

# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



## **The time after Pentecost**

September 16 – 23, 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

***Welcome!** 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 there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the in the Gathering Hall.*

***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 side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), 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.*

***A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.*

## **Prelude**

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*  
“Christ Our Fortress, Christ Our Cornerstone” by Christina Beckett

## **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: have mercy on us. In so many ways we cause or suffer brokenness: envy, ambition, conflict, boasting, hard hearts, lashing tongues, and dishonor for the poor. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

**September 16 “O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True” #675**

**September 23 “O God of Every Nation” #713**

## **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.**

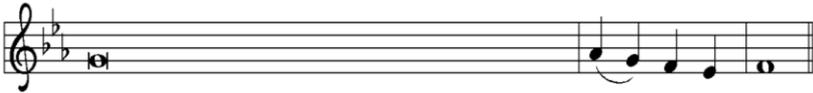
**Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



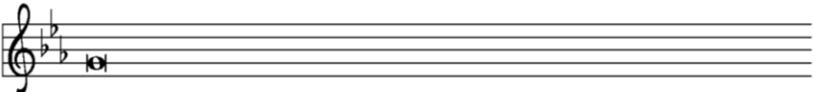
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



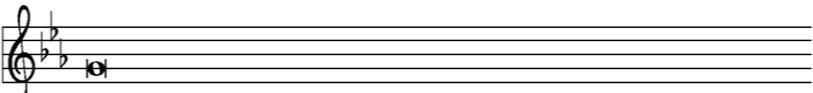
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, 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, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives.**

**Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### Presentation of Bibles

Kindergartners: Dilynn Chapman, Catherine Lewis, Max Ringgenberg

3rd Graders: Drake Carney, Quinci Chapman, Ivy Lawson, Gumarito

Marquez, Trinity Newman

## First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4–9a

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## Psalm: Psalm 116:1–9

R   
I will walk in the pres-ence of the LORD.

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup>heard my voice, and listened to my <sup>1</sup>supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup>ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup>came upon me; I came to <sup>1</sup>grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, <sup>1</sup>save my life." R**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the <sup>1</sup>LORD and righteous; our God is full <sup>1</sup>of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, <sup>1</sup>and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt <sup>1</sup>well with you.

**<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my <sup>1</sup> life from death, my eyes from tears, and my <sup>1</sup> feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence <sup>1</sup> of the LORD in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living. **R**

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Second Lesson: James 3:1–12**

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouths come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

L: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the  
unrighteous,\* in order to bring | you to God. (*1 Pet. 3:18*)

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

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

### Gospel: Mark 8:27–38

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"  
<sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called

the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 16**

**"Lift High the Cross"**

**#660**

**September 23 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

**#712**

**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: Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, 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:** "Aria Cantabile by Samuel Wesley"

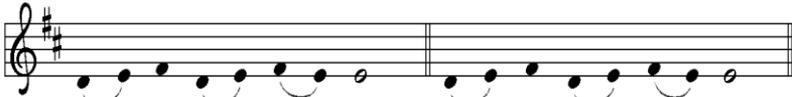
*Please stand as you are able*

### **Offering Prayer**

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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.**

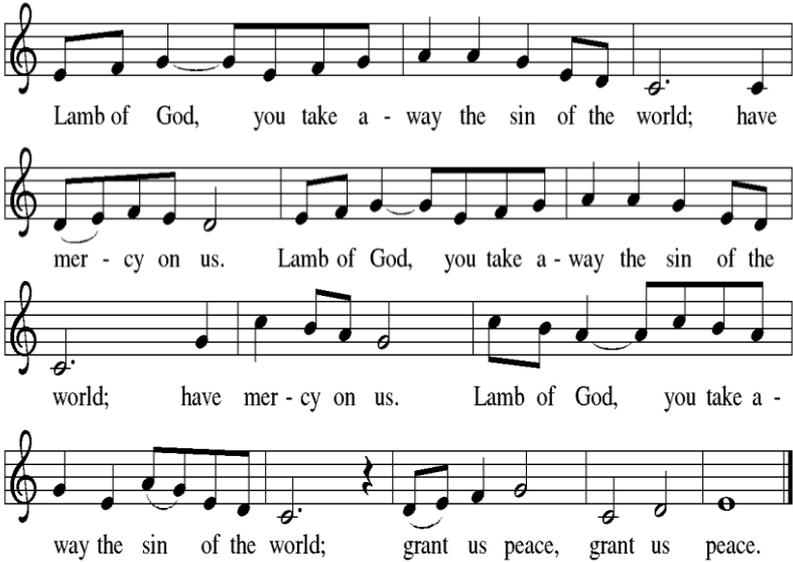
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## **Invitation to Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table prepared before you. Taste God's goodness and mercy.

*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:

September 16: 468, 790, 744

September 23: 793, 496, 661

*Please stand as you are able*

## Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant 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.**



**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings, beginning September 11 from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II . Tuesday evening Bible Study will begin October 2nd at 6 p.m. in Esperanza Chapel. Pastor Mike leads both studies.

**Text Study** on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Leonard Larsen and Mark Mattes lead this study.

***Our world is badly in need of people who love, and it is hungering for people who demonstrate genuine kindness.***

If you believe that statement, and desire to be one of those people who love and demonstrate the genuine kindness that the world is so hungering for, you are invited to join with others on the journey of discovering a relationship with God that leads to becoming such a person. We will be using a series of three books written by James Bryan Smith: The Good and Beautiful God, The Good and Beautiful Life and The Good and Beautiful Community. We currently have 8 people signed up and will schedule dates and times based on your availability. There may be a group meeting in the evening as well as a second group meeting during the education hour on Sunday mornings. If you would like more information contact Cherie Rissman or Julie Honsey.



**Super Wednesday Suppers** are from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall I. Join us!

We are looking for individuals and families to prepare and serve meals (sign up with a friend!), right now for September and October. We have easy ideas for you (make a casserole, order pizzas, put out a sandwich bar). Meals must be ready to serve at 5 p.m. – just sign-up in the kitchen or contact Jane Ridnour at 577-7841.



**Happy Anniversary to: Michael and Nicole Vernon**



**Happy Birthday to the following people this week!**

Lorna Johns, Karen Mann, Michael Schmidt, Sonny Hutton, Sarah Helt, Frank McKinney, Cindy Wheeler, Michael Vernon, Helen Richards, Chris Lehfeld, Marlin Nielsen, Anthony Royster, Jeanine Rutter, Finnegan Holst, Aaron Thompson

**Lutheran World Relief**

We will be collecting donations towards making kits for the next two weeks. You will find special envelopes in your pews if you would like to make a donation. The Ingathering will be Sunday September 23 during the services. We would love your help in packing up kits and quilts after the 10:45 service on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Women of the ELCA invites all women:**

To our Fall 2012 Gathering at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 914 Ash, Ankeny, Iowa, on September 29, 2012. The program, "The Healing Power of Humor" will be presented by "Clickette the Clown". (Debbie Cooper of the Iowa Dept. of Public Health). Come and learn how to laugh!

## 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** – 8:15 Jon Rissman, Jessica Rissman, Marv Simonsen, Jim Rundle; 10:45 Norm Iverson, Lenora Iverson, Jay Wangerin

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Alex Davik, 10:45 Stephanie Johnson

**Lector** – 8:15 Amy Schmelzer 10:45 Jeff Farrell

**Children’s Sermon** – Carol Woodruff

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Tim and Loree Nelson, Beth Flannery, John Roehrick

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Matt Farrell, Isaac McCleary; 10:45 Paul Weaver

**Altar Guild** – Mary McCann, Sue Anderson

**Counters** – 8:15 Mike Peterman, Mike Carney; 10:45 Kent Weaver, Carter Woodruff

**Coffee Servers** – Norm and Lenora Iverson