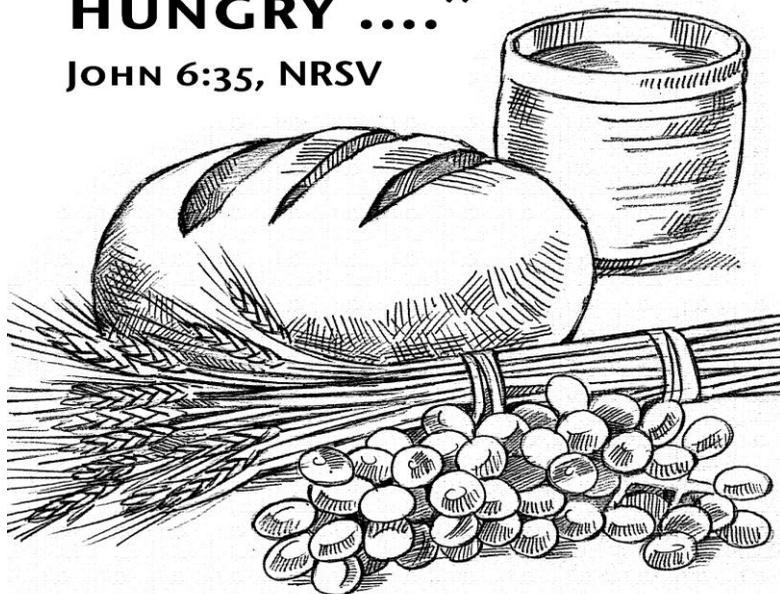


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

**“I AM THE
BREAD OF LIFE.
WHOEVER COMES TO
ME WILL NEVER BE
HUNGRY”**

JOHN 6:35, NRSV



The Season of Pentecost

July 15-August 5, 2012

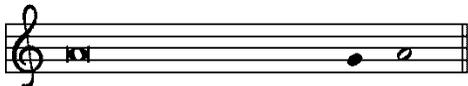
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The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Greeting

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

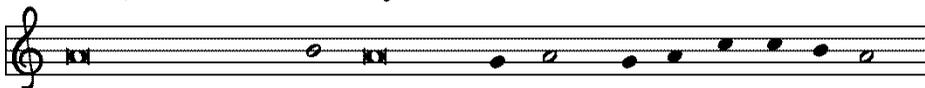
C: And also with you!

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.



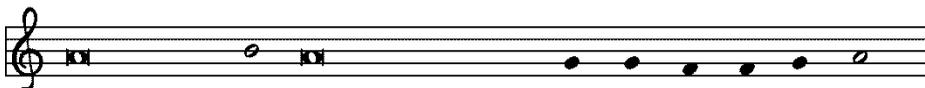
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

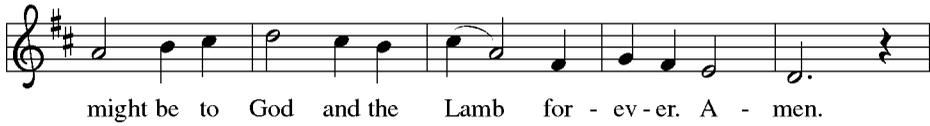
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

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



P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

First Reading: Amos 7:7–15

Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

⁷This is what he showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 85:8–13

R: I will lis - ten to what the LORD God is
say - ing, I will lis - ten to the LORD.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a
pathway. R**

Special Music

“River in Judea” by Marcus/Feldman arr. by John Leavitt
Joyce Lewis and May Jane Tesdall

Children’s Sermon

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14

In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 Sixth Chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 6:14–29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of

regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

July 15	“Faith of Our Fathers”	#812
July 22	“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”	#592
July 29	Tanzanian Service bulletin	
August 5	“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”	#658

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:

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" African American Spiritual,
Joyce Lewis and May Jane Tesdall arr. by Lloyd Larson

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 musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

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 musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F#, C#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

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.**

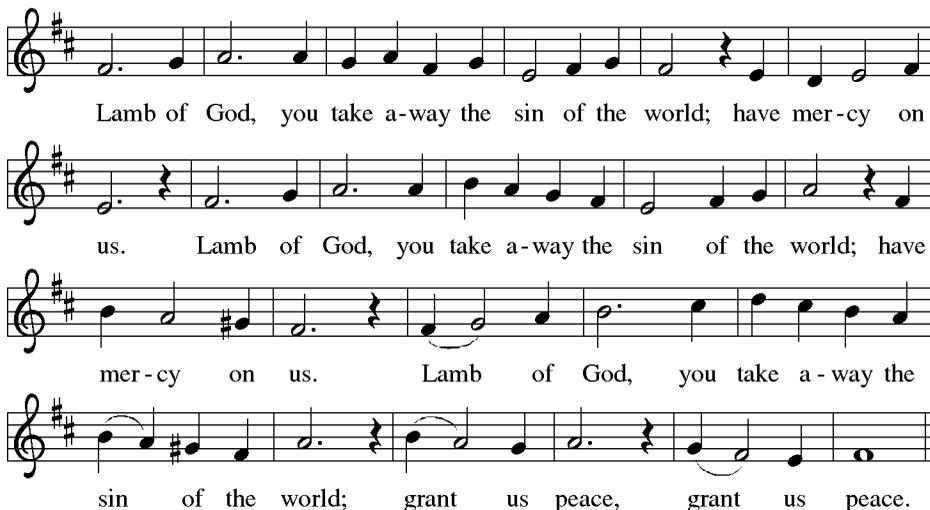
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

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:

July 15: 491, 614, 742

July 22: 666, 466, 483

July 29: Tanzanian Service bulletin

August 5: 335, 471, 608

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

July 15	“Lead On, O King Eternal!”	#805
July 22	“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”	#883
July 29	Tanzanian Service bulletin	
August 5	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	#656

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Little Trumpet Tune in D" by Pat Thurman

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!

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

In our prayers: Tony, Heath, Erik, Jill, Norma Black, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Lucy Krauss, Margaret Olson, Helen Richards, Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, the family of Frank Jessen and the others we name before you...



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and are provided by the Grace Gardening Group in praise and thanksgiving for God's many blessings, including the beauty of nature.

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

Happy Birthday to the following people this week! Serena Helton, Rebecca Harmon, Kristin Swanson, Hannah Jensen, Melinda Scholten, Einar Christianson, Lucille Krause, Jayne Mortenson, Bradley Nelson, Anders Nelson, Lucius Chapman, Krista Nelson, Martha Kaleewoun

Happy Anniversary to: Bill and Rhonda Jensen, Joseph and Brescia Berg, Justin and Katherine Scholl, Tim and Loree Nelson

Attention Christian Rock Fans and State Fair Lovers!!

Join us for a night of great music by Christian artist, Toby Mac, Tenth Avenue North and Jamie Grace at the State Fair Grandstand on August 9th at 8:00. Tickets are \$32.00.

Please contact Cherie Rissman at 270-0278 or cherierissman@gmail.com

Informational seminar on long-term care for seniors:

Do you have parents you are concerned about relative to their safety and security as they age? Or, perhaps, you are getting up in years and are thinking about how to spend your retirement years in an enjoyable environment for you and your spouse. If either of these statements fit you, then you should plan on coming to a dedicated seminar for persons interested in, or needing information on long-term care.

The Two Rivers Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a panel of persons knowledgeable on the subject of long-term care for seniors. Panelists representing the following categories are scheduled to speak:

- Long term care and support for Veterans
- Nursing Home Care
- Assisted Living Accommodations
- Provision of Home Health Support Services
- Medicaid eligibility criteria for long-term care
- Determining the quality of services within long-term care facilities

If you are interested in any or all of these subjects, you are encouraged to attend an informational seminar on **July 28th at 2 PM at Luther Park Community Center, located at 1555 Hull Avenue in Des Moines.** Mark your calendars NOW.

Refreshments will be served. If you plan on attending this event or have questions regarding the event, **please call Lon Friesth at 515-276-1527.** We are confident this seminar will be especially informative.

Housing needed for camp staff: During the week of August 13, Lutheran Lakeside Camp will be running a daycamp program at Bread of Life Church in Des Moines. Housing is needed for the 7 staff who will be coming for it. If you can help with this, please contact Stephanie Johnson ASAP. Thank you!

Grace Giving Garden Update:

Thank you to all who have been weeding and keeping the garden watered during these past hot weeks. The end of July and all of August is open for watering – please help us. And keep your eye out for the sweet labels and decorations painted by the VBS kids – they’ll be planted soon!

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Preaching Pastor – Rev. Douglas Johnson

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 - Jacquelyn Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – Jay Wangerin, Paul Nelson, Kevin Krause

Liturgist – Janet Habick

Lector – Karen Taylor

Childrens Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – Karen Taylor, Stephanie Johnson, Ardis Schmelzer, Amy Schmelzer

Acolytes – Devin Ashton

Altar Guild – Tammy Denton, Alice Kulzer, Diane Jessen

Counters –

Coffee Servers – Karen Taylor

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, July 15

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Douglas Johnson

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

1:00 p.m. – Wedding of Jenie Fuller and Pastor Michael Schmidt

2:00 p.m. – Wedding reception in Grace Hall

MONDAY, July 16

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. - VBS follow up meeting

4:00 p.m. – Tops

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, July 17

6:00 p.m. – Tops

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle

WEDNESDAY, July 18

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

7:00-8:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, July 19

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

11:30 a.m. – Immanuel Methodist Salad Luncheon at Immanuel

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

SATURDAY, July 21

5:00 p.m. - Holy Communion – Rev. Douglas Johnson

SUNDAY, July 22

8:00 a.m. – Chancel Choir Practice

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Douglas Johnson

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

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