

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2013

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 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

***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.*

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Prelude

“Brightest and Best”

by Lani Smith

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

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 Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of glory, God of peace,

C: we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God; sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth 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, Beloved of the Maker”

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Greeting

P: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.

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



P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated

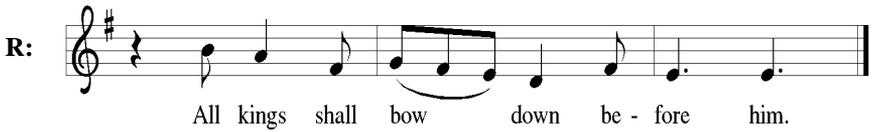
First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1–6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: the Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14



¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God, and your righteousness to | the
king's son;

²**that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with
justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in
righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people, rescue the poor, and
crush | the oppressor. R**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation |
to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers
that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of
peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute, and the
kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. R**

¹¹May all kings bow | down before him, and all the nations | do him
service.

¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress, the
oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor, and preserves the lives | of
the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives, and
precious is their blood | in his sight. R**

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1–12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission

of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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. Matthew, the Second Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1–12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

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(10:45) Baptism of Declan Reid Holst. *Parents of Declan are Joel and Stacie Holst. Sponsors are Tim and Tami Colby, and Ryan and Gen Purdy.*

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Creed (8:15 only)

**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: O God, who shines light into darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' name.

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 "Hail, O Star!" by Edvard Grieg, arr. by Benton Price

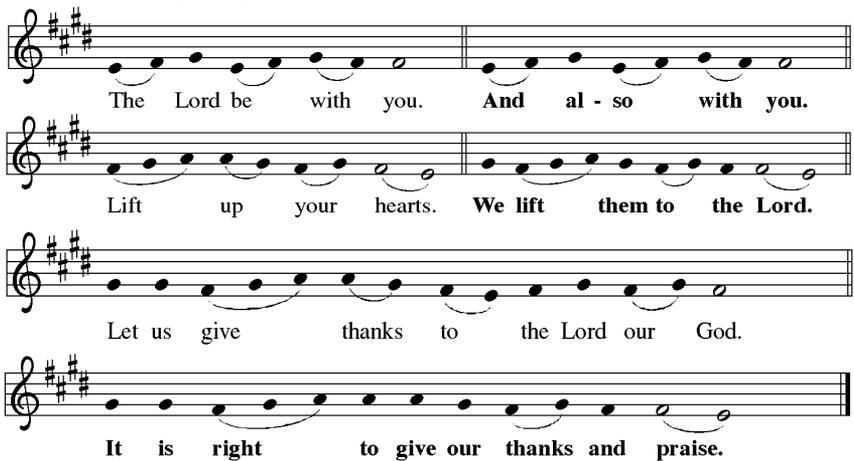
Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Great Thanksgiving



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

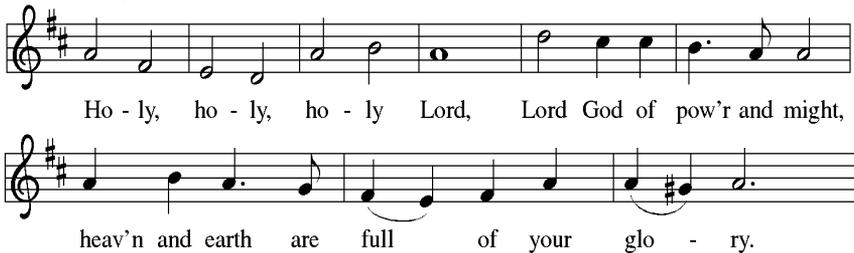
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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.

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.**

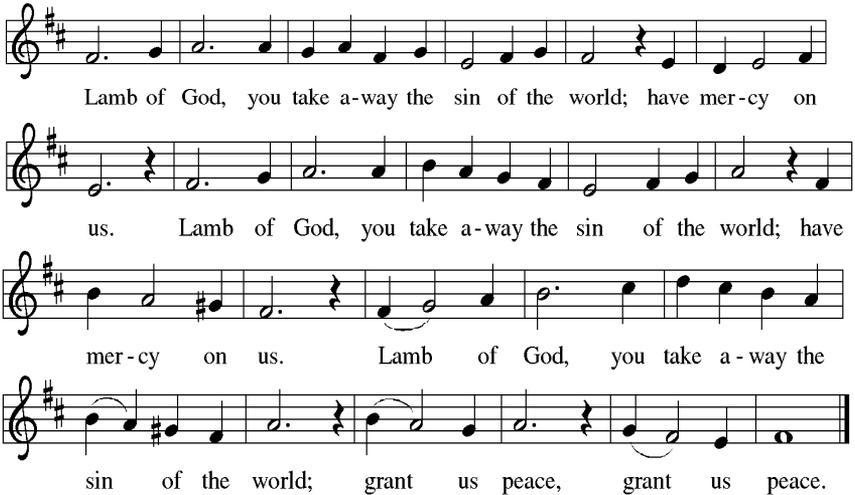
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live.

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: 300, 303, 815

Prayer after Communion

P: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, 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: "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" #313

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“We Three Kings”

arr/ by Bryce Inman

Announcements and Calendar

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Diane Jessen, Cleone Oberg, the family of Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mindy and Gary Scholten.

Quarters placed in the offering plate this 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** will resume today at 9:30 after coffee time.

Adult Forum January 6 – Epiphany presentation:
Pastor Bill Kallestad

January 13 – Intergenerational Event: Care of
Pets/Animals with Sandy Briggs



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. Both will resume on the 8th.

Super Wednesday meals will resume on January 9.

February 6: Open. Please sign up in the kitchen or give Jane a call as soon as possible (before she leaves town) at 277-6838.

Happy Birthday to: Julie Honsey, Tammy Denton, Amy Schmelzer, Joseph Mattes, Laura Ziesman, Kathy Roat, Catherine Lewis

Happy Anniversary to: Eric and Heather Nelson, David and JoAnn Gronert

Sunday school staff mark your calendars! Lunch and meeting at noon in Grace Hall. Sunday, January 13.



Lent begins on February 13. If you would like to write one or more daily devotions for the season, please sign up on the interest list at Volunteer Central by January 15.

Please have reports for the Annual Report to the Congregation into the office by **Friday, January 11**. This will allow time for compiling and copying. Thank you, Jackie

Grace Hall Festival of Trees: If you brought ornaments for the Christmas trees in Grace Hall and want to take them home now that the trees are packed away, they are available for pickup in Jackie's office. Otherwise, we will carefully pack them in totes and store them for next year's festival. Thank you for your participation as our "grove of trees" expands.



This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, January 6

- 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. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
- 9:30 a.m. – Youth service planning meeting, High School room
- 9:30 a.m. – Good and Beautiful God Book Discussion – Chapel
- 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion, baptism of Declan Holst

MONDAY, January 7

- 10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, January 8

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Bible Study in Grace Hall
6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in the Gathering Hall
6:00 p.m. – Good and Beautiful God book discussion – Café
6:00 p.m. – TOPS
7:00 p.m. – Committee Night: Evangelism, Finance, Lay Ministry
Team, Property, Social Ministry, Worship and Music, Youth Ed.
8:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY, January 9

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 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Hangout, high school room
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)
6:30 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, January 10

9:00 a.m. – Quilters
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – First Circle Friends meeting – GH II
1:30 p.m. – Calvin Community Communion
6:30 p.m. – Holy Communion Evening Worship

FRIDAY, January 11

SATURDAY, January 12

SUNDAY, January 13

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. – Intergenerational Animal Ministries Event
9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
9:30 a.m. – Good and Beautiful God Book Discussion – Chapel
10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
12:00 noon – Sunday School Staff Lunch

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 -

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – 8:15 Kevin Krause, Chuck Denton, Leslie Denton 10:45 Paul Nelson, Rick Fry, Jay Wangerin

Liturgist – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Sherry Kocek

Lector – 8:15 Amy Schmelzer 10:45 Rita Stackhouse

Children's Sermon – Pastor Mike

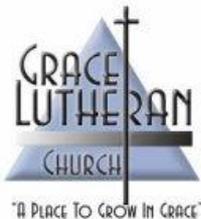
Communion servers – 8:15 a.m. Tin Nelson, Rachel Bigg, Carla Petman, Jenie Schmidt

Acolytes – 8:15 Devin Ashton, Megan Riordan 10:45 Payton Lawson, Yaritza Marquez

Altar Guild – Mindy Scholten and Loree Nelson

Counters – 8:15 Chris Lawson and Mike Peterman 10:45 Jeff Farrell and Alex Davik

Coffee – Norman and Lenora Iverson



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