

Grace Lutheran Church

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...if **two**
of you
agree
on earth
about
anything
you ask,
it will be done for you
by **my Father** in heaven.

Matthew 18:19, NRSV

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 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 Jesus Christ Be Present Now”

Reger-Telemann-Bach

(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

“As We Gather at Your Table”

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Greeting

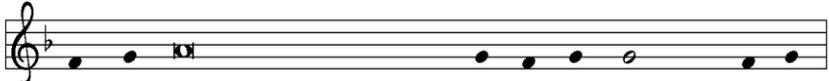
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



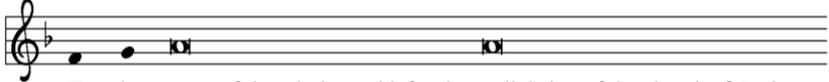
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



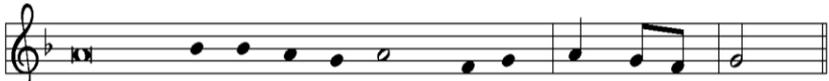
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



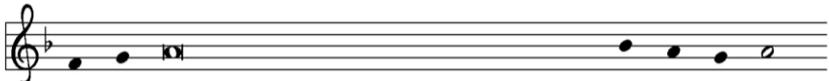
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



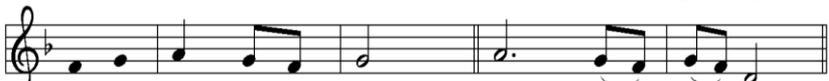
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

sit

First Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

R: 

I de - sire the path of your com - mand - ments.

Psalm 119:33-40

R ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to [|] your decrees
and not to [|] unjust gain. R**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant,
which is for [|] those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread,
because your judg- [|] ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;
by your righteousness en- [|] liven me. R**

Special Music

“Sanctus”

Kelley Bowermaster, Jenny Rehder, Kathy Bowermaster

Children’s Sermon

Second Lesson

Romans 13:8–14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation



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



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



L: In Christ God was reconciling the world¹ to himself,*
entrusting the message of reconcilia-¹ tion to us. (2 Cor. 5:19)

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

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Hymn

“When Twilight Comes”

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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This morning we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Elijah Michael Lund. Parents are Josh and Ashley Lund. Sponsors are Meshack and Melissa Sambu.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant 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 “Go My Children With My Blessing “ Bobb

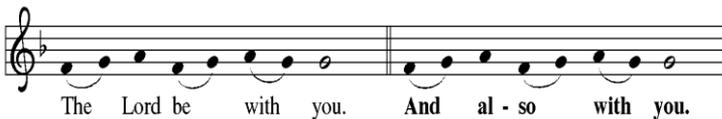
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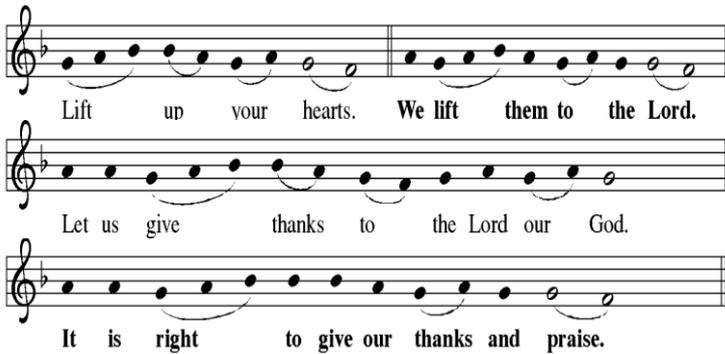
Offering Prayer

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





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: #494, # 742, # 763

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

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

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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.

In our prayers: Norman Buihner, Shirley Dyson (Sandy Brigg’s mother), Vivian Feilmann, Helen Richards, Sandra Roehrick, Tom Russell, Sharon Sindergard, Stuart Turner, Sarah Williamson, and the others we name before you...

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 there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. Another option is to sit with them in the Gathering Hall for a while, as the service is also broadcast there.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the family of Pat and Denny Rehder in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

The red rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Elijah Michael Lund.

Quarters placed in the offering plate this morning, and every first Sunday of the month, are 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!

Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

John Donnerwerth, Bill Henderson, Rich Snyder, Kiley Brandsfield, Nely Ruiz, Dennis Rehder, Ethan Meadows, Arthur Berven, Lois Slye, JoAnn Gronert, Carrie Schall, Alex Mulvihill.



Happy Anniversary to: Kari & Marty Dostalík - 20 years, Donald and Gail Peterson, Chuck and Tammy Denton, Arnold and Willa Mae Johansen, Donald and Gladys Peterson

Did we miss your anniversary? We may not have your anniversary in our records. 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!



You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE in Grace Hall on Sunday, September 4, 2011, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Join Pat and Denny Rehder in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Everyone is welcome.

Rally Day, Sept. 11: We are gearing up for the programmatic season and with that comes the excitement of Rally Day! Fun entertainment is being planned for all ages, so you won't want to miss out on the festivities. In addition, children will have an opportunity to meet their Sunday School teachers for the year. Let's get the coming year off to a super start! See you then!



Lutheran College Fair: If you have a college bound student in your family, mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 13. Lutheran college admissions representatives will be available in Des Moines to answer questions about admission, academic programs, student life, housing, and financial aid, and a workshop on financial aid and planning will be conducted as well. All families who attend will receive 4 application fee waivers. Please visit www.lutherancolleges.org for more information about the event. Posters can also be found on the Children, Youth, and Family bulletin board and on the door of room 302.

College Care Packages

Join us on Sunday September 18th between services, and we'll have fun packing care packages full of goodies and writing notes of encouragement for our students and members away at college and military service. This will be an ongoing ministry through the school year. Please contact Stephanie (276-6873 or stephaniejohnson@q.com) to provide your child's mailing and email addresses.

Paint the church walls! New, fabulous murals have been sketched on the Sunday School room walls, and painting has begun. We would love your help – contact Cherie Rissman @ 270-0278 to join the painting party.

Grab a friend, plan a meal and cook for Super Wednesday!

Individuals, pairs, or groups are needed to prepare and then serve a meal each Wednesday evening at 5:00. We have suggestions and menus to make your planning easy. It's a great way to meet new people and have fun with old friends at the same time. Questions? Call Jane Ridnour at 277-6838.



Last chance – sign up in the gathering Hall! The 2011 Grace Lutheran Church Best Shot Golf Outing will be held next Sunday, September 11th, 3:30 p.m. at Woodland Hills Golf Course. A meal will follow the fun 9-hole tournament. Not a golfer? Sign up for the meal only. Invite guests to join us for the golf and/or meal! See one of the golf outing coordinators, Carol Woodruff or Connie Heuton if you have any questions.

Quilting and Sewing Morning

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon in Msindo Hall.

All are welcome - sewers, non-sewers, men, women, teens and children - to help make Lutheran World Relief quilts. (*Children under 12 should be with an adult.*) Contact Beth Flannery, 288-5880, if you have questions or if you have a portable sewing machine that you could bring.

Display case: Over the past months we have enjoyed a variety of collections, artwork, and handiwork and would love to include *yours*. The case is located by the north wall of the Gathering Hall, and there is now a sign-up sheet hanging on the wall to the left of the case. Please feel free to sign up under available months (two-month periods). Include your name and type of display, and contact Stephanie Johnson to arrange for the key and a set-up date. The display case is a fun way to share our interests and talents with each other. *What would you like to share?*

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

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Ushers – Marv Simonsen, Jon Rissman, Jim Rundle

Liturgist – Alex Davik

Lector – Ro Zimany

Communion Assistants – Carol Woodruff, Karen Taylor, John Roehrick and Kevin Krause

Acolytes – Adam and Haley Dostalick

Altar Guild – Becky Selander, Mary McCann, Marilyn Allie

Counters –

Coffee Servers – Norm and Lenora Iverson

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