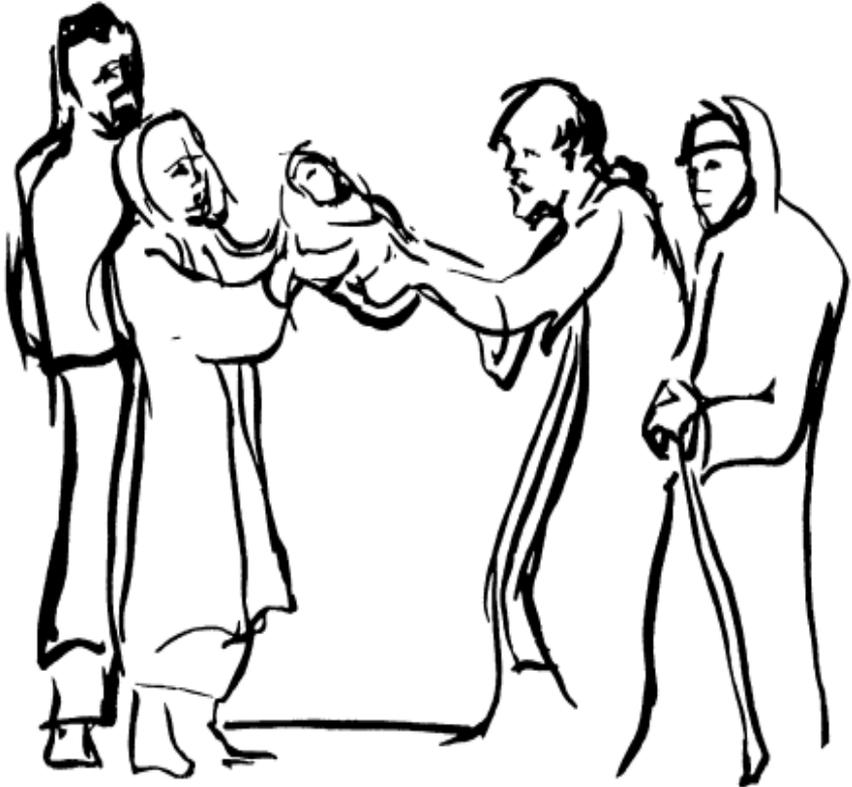


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



New Years Day

January 1, 2012

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

“Swiss Noel with variations”

Daquin

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

“Love Has Come”

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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 wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson:

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the Lord's

Primera lectura:

Isaías 61:10-62:3

¹⁰ Me deleito mucho en el SEÑOR; me regocijo en mi Dios.

salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Porque él me vistió con ropas de *salvación y me cubrió con el manto de la justicia. Soy semejante a un novio que luce su diadema, o una novia adornada con sus joyas. ¹¹ Porque así como la tierra hace que broten los retoños, y el huerto hace que germinen las semillas, así el SEÑOR omnipotente hará que broten la justicia y la alabanza ante todas las naciones.

El nuevo nombre de Sión

¹ Por amor a *Sión no guardaré silencio, por amor a Jerusalén no desmayaré, hasta que su justicia resplandezca como la aurora, y como antorcha encendida su *salvación. ² Las naciones verán tu justicia, y todos los reyes tu gloria; recibirás un *nombre nuevo, que el Señor mismo te dará. ³ Serás en la mano del SEÑOR como una corona esplendorosa, ¡como una diadema real en la palma de tu Dios!

L: the Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**



PSALM:

R: 
The splen - dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

Psalm: 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹from the heavens; praise God ¹in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, ¹all you angels; sing praise, all you ¹hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, ¹sun and moon; sing praise, all you ¹shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heav- ¹en of heavens, and you waters a- ¹bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name ¹of the LORD, who commanded, and they ¹were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forev- ¹er and ever, giving them a law that shall not ¹pass away. R

⁷Praise the LORD ¹from the earth, you sea monsters ¹and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, ¹snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do- ¹ing God's will;

⁹mountains ¹and all hills, fruit trees ¹and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts ¹and all cattle, creeping things and ¹flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹and all peoples, princes and all rulers ¹of the world;

¹²young ¹men and maidens, old and ¹young together. R

¹³Let them praise the name ¹of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ¹earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all ¹faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. ¹Hallelujah! R

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

Segundo Lectura: Gálatas 4:4-7

⁴ Pero cuando se cumplió el plazo, ^[a] Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de una mujer, nacido bajo la ley, ⁵ para rescatar a los que estaban bajo la ley, a fin de que

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

fuéramos adoptados como hijos.⁶ Ustedes ya son hijos. Dios ha enviado a nuestros corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama: «¡*Abba! ¡Padre!»⁷ Así que ya no eres esclavo sino hijo; y como eres hijo, Dios te ha hecho también heredero.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Second Chapter.

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

Gospel:

Luke 2:22–40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a

el Evangelio:

Lucas 2:22-40

²² Así mismo, cuando se cumplió el tiempo en que, según la ley de Moisés, ellos debían *purificarse, José y María llevaron al niño a Jerusalén para presentarlo al Señor.²³ Así cumplieron con lo que en la ley del Señor está escrito: «Todo varón primogénito será consagrado^[a] al Señor».^[b]²⁴ También ofrecieron un sacrificio conforme a lo que la ley del Señor dice: ün par de tórtolas o dos pichones de paloma».^[c] ²⁵ Ahora bien, en Jerusalén había un hombre llamado Simeón, que era justo y devoto, y aguardaba con esperanza la redención^[d] de Israel.

pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a

El Espíritu Santo estaba con él²⁶ y le había revelado que no moriría sin antes ver al *Cristo del Señor.²⁷ Movidó por el Espíritu, fue al *templo. Cuando al niño Jesús lo llevaron sus padres para cumplir con la costumbre establecida por la ley,²⁸ Simeón lo tomó en sus brazos y bendijo a Dios: ²⁹ «Según tu palabra, Soberano Señor, ya puedes despedir a tu *siervo en paz. ³⁰ Porque han visto mis ojos tu salvación, ³¹ que has preparado a la vista de todos los pueblos: ³² luz que ilumina a las *naciones y gloria de tu pueblo Israel.» ³³ El padre y la madre del niño se quedaron maravillados por lo que se decía de él.³⁴ Simeón les dio su bendición y le dijo a María, la madre de Jesús: «Este niño está destinado a causar la caída y el levantamiento de muchos en Israel, y a crear mucha oposición,^[e]³⁵ a fin de que se manifiesten las intenciones de muchos corazones. En cuanto a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma.» ³⁶ Había también una profetisa, Ana, hija de Penuel, de la tribu de Aser. Era muy anciana; casada de joven, había vivido con su esposo siete años,³⁷ y luego permaneció viuda hasta la edad de ochenta y cuatro.^[f] Nunca salía del *templo, sino que día y noche adoraba a Dios con ayunos y oraciones.³⁸ Llegando en ese mismo momento, Ana dio gracias a Dios y comenzó a hablar del niño a todos los que esperaban

widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

la redención de Jerusalén. ³⁹ Después de haber cumplido con todo lo que exigía la ley del Señor, José y María regresaron a Galilea, a su propio pueblo de Nazaret. ⁴⁰ El niño crecía y se fortalecía; progresaba en sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios lo acompañaba.

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

Please be seated
Sermon

Please stand as you are able
Hymn of the Day “The First Noel”

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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.**

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

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Jordan

Please stand as you are able

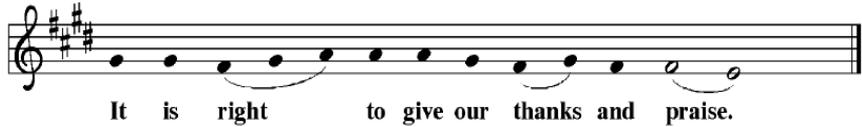
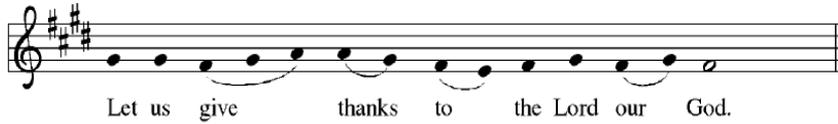
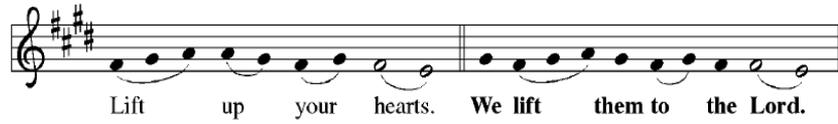
Offering Prayer

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.

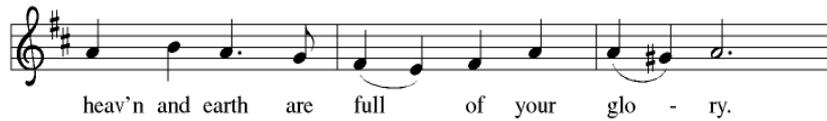


Great Thanksgiving



Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



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: #282, #276, #289



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 **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** **#279**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **“From Heaven Above”** **Walther**



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 will be no attendant today, January 1.* 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...

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and are given by Jane and Ed Ridnour.

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

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** will resume January 8 at 9:30 after coffee time.

Jan. 1–Time of Fellowship, coffee in the gathering Hall

Jan. 8 Adult Forum – To be determined.

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings, from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall, or Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in Esperanza Cafe. Pastor Mike leads this study. *If there is anyone who needs a ride on Tuesday mornings, please call the church office for the names of volunteers drivers.*

Text Study on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Leonard Larsen and Mark Mattes lead this study.

Wednesday Evening activities: Book Discussion, Confirmation, Kids Hours, English/Spanish classes, Music Groups or just hang out. Join us before hand for supper between 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall I.



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!

Betty Hirschauer, Elizabeth Dungan, Theodore Tussing, Bob Gweah, Penny Hansen, Sherry Merkwon, Andrew Allen, Nicholas Jessen, Conrad Thompson, Jay Wangerin, Eric Weber, Emily Scholten, Lynn Niemuth, Julie Honsey, Tammy Denton, Amy Schmelzer, Joseph Mattes

Happy Anniversary this week to:

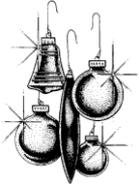
Mark & Elizabeth Dungan,
Eric & Heather Nelson



Make Your Own Family Blessing Bowl

Families of youth are invited to gather together to make a Blessing Bowl of your very own! Saturday, January 21, 1:00-3:30 p.m., Msindo Hall Sign-up in the office by Stephanie's door. Cost is \$5.00 Please sign up by January 8 so materials can be purchased. With the guidance of Marion Nehmer, each family will create a family blessing bowl complete with stones. After the workshop, Marion will fire the bowls and stones. They will be ready for families to pick up in February--- in time for Lent. Blessing Bowls are being used in the Sunday school classes to share stories, thoughts and prayers related to the many blessings in our lives.

If you would like to see a Blessing Bowl, please ask your child's Sunday school teacher to show you the classroom bowl. If you have any questions, feel free to contact MeLissa Lawson at 554-5377 or lawson.chris@mchsi.com or Beth Flannery at 314-1022 or bdfannery@yahoo.com



Christmas ornaments

Thank you for sharing your ornaments for the trees in Grace Hall. If you would like to collect your ornaments, they are in baskets in Jackie's office. Otherwise they will be store until next year!



SUNDAY, January 1 New Years

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Coffee in Gathering Hall

MONDAY, January 2

Office closed

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, January 3

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:45 a.m. – Bible Study in GH

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

6:00 p.m. – Brass Practice/TOPS

6:30 p.m. – Knitters Guild

7:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY, January 4

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Super Wednesday Supper – GH I

5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion in Library

5:30 – 5:50 p.m. – Chapel Chimers

5:55 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells (grades 6-12)

5:55 – 6:25 p.m. – Youth Choir

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Text Study in Conference Rm.

6:30 p.m. – English/Spanish class in Esperanza Cafe

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Confirmation in Esperanza Chapel

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Pray & Play Hour (ages 4-5)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Kids' Hour (Grades 1-5)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. – National Youth Gathering Meeting

7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, January 5

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – IGA board meeting – Café

6:30 p.m. – Men in Mission

FRIDAY, January 6

SATURDAY, January 7

SUNDAY, January 8

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass

10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

12:00-1:30 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers Appreciation luncheon

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – New Members Class – Gathering Hall

1:30 p.m. – Youth Ed Team meeting

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 – Kevin Krause, Chuck Denton, Brent Culp

Liturgist - Doug Johnson

Lector – Ro Zimany

Communion Assistants – Kate Schaller

Acolytes – Payton Lawson

Altar Guild - Cindy Peeler, Rita Stackhouse, Mindy Scholten

Counters –

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