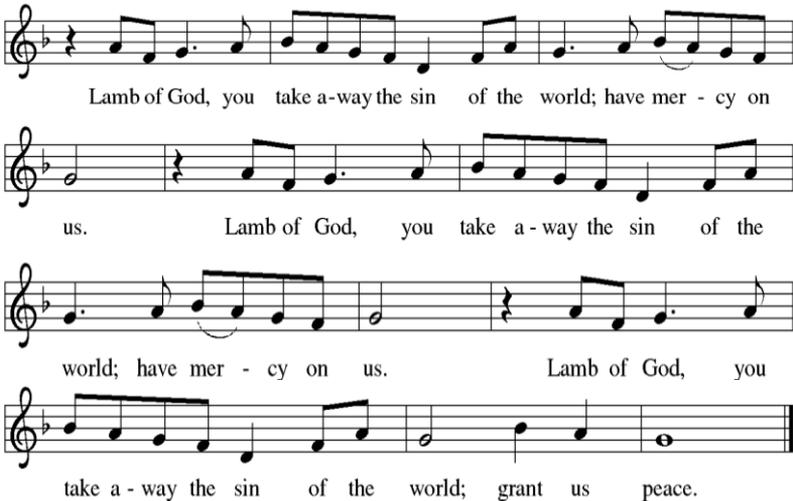
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

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: #471, #460 (sung twice), #474

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

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

#575

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Vivaldi

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.

Altar flowers are to the glory of God and given by Ken and Eleanor Carlson.

The red rose on the Altar is in honor of the birth of Grace Adeline Merkwon.

Quarters placed in the offering plate this evening, and every third Sunday, go to the Food Pantry.

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! Tom McCleary, Marvin Johns, Mark Mattes, Janice Nordeen, John Gronert, Linda Gronert, Cris Hidalgo, Barry Moon, Grace Schroeder, Janet Trentmann, Scott Honsey, Sean Anderson, Tim Nelson.

Is Your Teen College-bound?

Is your child heading off to college or the military service? If so, we, as their church family, would like to stay connected by occasionally sending a few small care packages. The plan is to send a few goodies along with notes of encouragement a few times through the school year. Please contact Stephanie (276-6873 or stephaniejohnson@q.com) and provide your child's mailing and email addresses.

Married?? Let us know!! We may well know you are married, but we may not have your anniversary in our records. We are going to begin listing anniversaries in the bulletins and Friendly Visitor. We hope that you will consider sharing the information so that we can share it with you. There is a clipboard in the office, or you can simply call or email the church office. Thank you!



The 2011 Grace Lutheran Church Best Shot Golf Outing will be held Sunday, September 11th, 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 21

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Council Retreat

MONDAY, August 22

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. - TOPS

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

TUESDAY, August 23

6:00 p.m. –TOPS

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 24

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

THURSDAY, August 25

7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. – Mosaic in Grace Hall I

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m. – Mosaic in Grace Hall I

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – LSI in Grace Hall II

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

FRIDAY, August 26

7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. – Mosaic in Grace Hall I

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m. – Mosaic in Grace Hall I

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – LSI in Grace Hall II

SATURDAY, August 27

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion Service in Sanctuary – final for the season.

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

SUNDAY, August 28

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 – Michelle Voelker

Interim Organist – Rich Snyder

Ushers – Norm Trentmann/Eric Weber/Jay Wangerin

Liturgist – Mark Mattes

Lector – Kate Schaller

Communion Assistants – Jon Rissman, Robbie Rissman, Cherie Rissman, Jessie Rissman

Acolytes – Leslie Denton, Paul Weaver

Altar Guild – Alice Kulzer/Helen Ringgenberg/Kara Jordahl

Counters – Darlene Stuckle, Mark Stumme

Coffee Servers – Karen Taylor

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