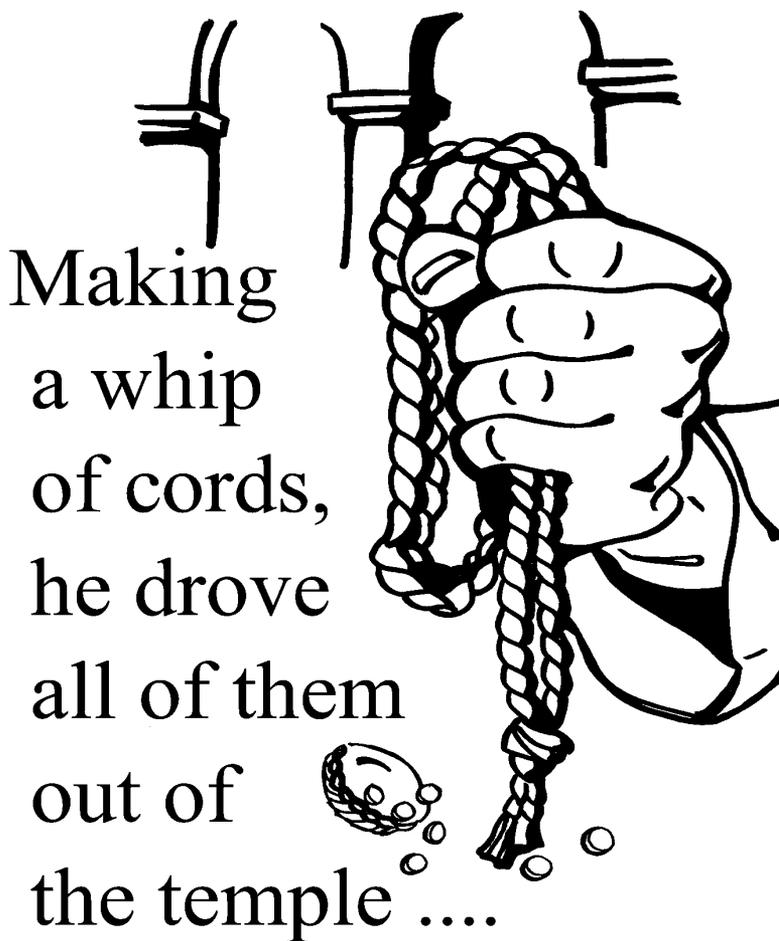


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



John 2:15, NRSV

Third Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2012

8:15 & 10:45 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 “Our Father In Heaven - Two Preludes” **Telemann**

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath giving life to dry bones.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

Gathering Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation” **#796**

Greeting

P: The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

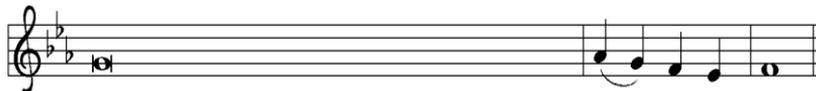
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



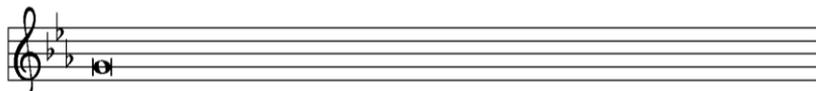
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



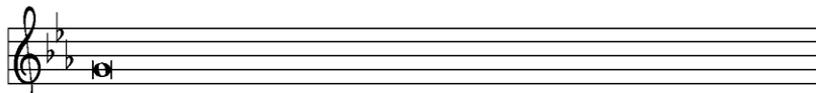
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



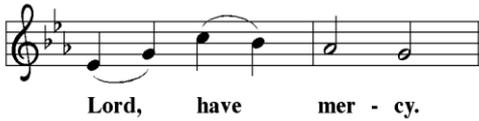
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Exodus 20:1–17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

First Reading:

Then God spoke all these words:
²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
³you shall have no other gods before me.

Primera Lectura:

Los Diez Mandamientos

¹ Dios habló, y dio a conocer todos estos mandamientos:
² «Yo soy el SEÑOR tu Dios. Yo te saqué de Egipto, del país donde eras esclavo.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

³ »No tengas otros dioses además de mí.^[a]

⁴ »No te hagas ningún ídolo, ni nada que guarde semejanza con lo que hay arriba en el cielo, ni con lo que hay abajo en la tierra, ni con lo que hay en las aguas debajo de la tierra. ⁵ No te inclines delante de ellos ni los adores. Yo, el SEÑOR tu Dios, soy un Dios celoso. Cuando los padres son malvados y me odian, yo castigo a sus hijos hasta la tercera y cuarta generación. ⁶ Por el contrario, cuando me aman y cumplen mis mandamientos, les muestro mi amor por mil generaciones.

⁷ »No pronuncies el *nombre del SEÑOR tu Dios a la ligera. Yo, el SEÑOR, no tendré por inocente a quien se atreva a pronunciar mi nombre a la ligera.

⁸ »Acuérdate del *sábado, para consagrarlo. ⁹ Trabaja seis días, y haz en ellos todo lo que tengas que hacer, ¹⁰ pero el día séptimo será un día de reposo para honrar al SEÑOR tu Dios. No hagas en ese día ningún trabajo, ni tampoco tu hijo, ni tu hija, ni tu esclavo, ni tu esclava, ni tus animales, ni tampoco los extranjeros que vivan en tus ciudades.^[b] ¹¹ Acuérdate de que en seis días hizo el SEÑOR los cielos y la tierra, el mar y todo lo que hay en ellos, y que descansó el séptimo día. Por eso el SEÑOR bendijo y consagró el día de reposo.

¹² »Honra a tu padre y a tu madre,

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

para que disfrutes de una larga vida en la tierra que te da el SEÑOR tu Dios.

¹³ »No mates.

¹⁴ »No cometas adulterio.

¹⁵ »No robes.

¹⁶ »No des falso testimonio en contra de tu prójimo.

¹⁷ »No codicies la casa de tu prójimo: No codicies su esposa, ni su esclavo, ni su esclava, ni su buey, ni su burro, ni nada que le pertenezca.»

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one flat). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics "The com - mand - ment of the LORD" are written below the notes. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter). The lyrics "gives light to the eyes." are written below the notes. The word "R:" is written to the left of the first staff.

¹The heavens declare the glo-¹ry of God, and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale¹ to another, and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.**

³Although they have no¹ words or language, and their voices¹ are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends¹ of the world, where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to¹ run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of¹ it again; nothing is hidden from its¹ burning heat. R**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹vives the soul; the

testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous¹ altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb. R

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is¹ great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's¹ own offenses? Cleanse me from my¹ secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion¹ over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a¹ great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable¹ in your sight, O LORD, my strength and¹ my redeemer. R

Anthem **“The Power of the Cross”** **arr. By Michael Ryan**
Youth Bells

Children’s Sermon

Please be seated

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul’s preaching is Christ crucified.

Second Reading:

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise?

Segundo Lectura:

Cristo, sabiduría y poder de Dios

¹⁸ Me explico: El mensaje de la cruz es una locura para los que se pierden; en cambio, para los que se salvan, es decir, para nosotros, este mensaje es el poder de Dios.¹⁹ Pues está escrito:

«Destruiré la sabiduría de los sabios; frustraré la inteligencia de

Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

los inteligentes.»^[a] ²⁰ ¿Dónde está el sabio? ¿Dónde el erudito? ¿Dónde el filósofo de esta época? ¿No ha convertido Dios en locura la sabiduría de este mundo?²¹ Ya que Dios, en su sabio designio, dispuso que el mundo no lo conociera mediante la sabiduría humana, tuvo a bien salvar, mediante la locura de la predicación, a los que creen.²² Los judíos piden señales milagrosas y los *gentiles buscan sabiduría,²³ mientras que nosotros predicamos a Cristo crucificado. Este mensaje es motivo de *tropiezo para los judíos, y es locura para los gentiles,²⁴ pero para los que Dios ha llamado, lo mismo judíos que gentiles, Cristo es el poder de Dios y la sabiduría de Dios.²⁵ Pues la locura de Dios es más sabia que la sabiduría humana, y la debilidad de Dios es más fuerte que la fuerza humana.

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

Please stand as you are able
Gospel Acclamation

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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

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

Gospel: John 2:13–22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

Gospel:

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he

el Evangelio

Jesús purifica el templo

¹³ Cuando se aproximaba la Pascua de los judíos, subió Jesús a Jerusalén. ¹⁴ Y en el *templo ^[a] halló a los que vendían bueyes, ovejas y palomas, e instalados en sus mesas a los que cambiaban dinero. ¹⁵ Entonces, haciendo un látigo de cuerdas, echó a todos del templo, juntamente con sus ovejas y sus bueyes; regó por el suelo las monedas de los que cambiaban dinero y derribó sus mesas. ¹⁶ A los que vendían las palomas les dijo:

—¡Saquen esto de aquí! ¿Cómo se atreven a convertir la casa de mi Padre en un mercado?

¹⁷ Sus discípulos se acordaron de que está escrito: «El celo por tu casa me consumirá.» ^[b]¹⁸ Entonces los judíos reaccionaron, preguntándole:

—¿Qué señal puedes mostrarnos para actuar de esta manera?

¹⁹ —Destruyan este templo — respondió Jesús—, y lo levantaré de nuevo en tres días.

²⁰ —Tardaron cuarenta y seis años

was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

en construir este templo, ¿y tú vas a levantarlo en tres días?

²¹ Pero el templo al que se refería era su propio cuerpo.²² Así, pues, cuando se *levantó de entre los muertos, sus discípulos se acordaron de lo que había dicho, y creyeron en la Escritura y en las palabras de Jesús.

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

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

#802

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

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

P: Now is the acceptable time to offer our prayers to you, God of grace and truth. Receive them in your mercy, and grant us all that we need, in Jesus' name.

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!

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory “Out of the Depths I Cry to You”

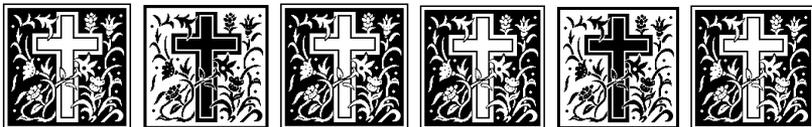
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Offering prayer

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Please be seated

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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: #803, #338, #616

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Recognition of Ministry in the Congregation

Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Today it is our privilege to give thanks for Rich Snyder who is completing a time of service in the ministry of music within this congregation.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts.

We give thanks for the ways these gifts have been shown forth among us through your servant Rich.

We praise you for shared joys and accomplishments, and we commend our work to you.

Grant that we may continue to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

Hymn

“How Clear is our Vocation Lord”

#580

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Burkhardt

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, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.

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. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.

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: Ellen Batten, Norma Black, Norman Buihner, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Tom Russell, Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Stuart Turner, Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, and the others we name before you...

A Stephen Minister is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

Adult Forum

Mar 11 – Cathy Barks on Lutheran World Relief – GHI
Making the Most of Marriage – Esperanza Café

Mar 18 – Reception welcoming Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg, the new organist/Director of Music Ministries– Grace Hall I

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.*

During Lent Wednesday night activities will be as follows:

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
- 5:40 p.m. – Youth Bells
- 6:20 p.m. – Hymn Sing
- 6:30 p.m. – Holden Evening Prayer Worship
- 7:15 - 800 p.m. – Grace Bells
- 7:15 p.m. – Grace Brass



During Lenten Worship services, Pastor Mike will be doing a series on “Ministry in Mark, More than a Motto”.

Wednesday, March 14
Mark 2:23-3:6 “Just Do It”

Wednesday, March 21
Mark 8:1-9 “Keeps Going and Going and Going”

Wednesday, March 28
Mark 8:22-26 “A Little Dab’ll Do Ya”

To my Grace Family,
Today is my last Sunday as Interim Organist at Grace Lutheran. Over the last eight months I have been blessed with the encouragement and the support that you have given me, and I hope that in return the organ music has been a blessing and inspiration to you. Next week you can transfer that same encouragement and support to the new organist and Director of Music Ministries.

Peace,
Richard Snyder



Classes and related activities for children wishing to begin receiving Communion will be taking place in March. Classes will be March 14 in room 101 and March 28 in the Sanctuary from 5:15-6:15pm. Optional enrichment opportunities include painting chalices at the Whatta Dish studio in Valley Junction on March 25 (\$17/chalice) and a full day camp experience led by Lutheran Lakeside staff at Grace on March 31 (\$35/child). **Contact Stephanie Johnson by March 11 if interested.**



Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Tammy Hagerty, Rachael Bigg, Jacquelyn Holmes, Andrew Keller, Lathrop Preston, Barbara Nelson, Sally Niffenegger, Bill Jensen, Evelyn Knudsen, Lydia McCleary, Ann Warren, Kathy Bowermaster, Beth Flannery, Benjamin Honsey, Melissa Swanson

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Sonny and Kristina Hutton, Jeffrey and Anne Farrell



6:20 – 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays before worship. Please place your favorites and suggestions in the box in the gathering Hall for the week ahead. The organist thanks you!



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



Our Spring Lutheran World Relief Drive is here!

For three weeks, March 4-18, we are focusing on gathering donations and making kits for our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Special envelopes for your donation are available in the pews and at the display in the Gathering Hall. You may place donations in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Please make checks out to

Grace LWR. On March 18, we will have an Ingathering during both services and invite your help to box up kits and quilts after the 10:45 service.

a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



This Easter, celebrate the joyous good news of Christ's resurrection by purchasing an Easter lily to decorate the altar. Lilies are \$9.50 each. The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 19.

Indicate on the order form if you would like the plant delivered to a homebound member. Otherwise, you may pick up your lily after the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter. Ordering forms are in the bulletin and in the office.

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Pick up an order form today, and extras for friends and neighbors. Don't miss out on the new additions to the order form! Orders due with payment by Sunday March 25. Pick up will be Saturday May 5 8:00

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Food rescue training opportunity: The Food Rescue Planning Team, consisting of community and Grace members, has been working on expanding food rescue efforts in Des Moines. If you would be interested in receiving training on approaching restaurants about possible food donation, you are welcome to come to a training session about that on Monday, March 12 from 8:30-9:30am at Central Iowa Shelter and Services. Please contact Stephanie Johnson if you are interested in attending.

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, March 11, *Daylight Savings Time begins*

- 8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass
- 9:30 a.m. – Marriage Class – Esperanza Café
- 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – New Member Class, Gathering Hall

MONDAY, March 12

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Food Rescue meeting at Central Iowa Shelter
- 10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall
- 7:10 p.m. – Hannah Circle

TUESDAY, March 13

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. – Bible Study in GH
- 6:00 p.m. – Tops
- 6:00 p.m. – Final evening Bible Study, Esperanza Café
- 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee
- 7:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry Team
- 7:00 p.m. – Social Ministry Team
- 7:00 p.m. – Youth Ed Team

WEDNESDAY, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper
- 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. God & Me Scout Badge Class
- 5:15 -6:15 p.m. – First Communion Class, room 101
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
- 5:40 - 6:10 p.m. – Youth Bells
- 6:20 – 6:30 p.m. – Hymn Sing
- 6:30 p.m. – Holden Evening Prayer Worship
- 7:15 p.m. – Grace Brass
- 7:15 p.m. – Endowment Committee
- 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. – Grace Bells

THURSDAY, March 15

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts

6:45 – 9:00 p.m. – Embroidery Guild - GHI

FRIDAY, March 16

SATURDAY, March 17

SUNDAY, March 18,

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. – Education Hour, Brass

10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

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 8:15 – Marv Simonsen, Jim Rundle, Jessica Rissman, Jon Rissman

10:15 – Lonnie Jessen, Diane Jessen, Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin

Liturgist 8:15 – Stephanie Johnson 10:45 – Janet Habick

Lector 8:15 – Kristin Hutton 10:45 – Ro Zimany

Children's Sermon: Carol Woodruff

Communion servers 10:45 – Jon and Jeanine Rutter, Lori Fry, Alex Davik

Acolytes - 8:15 – Paul Weaver 10:45 – Megan Riordan, Payton Lawson

Altar Guild – Jane Ridnour, Connie Heuton, Sue Anderson

Counters –

Coffee Servers – Ross Peeler

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