

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

*"It is the
Spirit
that gives
Life:
the flesh is useless.
The words that
I have spoken
to you are
Spirit
and Life."*

John 6:63, NRSV

The Season of Pentecost

August 12-September 2, 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
“At Summer's End” by George Blake

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God and Father of all,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. 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

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

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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

The congregation sings the refrain only

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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 - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and neither to add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it

as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 15

R: 

LORD, who may dwell in your tab - er - na - cle?

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ¹tabernacle? Who may abide upon your ¹holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹what is right, who speak the truth ¹from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- ¹on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ¹fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be ¹overthrown. **R**

Children's Sermon

Second Reading: James 1:17–27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us

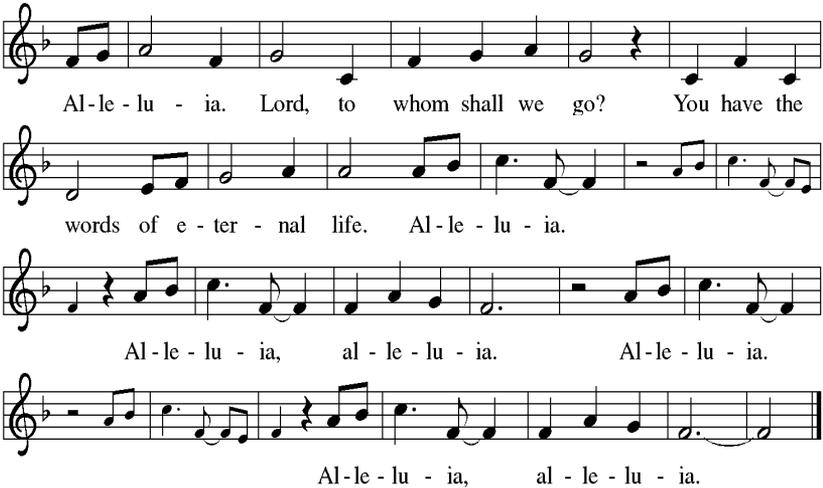
birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

September 2

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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This morning we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Henry Jordahl. Parents are Kara and Matt Jordahl. Sponsors are Zack Kulzer and Melody Jordahl-Iafrato.

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: Let us pray

C: Have mercy, O God.

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: "Trio en Chaconne" by Andre Raison

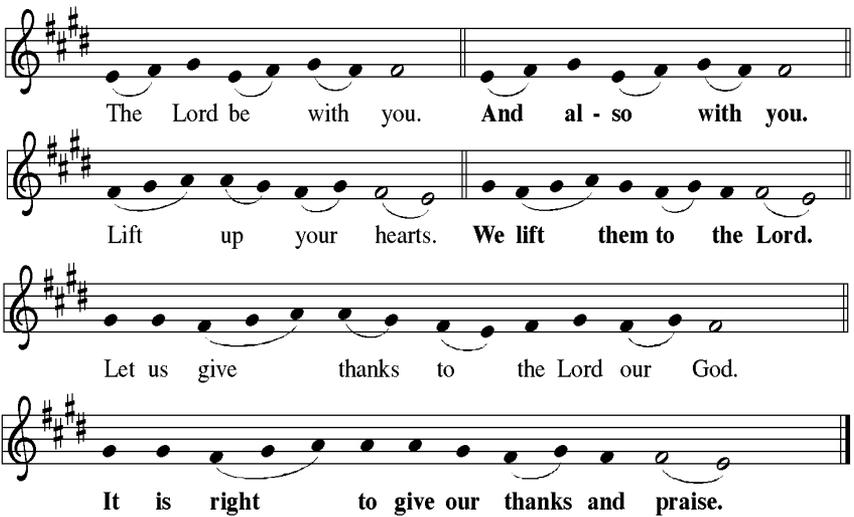
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Offering Prayer

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

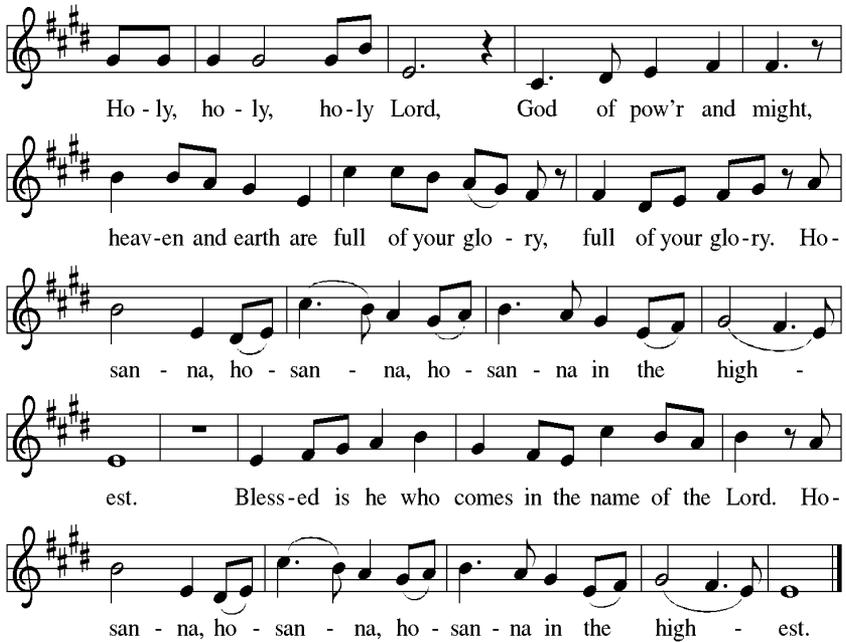
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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.

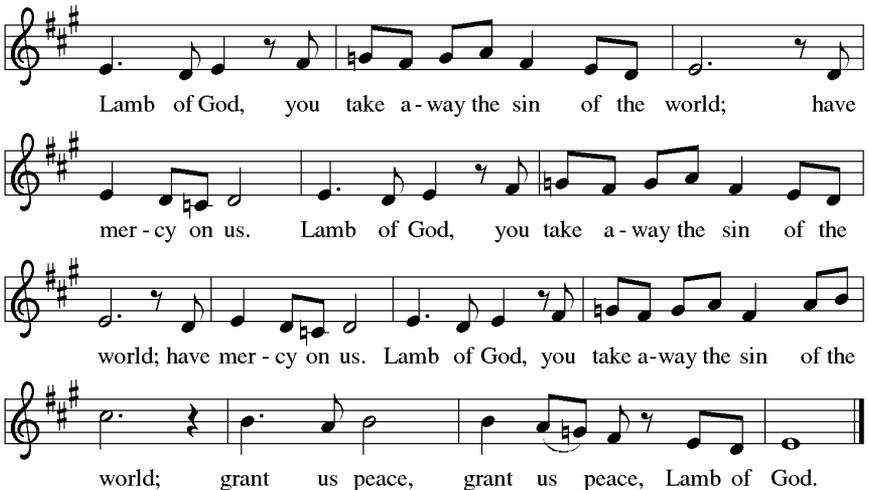
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

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, Lamb of God.

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

September 2

“You Are the Way”

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

"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!

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.

Announcements and Calendar

Sunday September 2, 2012

In our prayers: Tony, Heath, Erik, Jill, LeRoi Beers, Norma Black, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Willa Mae Johansen, Lucy Krauss, Marvin Malmin, Margaret Olson, Helen Richards, Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, Robert Ziesman, the family of Betty Vance, and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Richard Snyder in honor of all who have found love in marriage and in memory of the happiest day of his life, September 2, 1972.

Stephen Ministry is about hope. A Stephen Minister actively listens to a care receiver's concerns, identifying feelings and needs with skillful compassion, faithfulness and trustworthiness. If you have a personal or health related problem area in your life and need someone to listen, **a trained Stephen Minister is available in the Upper Room between services.**

Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Michelle Voelker, Heather Nelson, Sigurd (Andy) Anderson, Nylya Bartlet, John Donnenwerth, Bill Henderson, Richard Snyder, Kiley Brandsfield, Nely Ruiz, Dennis Rehder, Ethan Meadows, Grace Calhoun

Happy Anniversary to:

Brent and Valerie Culp, Todd and Elizabeth Prescott, Donald and Gail Peterson, Charles and Tammy Denton, Arnold and Willa Mae Johansen, Aaron and Martha Page, Donald and Gladys Peterson



Celebration Sunday NEXT WEEK!



Save the Date! Sunday September 9 will begin with one service at 9 a.m. Following the service will be children’s activities, kit packing, garden fence painting, acolyte sign-ups, speed texting contests, fall music sign-ups, a meal at 11:30, followed by more games and fun. Join us!

***New Members* Class**



New Member Class

The next New Member Class will meet Sunday, September 9, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Sunday School staff meeting: This Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00pm we are meeting to gather teaching materials, learn about the new curriculum, and get oriented to and registered for the online resources for the Spark curriculum. Questions? Contact Beth Flannery (288-5880) or Kara Jordahl (633-7083).

Men In Mission

Men In Mission will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 6. The Speaker will be Heather Nelson, director of Grace Kids care.

Parents of college students or military service

Is your child heading off to college or the military service? If so, we, as their church family, would like to stay connected with these young adult members. The plan is to send some goodies along with notes of encouragement a few times through the school year. All we need is your child’s college address. Please provide to Cherie Rissman. (205-8939 or cherierissman@gmail.com)

Fall Sunday Worship Schedule

Wednesday, September 5: Brass, Grace Bells, Chancel Choir begin.

Celebration Sunday, September 9, Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 12: Super Wednesday activities begin – Supper, Cherub and Youth Choir, Lectionary Study, Book Discussion, Brass Practice, Chapel Chimers, Youth Bells, Kids Hour, and a Confirmation Parent meeting.

Beginning Sunday September 16

Holy Communion at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Education Hour and Adult Forum at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 19: Confirmation Class begins 6:30-7:30

Fall Piano and Voice Lessons at Grace!

Sherry Kocek, Ensemble Director at Grace has openings in her studio this fall for piano and voice students. Children and adults are welcome! Grace members will be given a discount rate.

Please contact, Sherry at 309-536-0962 or skocek@msn.com

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, September 2

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion, baptism of Henry Jordahl

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. – Grace Women's Board

MONDAY, September 3

Labor Day, Office Closed

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, September 4

6:00 p.m. – Tops

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Knitter's Guild

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Staff Meeting – GH II

7:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 5

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells

7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, September 6

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

6:30 p.m. – Men In Mission

FRIDAY, September 7

SATURDAY, September 8

4:00 p.m. – Private event in Esperanza Chapel

SUNDAY, September 9, *Celebration Sunday*

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. – LWR Packing, Garden Fence Painting,
Children's Activities, Various Information Booths

11:15 – 11:30: Contests

11:30 a.m. – Lunch with Dessert, Presentation from the ELCA Youth
Gathering 2012

After lunch: Activities and Games for all ages!

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

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 - Jacquelyn Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – Jon Rissman, Jessica Rissman, Marv Simonsen, Jim Rundle

Liturgist – Alex Davik

Lector – Carla Peterman

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Mike

Communion servers – Jane Ridnour, Jan Gross, Janet Trentmann,
Karen Taylor

Acolytes – Adam and Haley Dostalik

Altar Guild – Mary McCann, Sue Anderson

Counters – Mark Stumme, Jon Rissman

Coffee Server – Ross Peeler

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