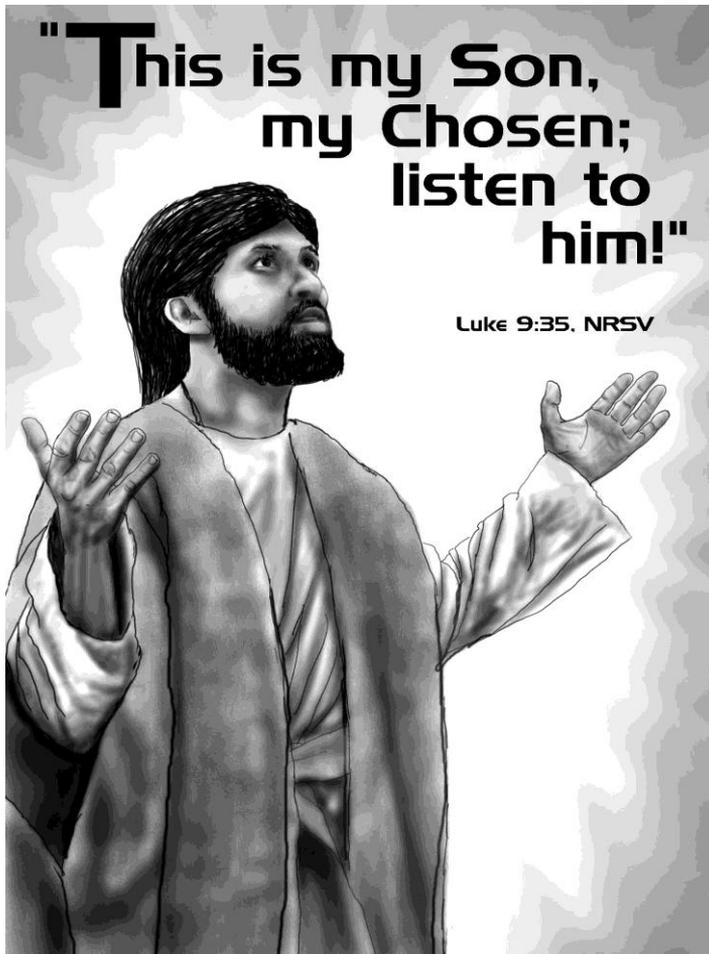


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



The Second Sunday in Lent

February 24, 2013

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 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

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” Telemann/Walther

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

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: we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. 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.

Hymn

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

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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.



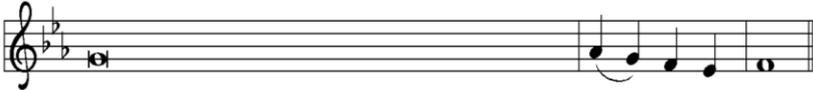
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



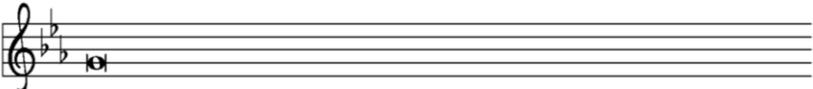
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



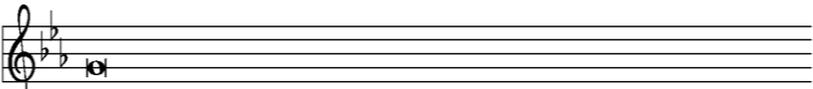
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall

your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

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

Psalm 27

R 

In the day of trou - ble, God will give me shel - ter.

- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?
²**When evildoers close in against me to de- ¹ vour my flesh, they, my
 foes and my enemies, will stum- ¹ ble and fall.**
³Though an army encamp against me, my heart ¹ will not fear. Though
 war rise up against me, my trust will ¹ not be shaken.
⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek; that I may dwell in
 the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
 beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple. R**
⁵For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter, hide me in the
 hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.
⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround
 me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
 rejoicing; I will sing and make music ¹ to the LORD.**

Chapter 4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



C Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Thirteenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:31–35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

#618

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: Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in 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.**

Installation of Congregational Council

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 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

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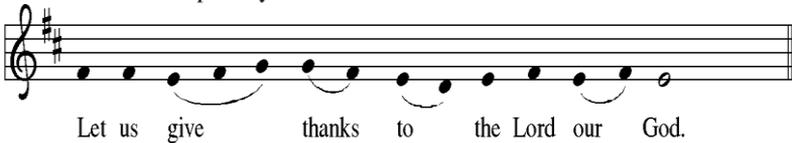
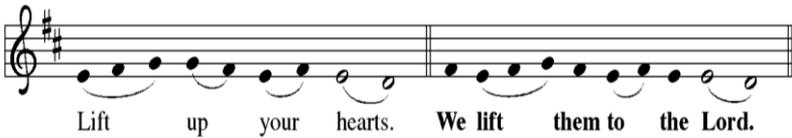
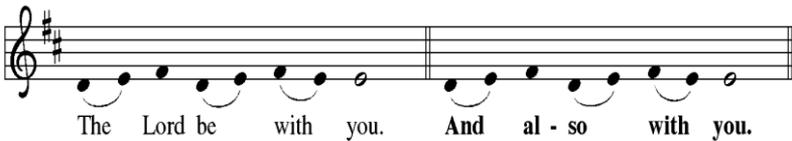
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Offering Prayer

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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. All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

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: 328, 638, 471



Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; 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.

Hymn “God Be With You ‘Till We Meet Again” #536

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Little Prelude in E Minor” Bach

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements and Calendar

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Diane Jessen, Sandra Roehrick and the others we name before you...

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

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.

Adult Forum

February 24 - ELCA Missionary Presentation – Rev. Eric Carlson

March 3 - Luther's Theology of the Cross – Rev. Ken Jones

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.

Wednesday night schedule changes

We won't hold Thursday night worship - join us for soup supper at 5 p.m. and informal worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday to: Sharyn Nelson, Barbara Burley, Jonathan Rudisill, Leigh Harmon, Melissa Young, Shane Artzer, Gayle Olson, Angela Collins, Elayne Palmer, Jerry

Westercamp, Dana Johnson, Mary Johansen, Rebecca Sonius, Kristin Snyder, Donald York

Happy Anniversary to: Paul & Sally Thielking
Harold & Karen Mann



Grace Fellowship Features a railroad theme

Grace fellowship will kick off the first meeting of the year with a look at Iowa railroad history. Sunday evening, March 3rd at 5 p.m. we'll gather in Grace Hall for a light meal. Then Denny Rehder will share stories and music from his 18 years performing "Grass Between the Rails" as a "Roads" scholar for Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the food.



Daylight Savings Time is coming, and so is Cinnamon Roll Sunday!

You might not be able to sleep in on Sunday, March 10, but you can count on us for a toasty warm fragrant cinnamon roll during coffee hour on Sunday March 10! Cinnamon rolls will be available in plates of four. Proceeds will go for the 2015 National Youth Gathering trip to Detroit, and high school summer trips.

Luis Reaza, our custodian for the last few years, will be missed. He was a very hard worker and a friend and fellow Christian who served our community in many ways. Several people have expressed a need to tell him how much they appreciated him and Ernestina and their kindnesses while they were with us.

If you are interested in writing a letter or card to Luis and/ or Ernestina, please bring it to church between now and Feb. 28, and place it in the basket in the Gathering Hall. If you are interested in leaving a gift it would be best to drop that off at the church office so that the gifts can be kept safely until delivery. These cards and gifts will be delivered to Luis and Ernestina after February 28.

Find the Friendly Visitor. If you are picking up your newsletter, it can be found right in the entryway, on the brick wall over the radiator. There are also newsletters on the wall in the Hallway leading to Grace Hall, not far from the Fair Trade Coffee.

Nickels for Nets: Are you wondering why there are mosquito-netted barrels in the Gathering Hall and Grace Hall? We are launching a fundraising effort for the ELCA Malaria Campaign and are inviting everyone's participation. More details will be unveiled in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, we are collecting clean, non-alcoholic bottles and cans and donating the refunds from them to the campaign over the coming year. Think of all the time you'll save by not standing at the recycling center! Thanks ahead of time for your participation.

Iowa State fraternity scholarships: Beta Sigma Psi, a Lutheran fraternity at ISU, helps keep students connected to the church during their academic career. Three \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to Lutheran men who will be freshmen at ISU during the 2013-2014 school year. Applications are accepted through May 31. More information can be found on the bulletin board across from the library or by going to www.epsilon.betasigmapsi.org. Applicants need not join the fraternity in order to receive the award.

The Youth Garage, Plant, and Bake sale fundraiser will be Saturday, May 11, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Look for Plant Sale order forms – available on the website now and hard copies in March.
- Orders are due March 31st - Easter Sunday.
- Flowers orders will be available for pick up at the Garage sale.
- Start saving your garage sale items – look for details in the March and April newsletters!

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Preaching Pastor – Rev. Eric Carlson

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

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers –8:15 Bruce Bergman, Larry Nordeen, Dave Gronert

10:45 Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin, Barb Burley, Bill Jensen

Liturgist – 8:15 Matt Jordahl 10:45 Hal Turner

Lector – 8:15 Carla Peterman 10:45 Stephanie Johnson

Children’s Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 10:45 Don and Gail Petersen, Alex Davik, Eric Carlson

Acolytes – 8:15 Devin Ashton 10:45 Matt Farrell, Hannah Jensen

Altar Guild – Sue Anderson, Alice Kulzer

Counters – 8:15 Jon Rissman, Chris Lawson 10:45 Jeff Farrell, Mike Carney

Coffee –

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, February 24

- 8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Educational Hour, Brass Practice
- 9:30 a.m. - Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room
- 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

MONDAY, February 25

- 10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 1:00 -3:00 p.m. – VBS Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, February 26

- 8:30 a.m. -Morning Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. – Pastor’s Text Study
- 6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in Gathering Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Cafe
- 6:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 27

- 9:00 a.m. - Willing Workers
- 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – LSI Staff meeting
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
- 5:40 – 6:10 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship Service
- 7:15 p.m. – Brass Practice
- 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. – Grace Bells

THURSDAY, February 28

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

9:30 a.m. – Martha Circle

7:00 p.m. - Malaria SWAT Team

FRIDAY, March 1

SATURDAY, March 2

SUNDAY, March 3

8:15 a.m. - Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. - Coffee-Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Educational Hour, Brass Practice

9:30 a.m. - Good & 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 Meeting

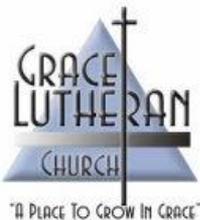
**During Lenten Worship services, Pastor Mike will be doing
a special sermon series**

February 27 – Taking a break from all your worries

March 6 – Wouldn't you like to get away?

March 13 – Our troubles are all the same

March 20 – Where everybody knows your name



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