

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



*... as I have
loved you, you
also should love
one another.*

John 13:34, NRSV

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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

"Prelude No. 2"

by Hermann Schroeder

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 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

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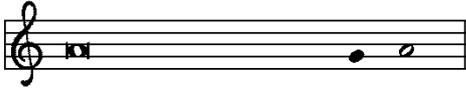
A Moment of Silence

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.

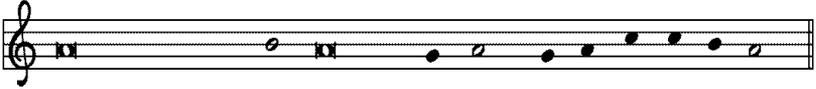
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



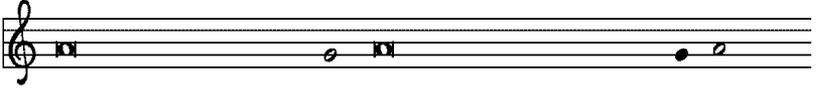
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



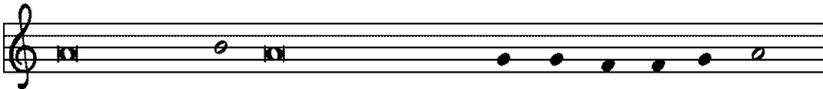
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

A Moment of Silence

Please be seated

First Lesson: Acts 11:1–18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will

give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 148



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹from the heavens; praise God ¹in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, ¹all you angels; sing praise, all you ¹hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, ¹sun and moon; sing praise, all you ¹shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- ¹en of heavens, and you waters a- ¹bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name ¹of the LORD, who commanded, and they ¹were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- ¹er and ever, giving them a law that shall not ¹pass away. R**

⁷Praise the LORD ¹from the earth, you sea monsters ¹and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, ¹snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do- ¹ing God's will;**

⁹mountains ¹and all hills, fruit trees ¹and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts ¹and all cattle, creeping things and ¹flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹and all peoples, princes and all rulers ¹of the world;

¹²**young ¹men and maidens, old and ¹young together. R**

¹³Let them praise the name ¹of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ¹earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all ¹faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. ¹Hallelujah! R**

Anthem 8:15

"If You Love Me"
Youth Choir

by Natalie Sleeth

10:45

"Beautiful Savior" arr. Wallingford Riegger
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1–6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Moment of Silence

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 Thirteenth Chapter.

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

Gospel: John 13:31–35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

A Moment of Silence

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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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:

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

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

A Moment of Silence

The Offering

Offertory

"Balm in Gilead"

Adam Dostalík

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.

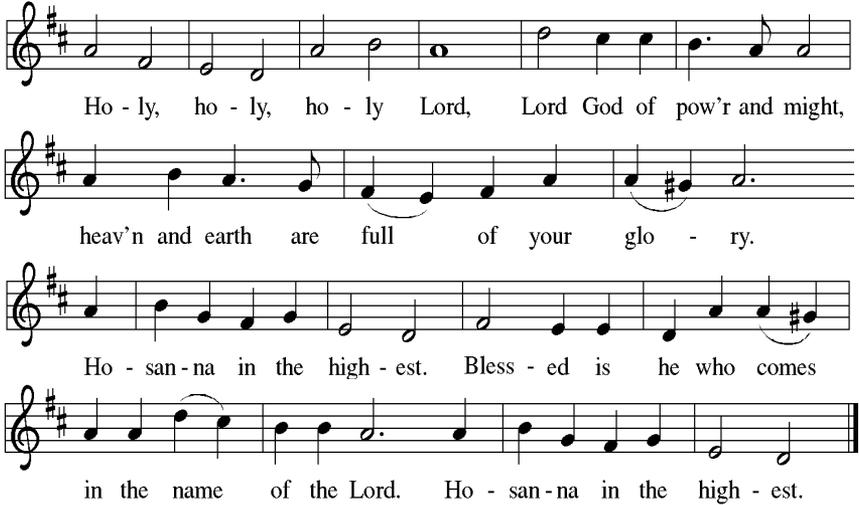
Lift up your hearts. **We lift** them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 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: 625, 733, 462

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: "We Are Marching in the Light"

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A Moment of Silence

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Carry His Love With You"

by Adam Mason

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



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Darlene and Julie in memory of Leo Stuckle, husband and father.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today and every fourth Sunday are for Msindo.

Good morning and 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 Stephanie Johnson 10:45 Denny Rehder

Lector – 8:15 Kate Schaller 10:45 Joanne Johnson

Children’s Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – 10:45 Alex Davik, Jenie Schmidt, Kathy Bowermaster, Stephanie Johnson

Acolytes – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 Payton Lawson, Paul Weaver

Altar Guild – Michelle Voelker, Tammy Denton

Counters – 8:15 Mike Peterman, Chuck Denton; 10:45 Alex Davik, Mike Carney

Coffee – Malaria SWAT Team

World Malaria Day: Today we will be recognizing World Malaria Day here at Grace. During worship, we will take time to learn more about malaria and to pray for those who struggle with it daily; during the education hour, children, youth and adults will have the opportunity to engage in deeper learning about life with malaria and what the ELCA is doing in order to win the war. You will also learn more from Grace's SWAT Team about the educational and giving opportunities that will take place in the coming year so that, together with the ELCA and by the work of the Spirit, we can work to eradicate malaria by 2015.

Education Opportunities

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

Adult Forum

April 28 – ELCA Malaria Campaign Kick-off

May 5 – Tribute to Mothers – 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.



Happy Birthday to: David Gronert, Anna Cline, Abigale Nelson, Kathy Piltingsrud, Alysse Adams, Melinda Stickrod, Lillian Prickett, Joshua Meadows, Helen Ringgenberg, John Roehrick



Happy Anniversary to: Curt and Kathy Johansen,
Col. Franklin and Bonnie Peterson,
Michael and Tina Meadows

Express God's Love Through Your Hands – Today!

Be a part of God's LOVE working through OUR hands. The Social Ministry Committee encourages everyone to look for ways to use their God-given gifts to perform random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty. What could you do between the time you usually leave church and 2 p.m. today? We ask that you travel in packs, car-fulls, and hordes for Mob Kindness (and for the company). Meet back at the church in Grace Hall at 2:00 p.m. to share stories. Go forth, be God's hands on earth!



Grace Bells!!!

Have you ever wanted to try ringing Grace's beautiful handbells? Now is your chance! We currently have openings for the next several weeks. Please contact Sherry Kocek, Director of Ensembles, for further details. (309)536-0962 skocek@msn.com

Active Grace Work Day

The morning of Saturday, May 4 will be an Active Grace work day. Small groups will earn minutes by assisting members of the Grace community with tasks in or outside of their homes. Sign up at Volunteer Central.

Work Project request sheets are available in the office on the corner table by the coffee. ***Requests are due by Tuesday, April 30 to be considered for the May 4 work day.***

**You Are Invited ...
Ascension Day Service and Brunch
Thursday, May 9.**

Our worship service will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by brunch. The cost is \$5, and reservations will be taken Sunday mornings in the Gathering Hall on April 28 and May 5. Invite a friend!

Verda Swanson & Jan Gross

Can you share 3-6 hours this summer to water Grace Garden?

An hour of your time each month can help a hungry family. If you sign up for one day a month in June, July, and August or September, we can keep the garden well watered, and **you** get to see and taste the bounty at the end of the summer. To sign up, look for the large green poster board in the Gathering Hall or Grace Hall during coffee time. ***We are also asking for large pots to use when we donate plants to the Food Pantry in early June.***

Scholarship application deadline June 2

Grace Lutheran Church provides scholarships for students accepted by Lutheran colleges, universities, or seminaries for 2013-2014. Applications may be picked up in the Grace office. New applicants will be required to submit a letter of request to the Scholarship Committee, along with a one-page essay describing how their church involvement and beliefs have influenced their development and career aspirations, including any specific educational goals. Grants of up to \$500 per recipient per year will be paid directly to the educational institution. The schools usually provide matching funds. High school seniors through graduate students are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants should be members of Grace in good standing for at least one year prior to the request for assistance. Contact the office at 276-6873 for more information.

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 28, *Malaria campaign kicks off*

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

2:00 p.m. - Random Acts of Kindness - Social Ministry Committee

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - AA Group Birthday Party - GHI

Monday, April 29

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. - TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups

Tuesday, April 30

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. - Evening Bible Study in Gathering Hall

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

6:00 p.m. - TOPS

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

4:30 p.m. - Grace Women's Board

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/Youth Bells - Combined practice

6:30 p.m. - Brass Practice

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. - Grace Bells

6:30 p.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

7:45-8:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 2

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends

9:00 a.m. - Quilters

6:00 p.m. - Men In Mission

Saturday, May 4

Morning: Active Grace Workday at members' homes

1:00 – 10:00 p.m. Al-Anon Celebration - Grace Hall

Sunday, May 5

8:15 a.m. - Worship with 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 - Café

9:30 a.m. - Grace Garden Meeting

9:30 am. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room

10:45 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

12: 30 – 2:00 p.m. - LSI Donor Appreciation - Grace Hall

5:00 p.m. - Grace Fellowship Meeting - Grace Hall

**Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Plant Sale Pickup,
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.

The garage sale needs help all week, and especially Thursday evening May 9 and Friday evening May 10 setting up the garage sale, along with volunteers to help during the sale in all areas.

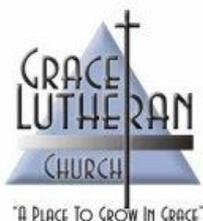
The Plant Sale needs volunteers to help sort orders from 6:45-8 a.m. You can take your own orders home at 8 a.m.

Sign-ups for helping at the Plant, Bake, and Garage sale can be found at Volunteer Central, or contact:

Ross Peeler rosspeeler@aol.com or 314-6830

Susanne Carney susannelcarney@msn.com or 707-5159

Michelle Voelker rvoelker1@mchsi.com or 402-8571



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