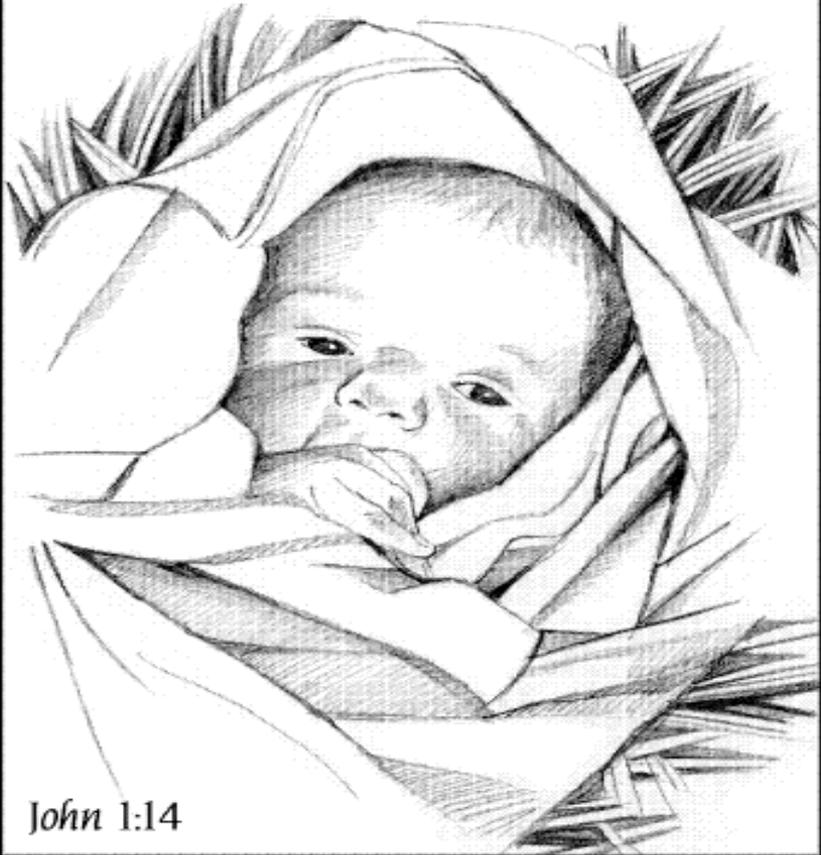


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

*The Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.*



Christmas Day

December 25, 2011

10:00 A.M.

Holy Communion Services

*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 **“From Heaven Came the Angel Host”** Bach

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Dialogue

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty.

C: That the world may see the justice and richness of God.

P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus.

C: So that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light in our lives.

P: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and the peace around the world.

Gathering Hymn “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

#275

Greeting

P: The Grace of the child born for us and the joy of the Son given to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

A messenger races home to Jerusalem with the marvelous words: “Your God reigns!” In comforting the people, God proves

Lectura: Isaías 52:7-10

⁷ ¡Qué hermosos son, sobre los montes, los pies del que trae buenas nuevas; del que proclama la *paz, del que anuncia buenas

to be the best brother or sister (redeemer) they have ever known. Everyone will witness the victory (salvation) of God.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

noticias, del que proclama la *salvación, del que dice a Sión: «Tu Dios reina»! ⁸ ¡Escucha! Tus centinelas alzan la voz, y juntos gritan de alegría, porque ven con sus propios ojos que el SEÑOR vuelve a Sión. ⁹ Ruinas de Jerusalén, ¡prorrumpen juntas en canciones de alegría! Porque el SEÑOR ha consolado a su pueblo, ¡ha redimido a Jerusalén! ¹⁰ El SEÑOR desnudará su santo brazo a la vista de todas las naciones, y todos los confines de la tierra verán la salvación de nuestro Dios.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel John 1:1-14

The prologue to the Gospel of John describes Jesus as the Word of God made flesh, the one who reveals God to be "full of grace and truth."

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Homily

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#270

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 the People

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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 always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements

Offering

Offertory

“Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Manz

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Sung to the tune “Away in a Manger” ELW #277

P: The Lord God be with you

C: And also with you

P: Come lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to God,

P: We give God the glory, our thankful hearts raise

C: It's right and a good thing to give thanks and praise

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sung to the tune "Angels From the Realms of Glory" ELW # 275

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

God of power and God of might

Heav'n and earth proclaim your wonder

Glory be to the Lord on high

Loud Hosanna's, Loud Hosanna's

Glory to the Lord on high

Blessed is the one who cometh

In the name of God he rides

Saints and sinners raise your voices

Glory, glory, is our cry

Loud Hosanna's, Loud Hosanna's

Glory to the Lord on high

Words of Institution

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. The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns: # 296, #274, #279

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

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.

Sending Hymn “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” #282

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” Held



Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

A nursery is available if your children become restless during the service. *Please note, there is no attendant this morning.* The service is always broadcast in the Gathering Hall if you prefer to take your child there.

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.

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.

When by intinction: Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).

When by pouring chalice: Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. 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.

In our prayers: Norma Black, Norman Buihner, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Joe Honsey, Tom Russell, Stuart Turner, Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, and the others we name before you...

Dec 25 – Time of Fellowship with coffee in the Gathering Hall

Jan 1 – Time of Fellowship with coffee in the Gathering Hall

Adult Bible Study, Text Study, and Wednesday Evening activities will resume the first week of January! See you in the New Year!

Bible Study resumes Tuesday morning Jan 3, from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall, or Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in Esperanza Cafe.

Text Study resumes Wednesday evening Jan 4 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Wednesday Evening activities resume Jan 4 with supper in Grace Hall I between 5:00-6:00 p.m. and continues with Kids activities, book club, English/Spanish class, bell choir, choir, confirmation... don't miss out!



The next New Member Class will meet January 8, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.



Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Jon Rutter, Stuart Mitchell, Nicole Nelson, Jeffrey Nelson, Marlene Bang, Barbara Berven, Christina Anderson, Ryan Randolph, Linda Rundle, Kevin Krause, Robin Randolph, Marion Nehmer, Drake Carney, Verda Swanson, Jean Thompson, Tina Bickel, Nicholas Best

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Donald and Gloria Moon
Robert and Dorothy Jensen



Poinsettia pick up and deliveries to homebound

members: There are several members of the Grace family who cannot make it to church but would greatly appreciate a visit and a gift of Christmas cheer. A sign-up sheet for delivering poinsettias is located at Volunteer Central.

Please consider bringing a plant to one or more of the people on the list. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) for delivery anytime after the worship today. The building will be open Tuesday through Friday of the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Thank you!

2011 Offerings

All 2011 offerings should be turned into the office by noon on December 29. Thank You!



QUILT AUCTION for LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP

Saturday, April 14, 2012 Grace Lutheran Church. It is exciting that the 2012 Lutheran Lakeside Camp Quilt Auction is going to be held at Grace Lutheran Church. The Quilt Auction is a major fundraiser for Lutheran Lakeside Camp. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Help spread the word and invite your friends to come, too.

Quilts and volunteers are needed to make the Auction a success.

Information may be found on the bulletin board across from the Library or contact Helen Ringgenberg @255-2395 or Lhringg@msn.com.



HOLDEN VILLAGE 2012

Fly with **Lutheran Lakeside Camp** to Holden Village in the Washington Cascade Mountains. **August 18-28, 2012**. On the return we spend a full day touring Seattle. Join pilgrims where Christ is the center of daily life. Each day is framed by matins, and community vespers. Christian fellowship is in abundance. Bell and vocal choirs, Bible study, crafts, hiking, fishing, pottery and weaving. Contact: Ranger Z at 712-336-2109 or z@lutheranlakeside.com Request a brochure. Or go on line to www.lutheranlakeside.com (travel ministries)

SANTA FE

Fly with **Lutheran Lakeside Camp** from Des Moines to Albuquerque, New Mexico **September 10-17, 2012**. A time of personal reflection, prayer, meditation, reading, peace and fellowship. Take a pilgrimage to the Spanish missions where the Gospel has been preached for 400 years. **Pastor Mike Schmidt, Grace Lutheran in Des Moines is our chaplain, bible study and worship leader.** Enjoy lectures and tours by local scholars and view stunning religious and contemporary art. Contact: Ranger Z at 712 336 2109 or z@lutheranlakeside.com. Request a brochure or on line to www.lutheranlakeside.com (travel ministries)

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Carlson Family - GH I & Gym

MONDAY, December 26

Grace Office Closed

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, December 27

No Bible Studies

Grace Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, December 28

No Super Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, December 29

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

FRIDAY, December 30

Grace Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 31

New Years Eve

SUNDAY, January 1 New Years

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Coffee in Gathering Hall

MONDAY, January 2

Office closed



Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Interim Organist - Rich Snyder

Ushers – Mark Stumme, Tom McCleary, Jay Wangerin

Lector – Kate Schaller

Communion Assistants – John Roehrick , Kate Schaller

Acolyte -

Altar Guild - Sue Anderson, Gail Peterson, Carol Woodruff

Counters – Mark Stumme, Tom McCleary (also counting 12/24 11 p.m. offering)

Coffee Servers – Karen Taylor

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