

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

In him we have
REDEMPTION...
the
FORGIVENESS
of our trespasses,
according to the riches
of his
GRACE....
Ephesians 1:7, NRSV

The Season of Pentecost

June 17-July 8, 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 *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

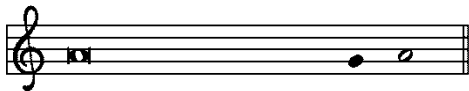
June 17	“This is My Father's World”	#824
June 24	“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”	#755
July 1	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	#733
July 8	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	#634

Greeting

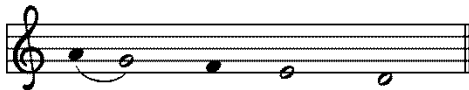
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



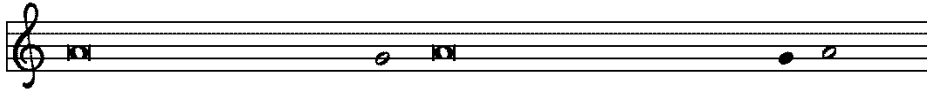
Lord, have mer - cy.



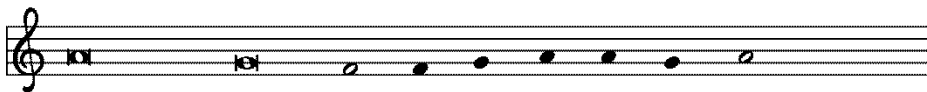
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



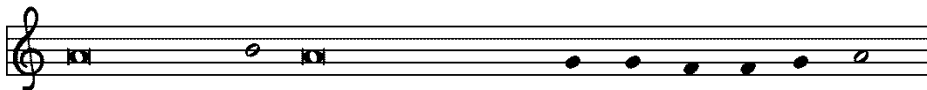
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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-thy 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.**

The Prayer of the Day, readings, and Psalm can be found in the insert.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

June 17	“Lord, Your Hands Have Formed”	#554
June 24	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”	#632
July 1	“O God of Mercy, God of Light”	#714
July 8	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	#742

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: 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

Please stand as you are able

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

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 a musical score for a four-part setting of the Great Thanksgiving. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues with 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff says 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth and final staff concludes with '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.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D, G). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff says 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth and final staff concludes with '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.**

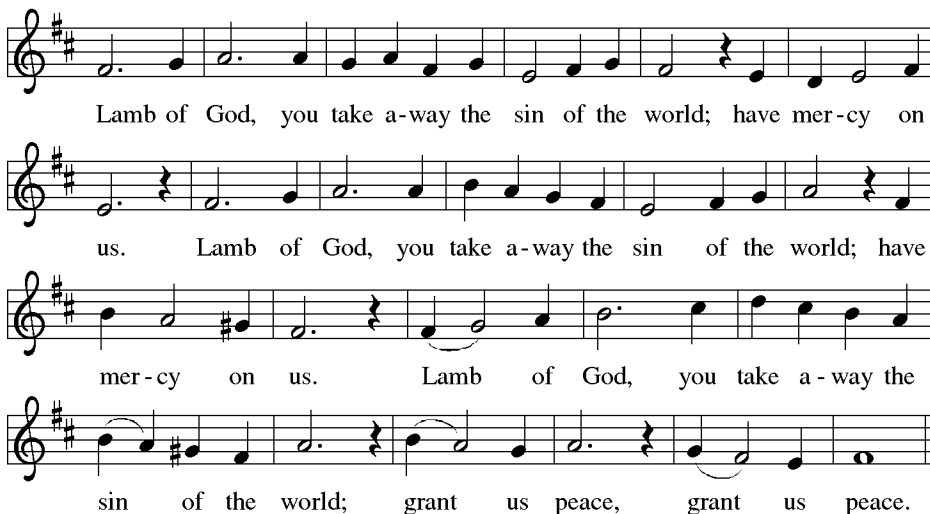
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

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



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:

June 17: 793, 733, 838

June 24: 423, 595, 692

July 1: 781, 789, 469

July 8: 472, 661, 785

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

June 17	“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”	#737
June 24	“How Firm a Foundation”	#796
July 1	“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”	#543
July 8	“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”	#547

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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!

Calendar, prayers and announcements may be found on the colored insert. While we do recycle the bulletins, please feel free to take home the colored and readings insert.

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.

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

Our Summer Worship Schedule:

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

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Prelude	"Be Still, My Soul" by Jean Sibelius, arr. by Albin C. Whitworth
Offertory	"Andante" by G.F. Handel
Postlude	"Faith of Our Fathers" by David H. Hegarty

Prayer of the Day

C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22–24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15



R:

The righ - teous shall spread a -



broad like a ce - dar of Leb - a - non.

¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

²to herald your love | in the morning and your faithful- | ness at night;

³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre, and to the melody | of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. R**

¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age; they shall be | green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is | no injustice. R**

Special Music

Janet Habick

Children's Sermon

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must

appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

C: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Fourth Chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 4:26–34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because

the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Announcements and Calendar

June 17, 2012

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, the family of Linda Palmer (Denny Rehder's sister), the family of CJ Wiersma (Joanne Johnson's brother in law) and the others we name before you...



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Roy Mann in honor of Bernie.

Quarters placed in the offering plate this Sunday, and every third Sunday, are for Food Pantry.

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! Eugene Krauss, Rita Stackhouse, Curt Johansen, Matthew Jordahl, Vivian Swanson, Marilyn Nizzi, Diana Johnson, Luis Reaza, Paul Kallenbach, Martha Mitchell, Delmar Vernia, Terin Stanfley, Sharena Appenzeller, Megan Riordan



Happy Anniversary to: Richard and Mary Johansen, Nick and Kristin Medhurst, Rev. Delmar and Lynn Niemuth, Donald and Grace Schroeder, Timothy and Jane Cantrell

Photo Wall Pictures! Last chance for US to take your photo until September! Bring your family on Sunday, June 24 and we'll take your picture after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Remember – we want to capture who you are, so feel free to wear clothes or bring props to communicate that. Of course, if you already have the perfect photo, you can send a digital or print copy to the office!

Calling all Singers...Now is your Chance! Grace Chancel Choir (age 12 through adults) will be singing twice this summer! Please join us....no formal musical training is required....just a desire to praise God in song! We are rehearsing and leading worship on the following dates....Contact Sherry Kocek (Office: (515) 276-6873 or Cell: (309) 536-0962, e-mail skocek@msn.com) for more information!

Sunday, June 24: Chancel Choir sings at 9:00 a.m. service

Rehearsals: Wed June 20 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Sun June 24 at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 22: Chancel Choir sings at 9:00 a.m. service

Rehearsals: Wed July 18 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Sun July 22 at 8:00 a.m.



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! **Registration Deadline: Monday June 18th! Don't miss out!**

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

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 17 *Fathers Day*

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

MONDAY, June 18

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. – Tops

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

6:00 p.m. – Stephen Supervision

TUESDAY, June 19

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – LSI Training

4:00 p.m. – VBS Meeting

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle

6:00 p.m. – Tops

6:00 p.m. – VBS Training – Gathering Hall

WEDNESDAY, June 20

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. – LSI Staff Meeting – GH I

THURSDAY, June 21

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – LSI Training

6:45 – 9:00 p.m. – Embroidery Guild

FRIDAY, June 22

9:30 a.m. – VBS Set-up

SATURDAY, June 23

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion

SUNDAY, June 17

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship, Photo Wall Pictures

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Liturgist – Mary Freimuth Helt

Lector – LaRue Buihner

Childrens Sermon – Pastor Mike

Communion servers – Tim and Loree Nelson, Alex Davik, Kate Schaller

Acolytes – Megan Riordan, Sawyer Shiffler

Altar Guild – Rita Stackhouse, Mindy Scholten

Counters – Alex Davik, Kent Weaver

Coffee Servers – Tim and Loree Nelson

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