

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

“The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground”

Mark 4:26, NRSV



The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 10, 2012

9:00 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

"On Wings of Song"

**by Felix Mendelssohn,
arr. by James Denton**

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful and just God,

C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. 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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress"

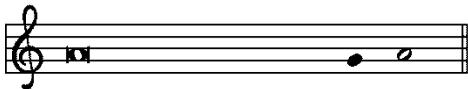
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Greeting

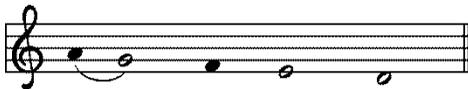
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

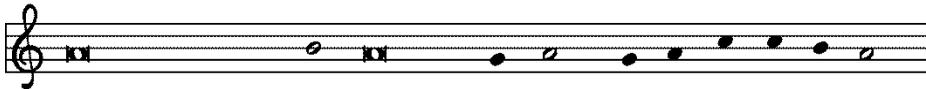
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



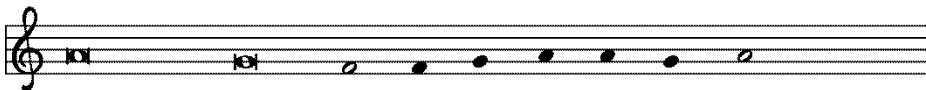
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



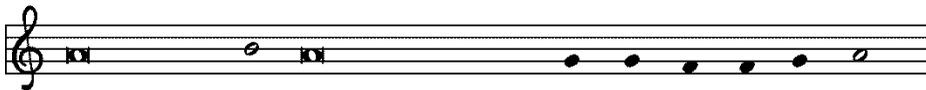
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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 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
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

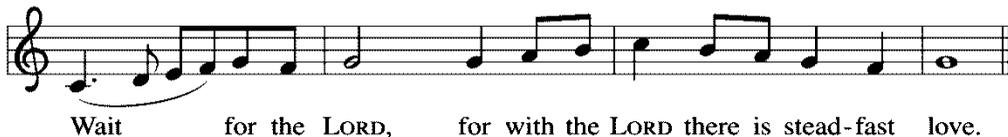
First Reading: Genesis 3:8–15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

Psalm: Psalm 130



¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. R**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins. R**

Special Music

Kathy Bowermaster and Kelley Marks

Children's Sermon

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

Chapter 4 ¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an

whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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 **"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"**

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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.**

Prayers of the People

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 "Blessed Assurance" by Phoebe Knapp, arr. by Brian Chung

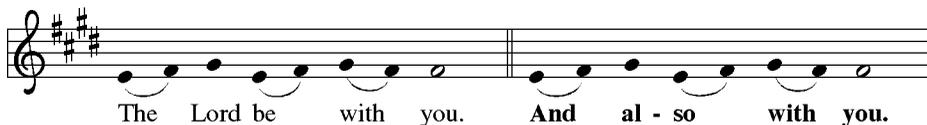
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Offering Prayer

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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**

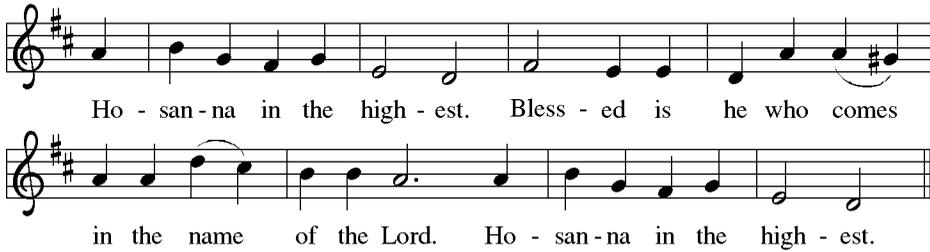
Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Please be seated

Lamb of God

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Distribution Hymns: #592, #744, #817

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Generous God, we thank you that at Wisdom's holy table you have fed us again with her bread and wine, the food of everlasting life. Send us, your servants, into all the land, that we may act wisely, seek the good of our neighbor, and call others to come to the feast; through 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.

Sending Hymn **“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** **#886**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **"Hymn of Praise"** **by James Denton**

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!

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 would be more comfortable there.

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. 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.

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, Margaret Olson, Helen Richards, 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 by Torry and Bill Henderson for our loved ones, both family and friends.

A Stephen Minister will be available upon request. If you find the need to visit with a Stephen Minister please contact the church office.



Happy Birthday to the following people this week! Brian Riordan, Jacob McCann, Lee Johnson, James Beeler, Michele Turner, Stacy Speck, MeLissa Lawson, Joel Holst, Joshua Habick, Paul Grodt, Sandra Meyer, Allison Hofman, Peter Mattes, Kenneth Schwarz, Joseph Gutmann, Donald Schroeder, Joseph Honsey



Happy Anniversary to: Kenneth and Barbara DeBolt, Kevin and Jeanne Drury, Jon and Jeanine Rutter, Conrad and Jean Thompson, John and Linda Gronert, Robert and Rita Stackhouse, Tim and LaVonne Mitchell

Adult Forum invites you to attend a meeting today, 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

VBS Snacks: Preschool VBS starts this Monday! If you are donating snacks, please bring them to the kitchen this week and clearly label them "VBS". Perishables can be brought in the day before your assigned day. Items for the June 25-29 week aren't needed until June 24 but can be brought at any time. Thanks for your help!

VBS Volunteers: For the June 25-29 week, we are looking for additional teen and adult volunteers to serve as dive guides, and helpers in the areas of registration and sign-out, Friday field trip, after care, photography/videography, and Family Night. For more information, see the Gathering Hall display or talk to Stephanie Johnson. Thanks for making the week possible!

Invitation

Jenie Marie Fuller and Pastor Michael Jon Schmidt, together with their parents, invite you to gather with us in worship at our wedding ceremony on Sunday, July 15th at 1:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. There will be a reception immediately following ceremony at the church. Please RSVP by July 1, 2012 to the church office at 515-276-6873 or email: revschmidt@live.com



Our Summer Worship Schedule began this week:

All services will meet in the Sanctuary

Saturday 5 p.m.: Holy Communion Worship Services

Sunday 9 a.m.: Holy Communion Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by coffee in the Gathering Hall

Thrivent Financial Two Rivers Chapter Presents: A Celebration at the Blank Park Zoo! Train Rides, Animals and Fun! June 24, 2012 5 -8 p.m. Free to members, must be a Thrivent member to attend. Reservations due by June 10th (TODAY!) go to www.thrivent.com/findanevent or call: 515-255-1525 or 515/252-0639

Summer Voice and Piano Lessons!

Our Ensemble Director, Sherry Kocek has openings in her studio for Piano and Voice Lessons this summer! All ages are welcome. A discount will be offered for members of Grace Lutheran! All lessons will be held at church. Call, or e-mail her for more information. (309)536-0962, skocek@msn.com

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, June 10

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship, Adult Ed. Meeting – conference room
10:00 a.m. – Grace Thrivent Advocates Meeting – GH I
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. – NYG Meeting
1:05 p.m. – Men In Mission Baseball Game Outing

MONDAY, June 11

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS Preschool Week
4:00 p.m. – Tops
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, June 12

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS Preschool Week
3:30 p.m. – Food Rescue Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Tops
7:00 p.m. – Education, Evangelism, Finance, Lay Ministry Team, Property, Social Ministry, Worship and Music, Youth

WEDNESDAY, June 13

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS Preschool Week
9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
7:00 p.m. – First Circle of Friends Meeting

THURSDAY, June 14

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS Preschool Week
1:30 p.m. – Calvin Community Communion

FRIDAY, June 15

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS Preschool Week

SATURDAY, June 16

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion

SUNDAY, June 17

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

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 Koccek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – Jay Wangerin, Linda Biegger, Mark Stumme

Liturgist – Matt Jordahl

Lector – Ro Zimany

Childrens Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – Kathy Bowermaster, Shirley Shiffler, Gail and Don Peterson

Acolytes – Paul Weaver, Sawyer Shiffler

Altar Guild – Rita Stackhouse, Mindy Scholten

Counters – Mark Stumme, Mike Peterman

Coffee Servers – Merkwon Family

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