

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 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), then 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 8:15

“Es ist ein Ros'entsprungen”

by Johannes Brahms

Welcome

Processional Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re - joyce! Re - joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Advent Wreath Hymn Verse 1 only

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your love. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Come and fill our hearts with your joy. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Come and fill our hearts with your hope. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with the same key signature. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

Come and fill our hearts with your love. Al-le-lu-ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your joy. Al-le-lu-ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your hope. Al-le-lu-ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a bass clef staff with the same key signature. The treble staff includes a melodic line with some slurs and a final chord, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

Prayer of the Day

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14–16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the

promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 25:1–10

R 
To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. R**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. R**

Anthem: Advent and Christmas Selections
Grace Bells

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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: Stand up and ¹raise your heads--* your redemption is ¹drawing near.
(*Luke 21:28*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-first Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 21:25–36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

“People, Look East”

#248



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 the prayers of your people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ 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

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

arr. by Charity Boyles

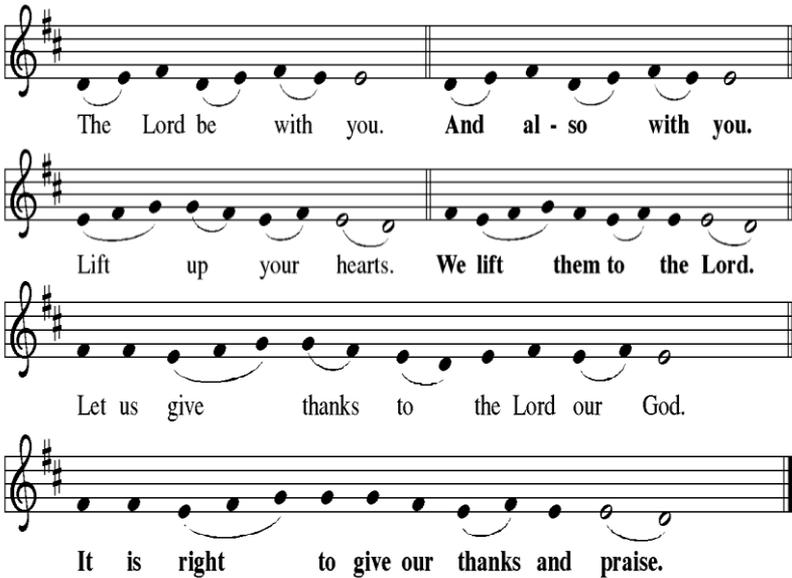
Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior 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-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. God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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: 438, 471, 491

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

Hymn

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

#250

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

setting by John Ferguson



Announcements and Calendar

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Dennis Farver (John Farver’s father), Nayeli Jacobo, Diane Jessen, Karla Swanson, the Rev. Erwin Swanson and family, the family of Bob Schossow (Beverly Russell’s father), and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Beverly Russell in memory of her husband Tom, brother Mark, and dad Bob.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today and every First Sunday are for Hunger.

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

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time. Please join us!

Adult Forum

December 2 – Mark Mattes on Isaiah

December 9 – Mosaic, with speakers Carol Mau and Laura Holtman

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. Tuesday evening Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Pastor Mike leads both studies.



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

Super Wednesday:

December 5: The Taylors are preparing dinner.

December 12: open

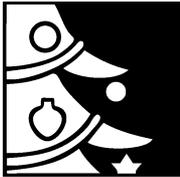
December 19: open

January: *the Ridnours will NOT be in town to cook/serve for us!*

Please consider volunteering to prepare and serve a dinner. Jane Ridnour has plenty of ideas to make it easy for you! Please sign up in the kitchen or give Jane a call at 277-6838

Happy Anniversary to Thomas and Rebecca Selander.

Happy Birthday to Beverly Anderson, Sean Calhoun, Christopher Barks, Martha Page, Ami Bradwell, Carter Woodruff, Anna Marie Peterson, Duane Ulrick, Darlis Honnold, Aaron Brandsfield, Gus Berven, Robert Ziesman, Brian Barks, Felicia Adams



Be a part of Grace's Festival of Trees! Thanks to the Willing Workers, Grace Hall has several trees set up, and individuals and committees are invited to bring in ornaments which can be reclaimed at the end of the season. Does your committee want to adopt its own tree and maybe decorate it thematically? Go for it! You are

also welcome to bring in your own tree if others are already taken or filled up. We encourage your creativity in this process!



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Bells & Brass Concert

Come hear our own Grace Bells, Grace Brass, and Chancel Choir perform in a lovely concert on Sunday December 9 at 4:00 p.m. A dessert bar will follow.



The Star Tree can be found in the Gathering Hall full of Gold Stars! Each star contains the name of a resident at LSI or Mosaic, along with their age and wish for a toy or a game.

Spending limits are \$25 for each star. Please consider taking a star, and return the unwrapped gift with Star attached to the Star tree by the date listed. Thank you for making someone's Christmas!



The altar is decorated each Christmas by the donation of poinsettias from members at Grace. This year the poinsettias will be pink, white and red. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed on the altar, complete the order form and place in the offering plate along with payment or turn into the church office.

Cost is \$9.10 per plant and payment is due with the order. ***The last day to order poinsettias will be Tuesday, December 4.*** You will be able to pick up your poinsettia after Sunday service on December 25. Please pick it up before the December 30 service.



Children's Christmas Pageant

The pageant will take place at the 10:45 service on Sunday December 16.

Dress rehearsal will be Saturday December 15 from 10 a.m. – noon and during the Sunday school hour on December 16. The 2nd and 3rd graders will be in costume, all other children are invited to wear something festive.

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, December 2 *Advent begins*

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice

9:30 a.m. – Bible study on Mark's Gospel - Esperanza Café

9:30 a.m. – Good and Beautiful God Book Discussion - Chapel

9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room

10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. – Grace Fellowship Turkey Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Hannah Circle Christmas Gathering at the Denton's

MONDAY, December 3

10:00 a.m. – Staff meeting

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

5:30 p.m. – Luther College Communication Audit Presentation
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, December 4

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Bible Study in Grace Hall
6:00 p.m. – TOPS
6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in the Gathering Hall
6:00 p.m. – Good and Beautiful God book discussion – Café
6:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Knitters Guild – GH I

WEDNESDAY, December 5

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Cherub Choir
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir
4:30 p.m. – Grace Women’s Board
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Supper
5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Chapel Chimers (grade 3-5)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Kids Hour
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Lectionary Study
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells (grades 6-12)
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Hangout, high school room
6:30 p.m. – Brass Practice
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Confirmation
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells
7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, December 6

9:00 a.m. – Quilters
9:30 a.m. – Martha Circle Holiday Meeting
6:30 p.m. – Holy Communion Evening Worship
6:30 p.m. – Men in Mission

FRIDAY, December 7

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. – LSI Early Childhood Participant Holiday Event

SATURDAY, December 8

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bells and Brass Rehearsal
3:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Reaza Family Birthday Party

SUNDAY, December 9

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall
9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice
9:30 a.m. – Good and Beautiful God Book Discussion - Chapel

9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
1:00 p.m. – New Member Class
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. MICSS Christmas Celebration - Cafe
4:00 p.m. – Bells & Brass Concert with Special Appearance by the
Chancel Choir, followed by Hot Cocoa and Desserts served by the Grace
Women

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 Linda Biegger, Dee Hummel, Tim Nelson, Larry

Nordeen 10:45 Mark Stumme, Jay Wangerin, Tom McCleary

Liturgist – 8:15 – Alex Davik 10:45 – Sherry Kocek

Lector – 8:15 – Amy Schmelzer 10:45 – Rev. Ro Zimany

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Mike

Communion servers – 8:15 Amy Schmelzer, Karen Taylor, Julie
Honsey, Kate Schaller

Acolytes – 8:15 Paul Weaver, Megan Riordan 10:45 Isaac McCleary,
Yaritza Marquez

Altar Guild – Michelle Voelker, Sue Anderson, Carol Woodruff

Counters – 8:15 Mike Peterman, Carter Woodruff, 10:45 – Alex
Davik, Chris Lawson

Coffee – Karen Taylor

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