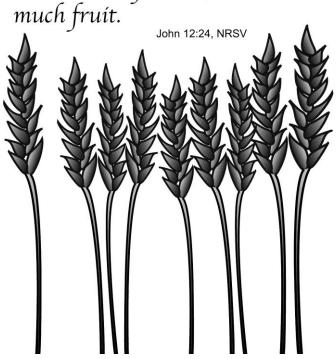
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Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears



Fifth Sunday in Lent March 25, 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 "Andante Religioso" by Felix Mendelssohn

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.

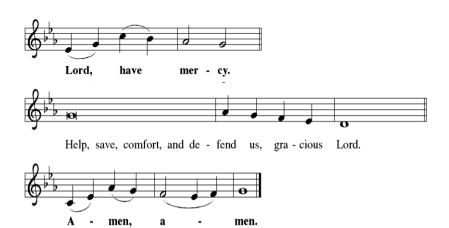
Gathering Hymn "Christ, the Life of All the Living" #339

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.





P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

First Reading:

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a

Primera Lectura:

³¹ »Vienen días —afirma el SEÑOR— en que haré un nuevo *pacto con el pueblo de Israel y con la tribu de Judá. ³² No será un pacto como el que hice con sus antepasados el día en que los tomé de la mano y los saqué de Egipto, ya que ellos lo

covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

quebrantaron a pesar de que yo era su esposo —afirma el SEÑOR—.

33 ȃste es el pacto que después de aquel tiempo haré con el pueblo de Israel —afirma el SEÑOR—: Pondré mi *ley en su *mente, y la escribiré en su *corazón. Yo seré su Dios, y ellos serán mi pueblo. 34 Ya no tendrá nadie que enseñar a su prójimo, ni dirá nadie a su hermano: "¡Conoce al SEÑOR!", porque todos, desde el más pequeño hasta el más grande, me conocerán — afirma el SEÑOR—. Yo les perdonaré su iniquidad, y nunca más me acordaré de sus pecados.»

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

Psalm 51:1-12

R: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your [|] steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out [|] my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. R

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. R

⁹Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spir- it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

 $^{12}Restore$ to me the joy of $^{\mid}$ your salvation and sustain me with your boun- $^{\mid}$ tiful Spirit.

Children's Sermon

Please be seated

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

Second Reading:

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal

Segundo Lectura:

⁵ Tampoco *Cristo se glorificó a sí mismo haciéndose sumo sacerdote, sino que Dios le dijo: «Tú eres mi hijo; hoy mismo te he engendrado.» a Y en otro pasaje dice: «Tú eres sacerdote para siempre, según el orden de Melquisedec.» En los días de su vida *mortal. Jesús ofreció oraciones y súplicas con fuerte clamor y lágrimas al que podía salvarlo de la muerte, y fue escuchado por su reverente sumisión.⁸ Aunque era Hijo, mediante el sufrimiento aprendió a obedecer;9 y consumada su *perfección, llegó a ser autor de salvación eterna para todos los que le obedecen, ¹⁰ y Dios lo

salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

nombró sumo sacerdote según el orden de Melquisedec.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twelfth Chapter C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 12:20–33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Gospel:

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son

el Evangélio

Jesús predice su muerte

²⁰ Entre los que habían subido a adorar en la fiesta había algunos *griegos. ²¹ Éstos se acercaron a Felipe, que era de Betsaida de Galilea, y le pidieron:

—Señor, queremos ver a Jesús.

²² Felipe fue a decírselo a Andrés, y ambos fueron a decírselo a Jesús.

²³ —Ha llegado la hora de

of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies. it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No. it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Please be seated

que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado —les contestó Jesús— .²⁴ Ciertamente les aseguro que si el grano de trigo no cae en tierra v muere, se queda solo. Pero si muere, produce mucho fruto.²⁵ El que se apega a su *vida la pierde; en cambio, el que aborrece su vida en este mundo, la conserva para la vida eterna.²⁶ Quien quiera servirme, debe seguirme; y donde yo esté, allí también estará mi siervo. A quien me sirva, mi Padre lo honrará. 27 »Ahora todo mi ser está angustiado, ¿y acaso voy a decir: "Padre, sálvame de esta hora difícil" ? ¡Si precisamente para afrontarla he venido!²⁸; Padre, glorifica tu nombre! Se oyó entonces, desde el cielo, una voz que decía: «Ya lo he glorificado, y volveré a glorificarlo.»²⁹ La multitud que estaba allí, y que oyó la voz, decía que había sido un trueno; otros decían que un ángel le había hablado. ³⁰ —Esa voz no vino por mí sino por ustedes —dijo Jesús—. 31 El juicio de este mundo ha llegado ya, y el príncipe de este mundo va a ser expulsado. 32 Pero yo, cuando sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos a mí mismo. ³³ Con esto daba Jesús a entender

de qué manera iba a morir.

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" #327

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 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" by Edward Broughton (based on the tune "Rathbun" by Ithamar Conkey)

Please stand as you are able

Offering prayer

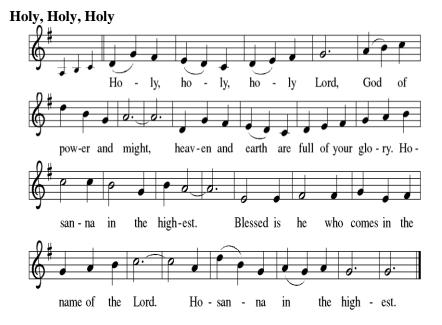
P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Preface



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



Distribution Hymns: #471, #494, #592

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.

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

#324

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Canz

"Canzonetta" by Dietrich Buxtehude

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: Andy Barth (Stephanie Johnson's cousin), 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...

Quarters placed in the offering plate this Sunday, and every fourth Sunday, are for the Msindo.

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 25 - Open - Grace Hall I

Making the Most of Marriage, final class - Esperanza

April 1 - Central Iowa Shelter and Services - Grace Hall I

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings, from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall. 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 Lenten Worship services, Pastor Mike will be doing a series on "Ministry in Mark, More than a Motto".

Wednesday, March 28 Mark 8:22-26 "A Little Dab'll Do Ya"



Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Arlene Janson, Ryan Nordeen, Sierra Carney, Stephanie Johnson, Zara Preston, Sharon Schwemler, Curtis Chenoweth, Kristin Medhurst, Daniel Gutmann, Amy Ziska



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!



Orders due today, March 25!

Forgot yours? Don't worry, pick up a blank form in the gathering Hall after each service, fill it out, and leave in the office with payment. Pick up will be Saturday May 5.



We are accepting donations from individuals and groups for the silent auction which will be held Sunday, April 29 to raise money to bring our Tanzanian friends to Des Moines. Items will be displayed on Sunday, April 15 and 22 with the auction taking place on April 29. Please contact a member of the committee Denny Rehder, Diane

Hawn, Karen Taylor, Mary Helt, Jane Ridnour with any donations or questions.



Maundy Thursday Luncheon

Lydia Circle will serve a luncheon following the 11 o'clock Maundy Thursday Communion service. A free-will offering will be taken. You are welcome to attend.

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, March 25

- 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. Final Making the most of Marriage Class Cafe
- 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion
 - 1:00 3:00 p.m. Whatta Dish Chalice Making

MONDAY, March 26

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. TOPS
- 6:00 10:00 p.m. AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, March 27

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. Bible Study in GH
- 6:00 p.m. Tops
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. Willing Workers
- 12:30 p.m. ILH volunteer meeting library
- 5:00 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
- 5:15-6:15 p.m. First Communion Class
- 5:15-6:15 p.m. God and Me Scout Badge Class
- 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 8:00 p.m. Grace Bells

THURSDAY, March 29

9:00 a.m. - Quilters

FRIDAY, March 30

SATURDAY, March 31

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – First Communion Camp at Grace

SUNDAY, April 1, Palm Sunday

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. - NYG meeting

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers

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

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

Liturgist 8:15 – Matt Jordahl 10:45 – Doug Johnson

Lector 8:15 - Carol Woodruff 10:45 - Rita Stackhouse

Children's Sermon: Pastor Mike

Communion servers 10:45 Jeff Farrell, Ellen Wonderlin, Janet

Trentman, Alex Davik

Acolytes - 8:15 - Andy Anderson 10:45 - Megan Riordan, Isaac

McCleary

Altar Guild - Jane Ridnour, Connie Heuton, Sue Anderson

Counters – 8:15 Tom McCleary and Chris Lawson

10:45 Jon Rissman and Mark Stumme

Coffee Servers - Karen Taylor

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