

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



The Healing at the Pool

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" by Emma Lou Diemer
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 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

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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.

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: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9–15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

R 
Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us; may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²Let your way be known | upon earth, your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R

⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷May God | give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. R

8:15 Anthem

“Alleluia! Christ has Destroyed Death” Kevin Hildebrand
Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's

book of life.

Chapter 22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 Fifth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 5:1–9

Jesus performs a healing miracle on the Sabbath. In doing so he both reveals divine creative power and teaches a richer, deeper meaning for the Sabbath as a healing and creative time.

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put

me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

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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,

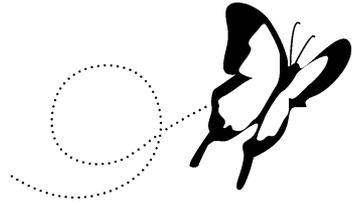
the holy catholic church,

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:

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

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

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

The Offering

Offertory

"Offertory on "Buinessan" by Edward Broughton

Please stand as you are able

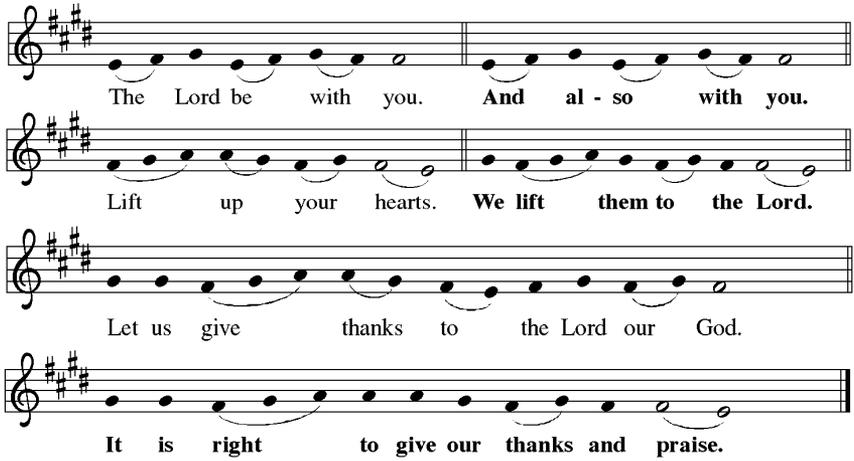
Offering Prayer

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

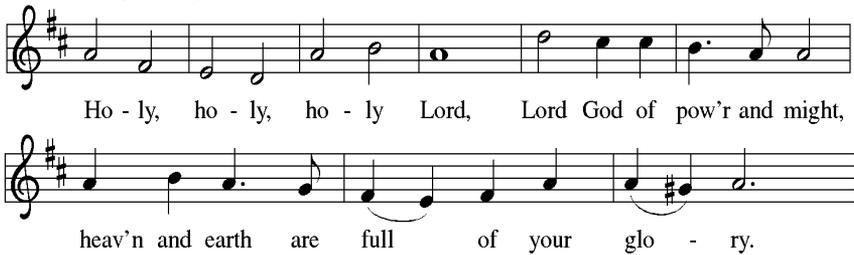
Great Thanksgiving



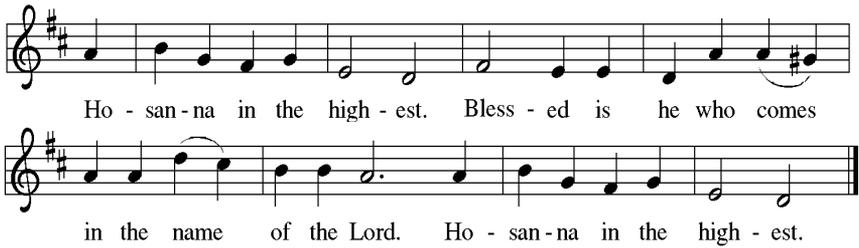
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,

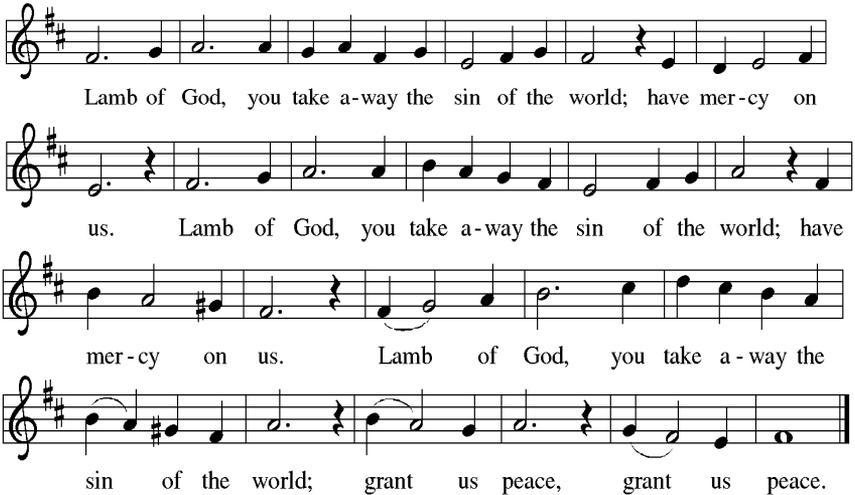
forever and ever. Amen

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: 785, 754, 742

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: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Sortie in B-flat”

by Leon Boellmann

Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!

In our prayers: LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Evelyn Piltingsrud (Kathy Piltingsrud’s mother), Nelson Potter, 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 Fran Best in memory of loved ones and in honor of family.

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

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

Education Opportunities

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

Adult Forum

May 5 – Tribute to Mothers – Sandy Briggs

May 12 – Mother’s Day – Time of Fellowship



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: Vernon Fanning, Michael Newell, Jacqueline Wangerin, Dylan Rutter, Ardis Olson, Karla Swanson, James Merkwan, Daniel Dinnauer, Hannah

Honsey, Regan Nelson, Donna Kennebeck, Claire Kallestad, Jeffrey Farrell, Jeffrey Rudisill



Happy Anniversary to: Mark & Annette Taylor, Justin & Carolyn Andersen, Jon and Cherie Rissman, Carter and Carol Woodruff



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



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

The service will be at 10:00 a.m. and the brunch will follow. Reservations for \$5 are needed by 4:00 Monday, May 6. Reservations will be taken Sunday mornings in the Gathering Hall on April 28 and May 5. You may invite a friend. Verda Swanson & Jan Gross

Mark your Calendars! Sunday May 19 is Celebration Sunday!

- **One 9:00 a.m. service:** You won't want to miss all the wonderful music being prepared for the celebration service.
- **Ministry Fair:** Not quite a carnival, nevertheless, this fair is all about fun. Stop by each group's table to meet new people, see what they've been up to, or try a hands-on activity. There are some great surprises and fun being planned for all ages!
- **Lunch:** Lunch will be served in Grace Hall after the fair. No cooking or dishes for you! Won't you join us?



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

Garden? One hour of your time each month can help a hungry family. To sign up, look for the large green poster board in the Gathering Hall or Grace Hall during coffee time.

We'll make sure you know everything you need to know.



Scholarship deadline for 2013 is Sunday, June 2.

Applications may be picked up in the Grace office. New applicants will be required to submit a one-page essay describing how your church involvement and

beliefs have influenced your development and career aspirations, including any specific educational goals. Also include a letter of request to the Scholarship Committee

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

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – 8:15 Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin Drury 10:45 Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney

Liturgist – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach 10:45 Hal Turner

Lector – 8:15 Shirley Dyson 10:45 Ro Zimany

Children's Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – 8:15 Delores Larsen, Jan Gross, Kevin Krause, Mindy Scholten

Acolytes – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler, Emma Mattes 10:45 Isaac McCleary, Yaritza Marquez

Altar Guild – Barb Zimany, Cindy Peeler

Counters – 8:15 Chris Lawson and Mike Carney
10:45 Mark Stumme and Tom McCleary

Coffee – Iverson's



**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

We need your help!

- Youth and parents to help sort donations the evening of May 9 and 10
- Adults to help us sort the plant order 6:45 – 8:00 a.m.
- Volunteers (especially Youth) the day of the sale – 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. **(there will be cinnamon rolls and lunch for volunteers)**
- Bakers to donate baked goods
- Volunteers for clean-up 1-3 p.m.

We need your stuff! Drop off your donations and castaways to Grace Hall between Tuesday May 7 at 1:00 p.m. and Friday evening May 10.

This sale is hosted by the High School youth and families. Proceeds go to the High School trip Fund and 2015 National Youth Gathering Fund.

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

Ross Peeler at 314-6830 or email address--rosspeeler@aol.com

Susanne Carney susannelcarney@msn.com or 707-5159

Michelle Voelker rvoelker1@mchsi.com or 402-8571

This Week at Grace

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 a.m. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room
10:45 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. - Grace Fellowship Meeting - Grace Hall

Monday, May 6

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – LSI Training in Cafe
10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. – Staff Lunch
4:00 p.m. - TOPS
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
8:45-10:15 a.m. - Bible Study
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – LSI Training in Cafe
10:30 a.m. - Pastors' Text Study
12:00 p.m. – Garage Sale set-up and drop offs– Grace Hall II only
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
6:30 p.m. – Knitters Guild
6:30 p.m. – VBS meeting

Wednesday, May 8, *Garage Sale drop-offs, all day - Grace Hall II only*

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – LSI Training in Cafe
9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle –Prep for Ascension Day Brunch
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
4:30-5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir
5:30 p.m. - Book Discussion
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 9 Ascension Day

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – LSI Training in Cafe

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. – Brunch to follow Service

1:30 p.m. – Calvin Community Communion

3:00 p.m. – on: Garage Sale Set-up – Grace Hall I & II

Friday, May 10 Garage Sale drop-off and set-up – Grace Hall I & II

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – LSI Training in Cafe

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Grace Kids Care Teachers Appreciation Day –
Gathering Hall

Saturday, May 11

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Making the Covenant Class

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. National Youth Gathering Plant/Bake/Garage Sale

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day

8:15 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

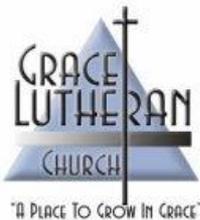
9:15 a.m. - Coffee - Grace Hall

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

9:30 a.m. - Good & Beautiful God Book Discussion - Café

9:30 am. - Stephen Minister in Upper Room

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



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