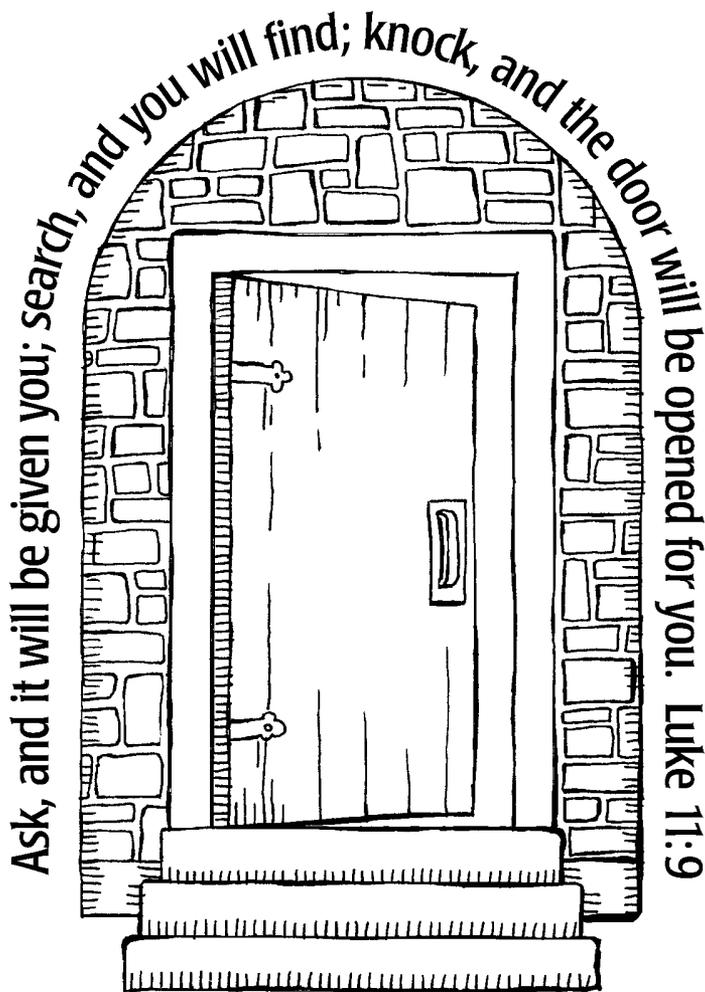


# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 28, 2013

9:00 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 after the service.*

***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.*

***Stephen Ministers** are available upon request. If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office.*

**Prelude**

“Voluntary”

by G.F. Handel

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**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**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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**Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

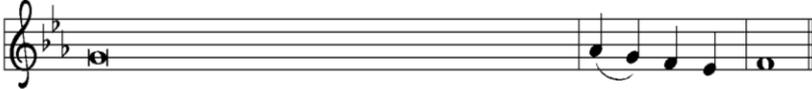
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



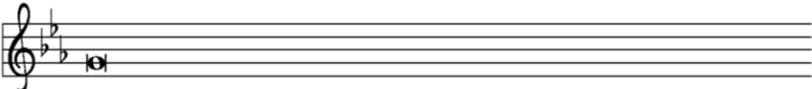
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



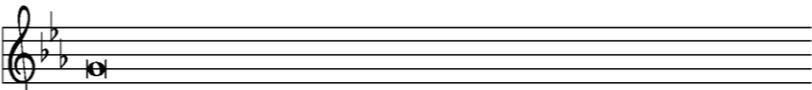
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

### Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### First Lesson: Genesis 18:20–32

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust

and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

**Psalm 138**

R: Your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er;  
do not a - ban - don the works of your hands.

- <sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup>my whole heart; before the gods I will <sup>1</sup>sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup>love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a - <sup>1</sup>bove all things. R**
- <sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>1</sup>answered me; you increased my <sup>1</sup>strength within me.
- <sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD, when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup>of your mouth.**
- <sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup>of the LORD, that great is the glory <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup>for the lowly, perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup>from afar. R**
- <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup>keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>1</sup>hand shall save me.
- <sup>8</sup>**You will make good your pur - <sup>1</sup>pose for me; O LORD, your**

**steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works<sup>1</sup> of your hands. R**

**Special Music**

“Above All” by Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche  
*Pastor Mike*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]**

*Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *repeats*

C: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### Gospel Acclamation

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

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

### Gospel: Luke 11:1–13

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone

who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn** "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"

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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 Intercession**

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**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** “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” by Donald Rotermund

*Please stand as you are able*

**Offering Prayer**

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as 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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

*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:** 742, 733, 824

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn**

“Lord of Light”

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” by Humphrey Turner

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**Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

**In our prayers: In our prayers:** LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Barb Burley, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Marvin Malmin, Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, the family of Alan Janson, and the others we name before you...

**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Beverly, Jessica and Danielle Russell in memory of Tom Russell. Happy Birthday Daddy!

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



**Happy Birthday to:** Genaro Ruiz, Gary Denton Cathleen Swanson, Laura Schwarz, Amy Neal, Kevin Drury, Deborah Helt, Michael Hansen



**Happy Anniversary to:** Jack and Wilma Frost, Stuart and Martha Mitchell

**Luther Park Auxiliary Ice Cream Social**, Sunday August 4, 2:30-4:30 at Luther Park, 1555 Hull Ave., DM

We are in need of pies. Please contact Barb Tussing at 278-2039.

**"A Family Evening at the Science Center of Iowa"** sponsored by the Two Rivers Chapter of Thrivent Financial. Sunday, July 28th, 6:30-8:30 pm. No charge for admission, no reservations required, no food or beverages will be provided. Just come and have fun!

**SWAHILI WORD of the WEEK**

**Jina langu ni** My name is

**Bwana asifiwe** ( bwah-na ah-see-fee-way) Praise the Lord

**kwa heri** (kwah heh ree ) means good bye

**Habari** means how are you?

The reply is **Nzuri** which means good or fine.

**Karibu** means welcome.

The reply is **Asante** which means thank you or **Asante sana** (thanks very much).

**Jambo** means hello. The reply is **Jambo**.



School garden volunteers needed: Carver, Moulton, and Hillis Elementary Schools are all in need of volunteers to help with harvesting produce and watering during the month of August. A few hours help will keep these gardens alive and productive until school resumes and the new Food Corps Volunteers arrive to take over. If you would be interested in this, please contact Diana Sickles at [dsickles4@gmail.com](mailto:dsickles4@gmail.com).



Help us with Grace Garden watering and harvesting! The garden is doing so well that we will need help during the hot month of August. If you harvest vegetables you can take some home with you. Any that you take to the Food Pantry will be weighed – simply bring the receipt they give you back to the office. For more information e-mail Michelle [rvoelker1@mchsi.com](mailto:rvoelker1@mchsi.com), Shirley [shirburk@aol.com](mailto:shirburk@aol.com), or Julie at [jlhreader@aol.com](mailto:jlhreader@aol.com)

### Welcome to Grace!

**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** – Jay Wangerin, Chuck Denton, Leslie Denton, Kevin Krause, Paul Nelson

**Liturgist** – Matt Jordahl

**Lector** – Karen Taylor

**Children's Sermon** – Pastor Mike

**Communion servers** – Carol Woodruff, Karen Taylor, Alex Davik, Cathy Barks

**Acolytes** – Danielle Russell

**Altar Guild** – Diane Jessen, Alice Kulzer, carol Woodruff

**Counters** – Chuck Denton and Jon Rissman

**Coffee Servers** – Karen Taylor