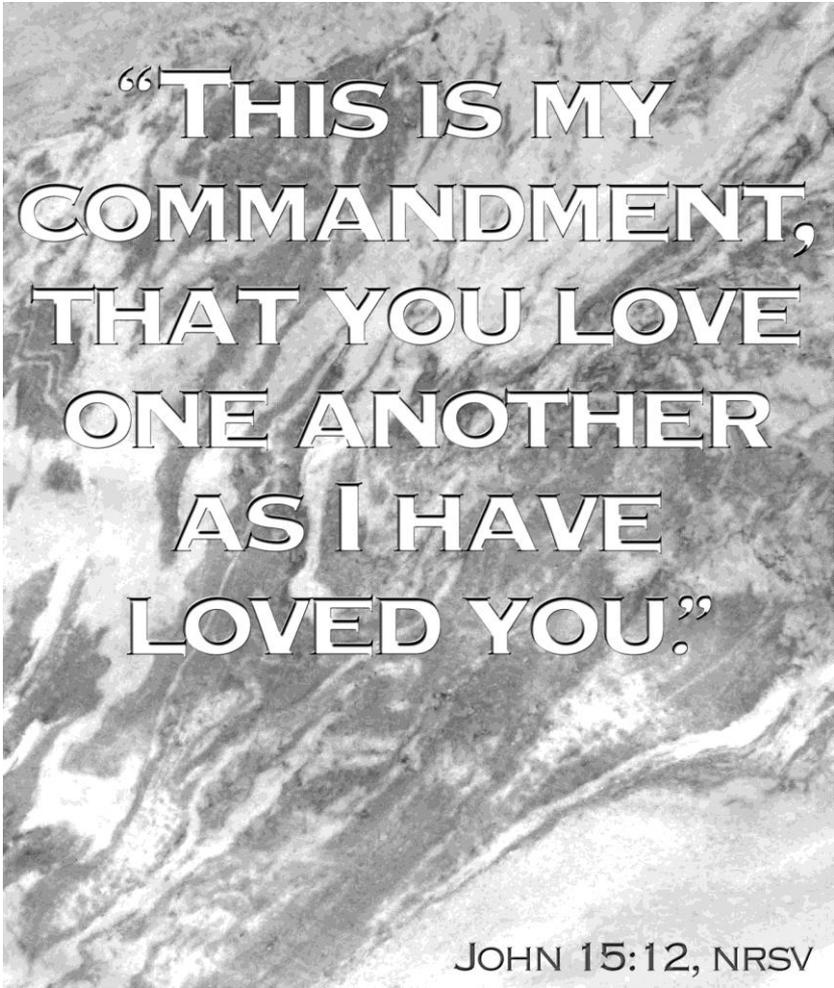


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



“**THIS IS MY
COMMANDMENT,
THAT YOU LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU.**”

JOHN 15:12, NRSV

The Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 13, 2012

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 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

(8:15) "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own"

by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Franklin Ritter

(10:45) "**Jubilee for Bells**" Composed by Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

Youth Bell Choir

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.

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

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated
Blessing of 2012 Graduates

First Reading: Acts 10:44–48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

First Lesson:

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Primera lectura:

⁴⁴ Mientras Pedro estaba todavía hablando, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre todos los que escuchaban el mensaje. ⁴⁵ Los defensores de la circuncisión que habían llegado con Pedro se quedaron asombrados de que el don del Espíritu Santo se hubiera derramado también sobre los *gentiles, ⁴⁶ pues los oían hablar en *lenguas y alabar a Dios. Entonces Pedro respondió: ⁴⁷ —¿Acaso puede alguien negar el agua para que sean bautizados estos que han recibido el Espíritu Santo lo mismo que nosotros? ⁴⁸ Y mandó que fueran bautizados en el nombre de Jesucristo. Entonces le pidieron que se quedara con ellos algunos días.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God**Psalm: Psalm 98**

R: 

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands; lift up your voice, re- ¹joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹with the harp, with the harp and the ¹voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹of the horn shout with joy before the**

king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. **R**

(8:15)

Anthem "Jubilee for Bells" Composed by Barbara Baltzer Kinyon
Youth Bell Choir

Children's Sermon

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1–6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

Second Lesson:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the

Segundo Lectura:

⁵ Todo el que cree que Jesús es el *Cristo, ha nacido de Dios, y todo el que ama al padre, ama también a sus hijos. ² Así, cuando amamos a Dios y cumplimos sus mandamientos, sabemos que amamos a los hijos de Dios. ³ En esto consiste el amor a Dios: en que obedecemos sus mandamientos. Y éstos no son difíciles de cumplir, ⁴ porque todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence al mundo. Ésta es la victoria que vence al mundo: nuestra fe. ⁵ ¿Quién es el que vence al mundo sino el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios? ⁶ Éste es el que vino mediante agua y sangre, Jesucristo; no sólo mediante agua, sino mediante agua y sangre. El Espíritu

Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

es quien da testimonio de esto, porque el Espíritu es la verdad.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

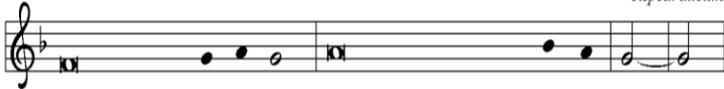


C:



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

Repeat alleluia



L: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa-^lther will love them,* and we will come to them and make our^l home with them. (*John 14:23*)

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

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

Gospel: John 15:9–17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Gospel

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's

commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,

el Evangelio

⁹»Así como el Padre me ha amado a mí, también yo los he amado a ustedes. Permanezcan en mi amor.

¹⁰Si obedecen mis mandamientos, permanecerán en mi amor, así como yo he obedecido los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. ¹¹Les he

and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

dicho esto para que tengan mi alegría y así su alegría sea completa. ¹²Y éste es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado. ¹³Nadie tiene amor más grande que el dar la *vida por sus amigos. ¹⁴Ustedes son mis amigos si hacen lo que yo les mando. ¹⁵Ya no los llamo *siervos, porque el siervo no está al tanto de lo que hace su amo; los he llamado amigos, porque todo lo que a mi Padre le oí decir se lo he dado a conocer a ustedes. ¹⁶No me escogieron ustedes a mí, sino que yo los escogí a ustedes y los comisioné para que vayan y den fruto, un fruto que perdure. Así el Padre les dará todo lo que le pidan en mi nombre. ¹⁷Éste es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros.

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

“We Are Called”

#720

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

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. 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 **"My Heart Rejoices"** by Edward Broughton

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

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: #480, #496, #742

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our 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.

Sending Hymn "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

#735

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Sonata on the Fifth Tone" by Joaquin de Oxinaga

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: Tony, Heath, Erik, Jill, Norma Black, Norman Buihner, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Lucy Krauss, Tom Russell, Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, and the others we name before you...



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness for his blessings of marriage and children. They are given by Carol and Carter Woodruff.

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

- May 13** – Gideon International, Jack Britton and Kevin Schnoebellen presenting – GHI
- 1 John Bible Study, Final meeting - Esperanza café
 - Preschool Parent/child class
- May 20** - Grace Giving and Community Garden – Michelle Voelker, Shirley Shiffler, and Sunday School classes.

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.*



Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Sally Preston, Frances Best, Laurie Helton, Ellen Wonderlin, John Kennebeck, Dmitri Woodruff, Katherine Bickel, Laura Wonderlin, Carol Krause, Inga Hoifeldt, Kimberly Fenimore, Lori Fry, Tim Nehmer, Bruce Bergman, Charles Denton, Megan Jensen

Happy Anniversary to: Richard and Betty Hirschauer, Steve and Mary McCann, Drew and Karla Tillotson, Matt and Amy Ziska, Matt and Tammy Hagerty



The Ascension Day Service is on Thursday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Brunch at 11:00 am. Martha Circle will be taking reservations for the Brunch today – tomorrow May 14th is the last day reservations will be accepted. The offering will go to the DMARCC Food Pantry. Members and guests welcome!



The next New Member Class will meet this afternoon, May 13, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Men In Mission Baseball Game will be held on Sunday June 10th between the I-Cubs and Nashville. Tickets will be available to purchase this Sunday and for the next 2 Sundays and will be distributed June 3rd. Cost is \$7. Questions? Call Max Palmer 515-255-3304 Carter Woodruff (515) 971-7219

Piano Trombone recital: We'd like to invite you to Adam's solo piano/trombone recital at 2:00 on Sunday, May 20th at the Temple for Performing Arts in downtown Des Moines! Attached is a flyer promoting the recital, which will last approximately 45 minutes. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to others who might enjoy an afternoon of music.



Sundae Sunday

A benefit for the Russell family to help defray ongoing medical expenses due to Tom's treatments will be held Sunday, June 3 following the worship service. Join us for ice cream sundaes, music and fellowship.

Adult Forum invites you to attend a meeting June 10, following the service. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we begin looking at the Fall Adult Forum schedule, or call Carol Mattes at 745-1642. The adult Forum Committee: Carol Mattes, Pat Rehder, Penny Hansen

Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin soon.



Sunday, May 27: Holy Communion Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday June 2: No Saturday Service

Sunday June 3: Holy Communion Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by an Ice Cream Social.

Saturday Holy Communion Worship Services will begin the following week on June 9, at 5:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary.



2012 High School Senior Biographies

Congratulations to all those who are graduating from high school this spring! Our prayers go with them in their new endeavors. The congregation is invited to celebrate with them and their families with an informal reception in the Gathering Hall at 9:15am.

Jason Fry is graduating from Bondurant-Farrar High School. He will be going to Central College in Pella to study Physical Therapy and/or Education. He will also be playing baseball for Central. During high school, Jason played baseball, football, basketball and ran track. He was also involved in band for several years.

Elizabeth (Liz) Gronert is the daughter of Linda & John Gronert. She will graduate from Urbandale High School where she participated in Band, Track, Ultimate Frisbee, Special Olympics and Yearbook. Liz's plans for the future are to attend the University of Iowa majoring in Anthropology/Archeology.

Joseph Gutmann is graduating from Roosevelt High School. He will be attending Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois in the fall and plans to play football. While he is currently undecided on a major, he is interested in digital film making, graphic design and education and plans to coach one day.

Angie Hidalgo

Katelyn Jessen, the daughter of Lonnie and Diane Jessen, is graduating from Hoover High School and will attend the University of Northern Iowa this fall to study accounting and business.

Kelley Riordan will be attending Iowa State University to major in Elementary Education.

Katy Roat, daughter of Andy and Kathy Roat, will be graduating from Roosevelt High School and Central Academy this spring. She will be attending Auburn University and plans to double-major in public relations and business with a double-minor in communications and Spanish. While Alabama will present quite a culture change, Katy is looking forward to the friendly people, unbeatable school spirit, and most importantly, warm weather! We ask for prayers as she begins this new adventure.

Vilmita Rosales

Jaqueline Villela

Amy Wonderlin is graduating from Roosevelt High School. She plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa in the fall and study art with the dream of being a children’s book author and illustrator one day. Recently she was commissioned to create a piece of art given as an award for a local National Philanthropy Day recipient.



This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, May 13, *Mothers' Day, High School Graduates Recognition*

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

9:15 a.m. – High School Recognition Reception – Gathering Hall

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

9:30 a.m. – Final 1 John Bible Study – Esperanza Cafe

10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

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

MONDAY, May 14

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

4:00 -5:30 p.m. - VBS Meeting

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

7:10 p.m. – Hannah Circle

TUESDAY, May 15

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:45 a.m. – Bible Study

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle

6:00 p.m. – Tops

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry Team

7:00 p.m. – Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, May 16

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion

5:30 – 5:55 p.m. – Chapel Chimers – final for season

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells – final for season

7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir – final for season

THURSDAY, May 17, *Ascension Day*

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. – Ascension Day Luncheon - GH

6:45 – 9:00 p.m. – Embroidery Guild

FRIDAY, May 18 & SATURDAY, May 19

SUNDAY, May 20, *Celebration Sunday*

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. – Gardening Event during Education Hour, Brass

10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

2:00 p.m. – Grace Kids Care Graduation Ceremony

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers

8:15 – Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin Drury

10:15 – Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney

Liturgist 8:15 – Paul Kallenbach 10:45 – Mary Helt

Lector 8:15 – Ro Zimany 10:45 – Karen Taylor

Children’s Sermon: Carol Woodruff

Communion servers

10:45 – Kathy Bowermaster, Alex Davik, Stephanie Johnson, Lori Fry

Acolytes – 8:15 – Andy Anderson 10:45 – Megan Riordan, Danielle Russell

Altar Guild – Michelle Voelker, Cindy Peeler, Gail Peterson

Counters – 8:15 Chris Lawson and Chuck Denton

10:45 - Kent Weaver and Alex Davik

Coffee Servers –

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