

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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 "Sarabande from the French Suite No. 6"

by J.S. Bach, arr. by L.N. Porter

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 fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of grace and glory,

C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

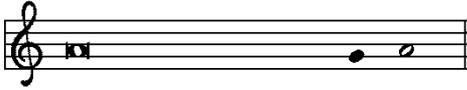
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Greeting

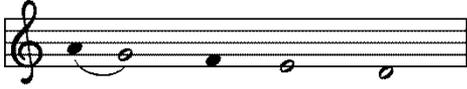
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

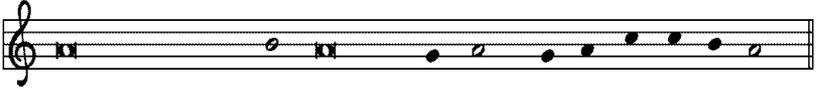
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



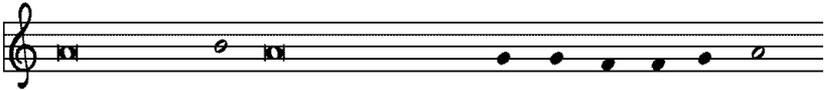
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

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: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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: Acts 9:1–6 [7–20]

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he

might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

Psalm 30

R: You have turned my wailing into
dancing, into dancing.

- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**
³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance. R**
⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was¹ filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to¹ you, O LORD; I pleaded with¹ my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de-¹clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-¹cy upon me; O LORD,¹ be my helper." R**

¹¹You have turned my wailing¹ into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed¹ me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you¹ thanks forever. R**

Anthem

"See, What A Morning" arr. by Michael Ryan.
Children's Bells

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11–14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

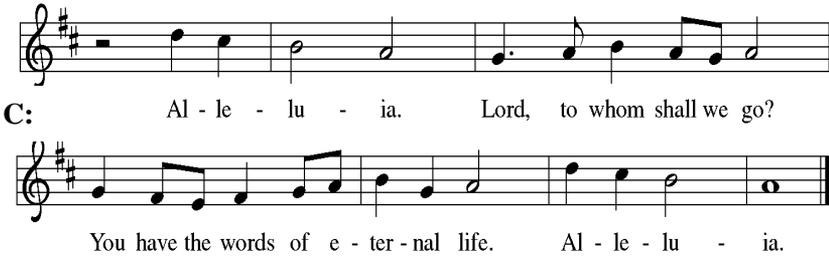
L: The word of the Lord.

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. John, the twenty-first Chapter.

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

Gospel: John 21:1–19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the

Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

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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: In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray,
trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

LWR Litany of Thanksgiving and Hope

**P: Almighty and gracious God, you have so richly blessed us, but we
pray for more, much more.**

**C: We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our
abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.**

P: Lord, we pray for more.

**C: We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources – our
imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.**

P: We pray yet for more, Lord.

C: We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in this climate of entitlement and insatiable desire.

P: Lord, for much more we pray.

C: We pray for confident hope, in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that each offering of money, quilts, and material resources makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

P: For still more, Lord, we pray.

C: We pray for lifestyles of justice and mercy, living more simply, being advocates for those more needful than we, supporting fair trade, being compassionate in our role as citizens.

P: Lord, yet again we pray for more.

C: We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and then pray for grateful and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

P: Yet for one more thing we pray.

C: We pray you would bless those who labor on our behalf through all the work of the Lutheran World Relief and it's partners, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others.

P: In the name of our Lord who encouraged us to ask boldly when we pray, Amen.

The Offering

Offertory 8:15

"Eat This Bread"

by Robert Lay

Chancel Choir

10:45

"Children of the Heavenly Father" by Fred B. Binkes

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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.

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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 table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

Please be seated

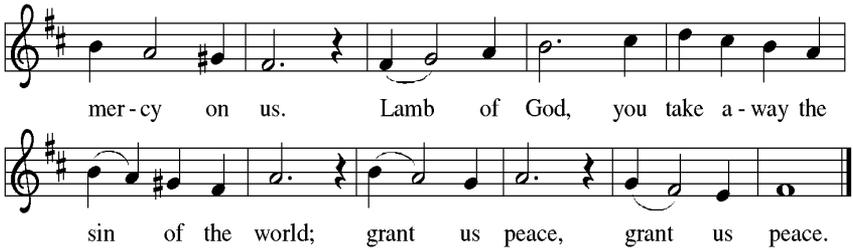
Lamb of God



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: 729, 472, 781

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, 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: “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Unto All the World’

by Christopher Neal

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

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – 8:15 Dave Gronert, Bruce Bergman, Len Ringgenberg, John Gronert

10:45 Gary Nelson, Jay Wangerin, Tom McCleary

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

Lector – 8:15 Shirley Dyson 10:45 Charlotte Nielsen

Children’s Sermon – Cathy Barks

Communion servers – 10:45 Jenie Schmidt, Aaron Brandsfield

Charlotte Nielsen, Ellen Wonderlin

Acolytes – 8:15 Devin Ashton 10:45 Isaac McCleary, Matt Farrell

Altar Guild – Michelle Voelker, Tammy Denton

Counters – 8:15 Chuck Denton and Carter Woodruff

10:45 Alex Davik and Chris Lawson

Coffee – Karen Taylor

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Beth, Evelyn Piltingsrud (Kathy Piltingsrud’s mother), Sandra Roehrick and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Karen and Randy Taylor in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today and every second Sunday are for the malaria campaign.

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and Adult Forum meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

Adult Forum

April 14 – Grace Garden and Local Hunger: A few lucky attendees will get a treat for participating in a simple demonstration – students welcome. We will also start simple container gardens to donate to the food pantry - a fun, easy service project that can help in so many ways. Michelle Voelker and Shirley Shiffler

April 21 – Hope for the Hungry Follow-up, Thrivent, Coalition in Support of Hungry Children: Diana Sickles Did you know that 11% of all Iowans are living in poverty? In Polk County the poverty rate is 12%, and 70% of children in the Des Moines schools meet the qualifications for free lunches. Come to the adult forum on April 21 to learn more about the seven goals that came out of the annual Hope for the Hungry conference last fall, and discover what various task forces are doing to alleviate childhood hunger in the Des Moines area by 2015.

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 **New Member Class** will meet this afternoon from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Happy Birthday to: Prudence Campbell, Matt Speck, Erin Warren, Michael Flannery, Ernest Weatherington, Cynthia Gronert, Mary Donnenwerth, Justin Fenimore, Jennifer Rehder



**Garage Sale, Bake Sale,
Plant Sale Pick up,
Annual and Perennial Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 11

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Grace Hall and the parking lot

The High School youth and families are hosting this sale to raise money for the High School trip fund and 2015 National Youth Gathering. You can contribute by coming to the sale or by donating items.

Anyone can donate:

Garage Sale Items: Books, tools, small furniture, toys, clothes, housewares, etc.... **clean and in good condition.** (please, no golf clubs, golf carts, air purifiers or humidifiers, as Goodwill won't accept these.) Please bring donations to Grace Hall II beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7 – 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 10. Questions: Ross Peeler at 314-6830 or rosspeeler@aol.com.

Baked Items for Bake Sale: Please bring items to Grace Hall by 8 p.m. on Fri., 5/10 or 7:30 a.m. on Sat., 5/11. Questions: Susanne Carney 707-5159.

Perennial Plants: Perennial donations may be made Saturday morning, between 7 and 8 a.m. Please donate potted plants and provide the following information: Name of plant, sun or shade requirement, and flower color. Questions: Michelle Voelker 402-8571



Lutheran World Relief

Please pray for Lutheran World Relief and for the people who are helped each year. Our ingathering is today. Donations can be turned in to the offering plate or the church office today. Envelopes for donations are located in the church pews and at the LWR display in the gathering hall. Visit our display for more information. If you have an interest in this work, we would love to have you join our committee.

Contact Cathy Barks at 278-1461. Thank you for your support.

Sunday April 21, following the service:

Enjoy a concert by an African Choir from a Tanzanian refugee camp while enjoying a light luncheon hosted by the **Companion Congregation Committee**. Free will offering will be accepted.

VBS is on the way! Registration forms for preschool week (June 10-14) and elementary week (June 24-28) are now available in the Gathering Hall and at www.gracedm.org. We also love our volunteers and encourage you to use the easy online signup process. Go to <http://volunteersignup.org/83LCQ> for information about preschool week, and <http://volunteersignup.org/CMQYJ> for elementary week, or find those links on our website. No separate registration form needed! Hard copies are also available in the Gathering Hall for those who need them. *Please note that teen volunteers still need to submit an updated health form.* Thanks for your ministry during those weeks!

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, April 14, *Lutheran World Relief Ingathering*

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-Cafe

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

10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – New Members Information and Class, Gathering Hall

MONDAY, April 15

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

6:00 p.m. – Stephen Supervision

TUESDAY, April 16

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:45 -10:15 a.m. – Bible Study

10:30 a.m. – Pastors Text Study

6:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in Gathering Hall

6:00 p.m. – Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion-Cafe

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle

WEDNESDAY, April 17

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Cherub Choir

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir

5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Chapel Chimers and Youth Bells - Combined practice

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells

6:30 p.m. – Holy Communion

7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, April 18

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Mosaic – Café

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

10:00 – 3:00 p.m. – 1st Circle Friends

5:45 – 8:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts

6:45 – 9:00 p.m. – Embroidery Guild

FRIDAY, April 19

6:00 p.m. – Scandinavian Club

SATURDAY, April 20

Lutheran Lakeside Camp Quilt Auction in Boone

2:00 p.m. – Active Grace – Walk, Run, Bike, and Pray at Gray’s Lake

SUNDAY, April 21

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-Cafe

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

10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion

Noon - Companion Congregation Committee will be hosting a light luncheon following the service with a concert by an African Choir from an Tanzanian refugee camp

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Mid Iowa Cactus and Succulent Society (MICSS) meeting in Café

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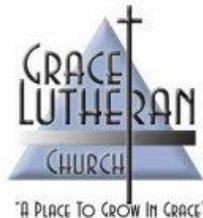
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Active Grace!

“...being truly healthy and whole is about being in balance and intentionally nurturing all aspects of health surrounded and supported by spiritual health.” ELCA Website

Active Grace will focus on the health of the community of faith, and the individuals and families within it. Listed below are upcoming events. On Celebration Sunday you can fill out a survey to tell us what events YOU are interested in or have a need for. Beginning April 20, we will track our progress as a whole, in 10-minute increments, regardless of activity. Let's see how far we can go together!

Saturday April 20, 2:00 p.m. at Grays Lake

This will be a walk/run/bike and pray event. Those wishing to participate will meet at in the picnic area located by the southeast part of Gray's Lake. We will gather together for a short prayer and reading of a scripture passage. If possible, wear a blue shirt. This way it will be easier to be “lifted up” by others from Grace while we are active together at our own individual paces. Gray's Lake has a playground for families with little ones too!

Saturday May 4 Workday (morning): Small groups will earn minutes by assisting members of the Grace community with tasks in or outside of their homes. **Rain Date: Saturday May 18**

Saturday, May 18: 2:00 p.m. at Gray's Lake

Walk/run/bike and pray. We will meet every third Saturday. (Look for an early morning time in June to beat the heat.)

Sunday, May 19: Celebration Sunday. After the service/before the meal. Grab a team of 4 people for a round robin game of Wii bowling. Which team will have the most fun?

Sunday June 2: Active Grace Wholeness Fair: After the service.

Saturday June 15, 8:00 a.m. at Gray's Lake

Walk/run/bike and pray. Afterwards attend the Farmers Market, or 9:00 a.m. Yoga in the park.