

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

“... the world may know that
you have sent me and have
loved them even as
you have loved me.”

John 17:23, NRSV



Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 12, 2013

8:15 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 “Trio from the Ninth Sonata” by W.A. Mozart
(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: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Thine the Amen”

#826

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson: Acts 16:16–34

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud

voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

R 

Re - rejoice in the LORD, you right - teous.

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory. R**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name. R**

Children’s Sermon

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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 and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 17:20–26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“The Church's One Foundation”

#654

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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This morning we celebrate the Holy Baptism of Cooper Ryan Bigg. Parents are Ryan and Rachael Bigg. Sponsors are Carol and Kevin Kelly. Pastor John Nelson is Grandpa.

Creed (10:45 only)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: Hear us, O God

C:

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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

“A Canticle of Peace”

by Franklin Ritter

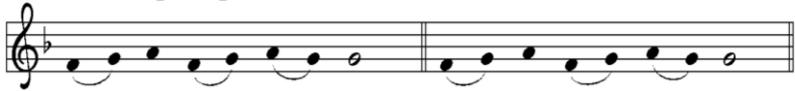
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Offering Prayer

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.



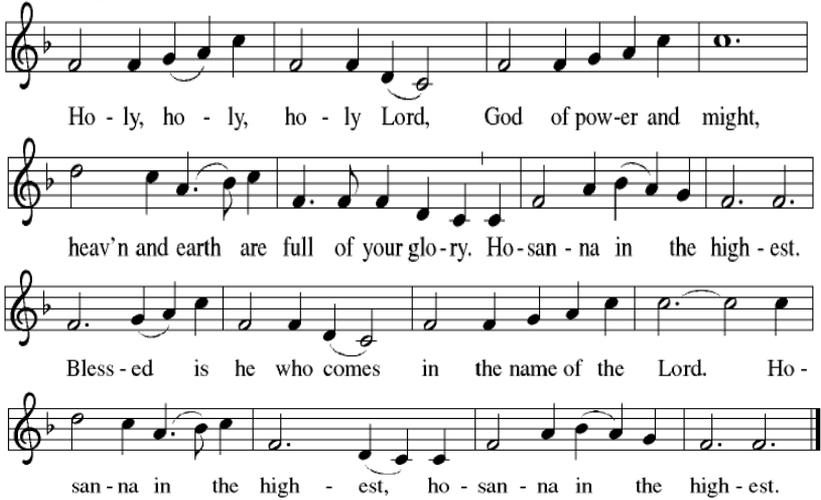
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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. Come to the table prepared before you. Taste God’s goodness and mercy.

Please be seated

Communion Song



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution Hymns: 466, 491, 838

Please stand as you are able

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.

Hymn

“The Head That Once Was Crowned”

#432

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Voluntary in B Flat”

by Sir Edward Elgar
ed. By Charles Callahan

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

Custodian – Todd Haugen

Ushers – 8:15 Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin

Drury 10:45 Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney

Liturgist – 8:15 Alex Davik 10:45 Janet Habick

Lector – 8:15 Julie Honsey 10:45 Rev. Bill Kallestad

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Mike

Communion servers – 10:45 Alex Davik, Barb Burley, Lori Fry, Jenie Schmidt

Acolytes – 8:15 Sarah Voelker 10:45 Hannah Jensen, Payton Lawson

Altar Guild – Barb Zimany, Cindy Peeler

Counters – 8:15 Carter Woodruff, Jon Rissman 10:45 Alex Davik, Tom McCleary

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 Carol and Carter Woodruff in honor of moms and family.

Quarters placed in the offering plate today, and every second Sunday are for Malaria.

Education Opportunities

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

Adult Forum

May 12 – Mother's Day – Time of Fellowship

May 19 – Celebration Sunday Ministry Fair and lunch

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 next Sunday, May 19, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.



Happy Birthday to: Charlotte Nielsen, Sally Preston, Frances Best, Laurie Helton, Ellen Wonderlin, John Kennebeck, Dmitri Woodruff, Katherine Bickel, Laura Wonderlin, Carol Krause



Happy Anniversary to: Richard and Betty Hirschauer, Steve and Mary McCann, Drew and Karla Tillotson, Matt and Tammy Hagerty



Have you ever wanted to try ringing Grace's beautiful handbells? Come practice with us Wednesday evening at 6:30! Questions? Please contact...Sherry Kocek, Director of Ensembles for further details. (309)536-0962 skocek@msn.com

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 during the fair. Mmmm, nummy fair food!

Grace Garden Planting

Sunday May 26 after the service and Wednesday May 29 at 5:30, before the service. We have some tools, feel free to bring your own. We'll also have work days every 2nd Sunday at 10:15 and 4th Wednesday at 5:30 for an hour through the summer.



Quarters for Malaria

Quarters received the second Sunday of each month will be designated for the Grace Malaria Campaign. The moneys received will help us reach our \$5,000 goal.

Malaria At-A-Glance

About 3.3 million people – half of the world's population – are at risk of malaria. Almost 9 out of 10 people who die from malaria each year live in Africa. Every 60 seconds a child in Africa dies of malaria, accounting for 22% of all childhood deaths.

SE Iowa Synod Assembly addresses hunger

The 2013 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will gather under the theme, "When Hungry Hearts Find Bread." The Synod Assembly will be held May 31-June 1 at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. The Friday night forums, banquet, and evening program are open to all people from congregations in the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and will focus on our shared work in Hunger Ministry. The keynote speaker is ELCA Pastor David Beckmann, CEO of Bread for the World, a Christian organization dedicated to confronting hunger and mobilizing people of faith and our nation's leaders. The registration cost for the

banquet is \$12; forums and keynote presentation in evening are free. We would love to send a delegation from Grace! Lay Ministry funds are available to cover the cost. Please let Stephanie Johnson (stephaniejohnson@q.com) know if you are interested in attending. For more information, go to www.seiasynod.org and scroll down to synod assembly news about the celebration banquet and program.



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



Summer Worship Schedule begins next week!

Sunday, May 19: Holy Communion Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday May 26: Holy Communion Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday May 29: Holy Communion Worship Services will begin at 5:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, May 12, *Mother's Day, baptism of Cooper Ryan Bigg*

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

Monday, May 13

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. - TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups

7:10 p.m. – Hannah Circle – Gathering Hall

Tuesday, May 14

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. - Companion Congregation Committee
6:00 p.m. - TOPS
7:00 p.m. - Committee Night
8:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, May 15

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
6:30 p.m. - Youth Bells Combined Practice
6:30 p.m. - Brass Practice
6:30 p.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Grace Bells
7:45-8:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 16

Grace Kids Daycare Photos, Gathering Hall
9:00 a.m. - Quilters
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - First Circle Friends
5:45 - 8:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
6:45 - 9:00 p.m. - Embroidery Guild

Friday, May 17

Grace Kids Daycare photos - Gathering Hall

Saturday, May 18

2:00 p.m. - Active Grace walk - Grays Lake

Sunday, May 19, *Day of Pentecost, Celebration Sunday*

Graduate Recognition

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Ministry Fair

10:30 - Lunch served

1:00 p.m. - New Members Class - Gathering Hall

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Mid-Iowa Cactus & Succulent Society - Cafe

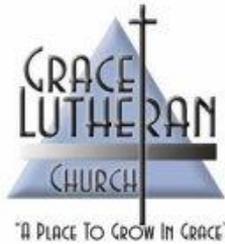


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