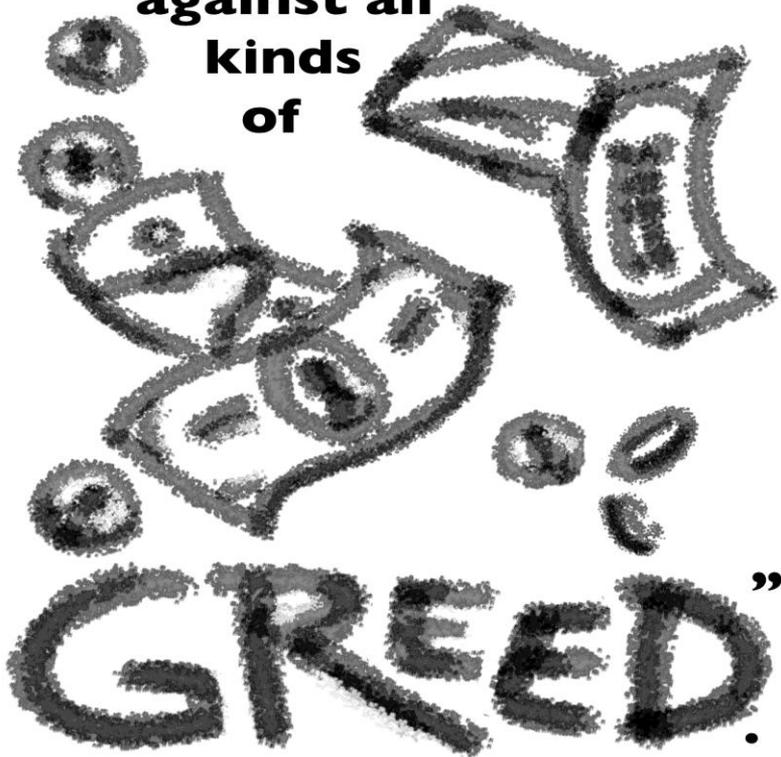


# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

**“TAKE CARE!**

**Be on your guard  
against all  
kinds  
of**



**Luke 12:15, NRSV**

**The Season of Pentecost**

July 31, 2013

6:30 p.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.*

*Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.*

***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.*

*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).*



# Summer

# Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

## Prelude

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## Hymn

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

#647

## 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.

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.**

## 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

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

**Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23**

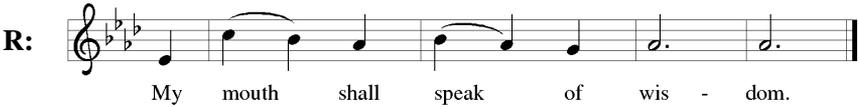
*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

**Chapter 1** <sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. **Chapter 2** <sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>— and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 49:1–12



<sup>1</sup>Hear this, <sup>1</sup>all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell <sup>1</sup>in the world,  
<sup>2</sup>**you of high de- <sup>1</sup>gree and low, rich and <sup>1</sup>poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall <sup>1</sup>speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on <sup>1</sup>understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear <sup>1</sup>to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- <sup>1</sup>on the harp. R**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in <sup>1</sup>evil days, when the wickedness of those at my <sup>1</sup>heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who trust in <sup>1</sup>their own prowess, and boast of <sup>1</sup>their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never re- <sup>1</sup>deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- <sup>1</sup>other's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life <sup>1</sup>is so great that there would never be e- <sup>1</sup>nough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forev- <sup>1</sup>er and ever and never <sup>1</sup>see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- <sup>1</sup>pid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come <sup>1</sup>after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to <sup>1</sup>generation, though they had named lands af- <sup>1</sup>ter themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot <sup>1</sup>live forever; they are like the <sup>1</sup>beasts that perish. R**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

### **Gospel: Luke 12:13–21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take

care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

#655

**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**

*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**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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.**

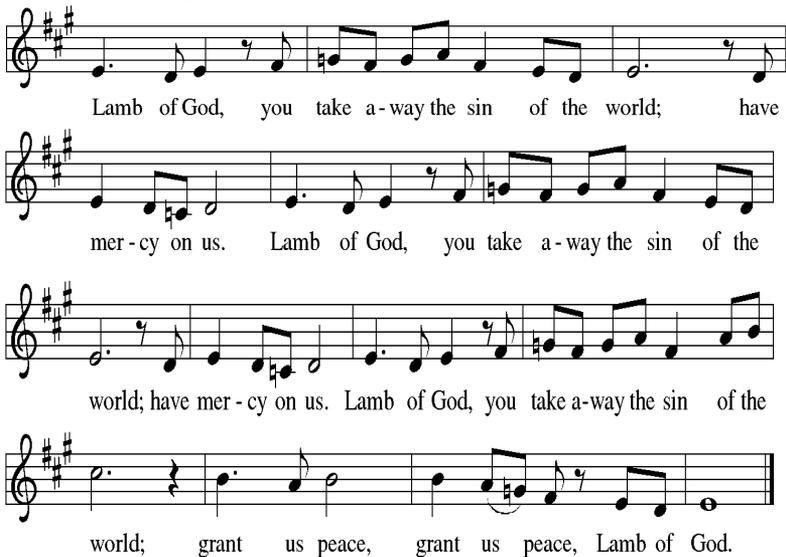
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## **Invitation to Communion**

P: 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.



## Communion Song



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, Lamb of God.

*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**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#705

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

## Good Evening and Welcome to Grace!

**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...

---



**Happy Birthday to:** Cathleen Swanson, Laura Schwarz, Amy Neal, Kevin Drury, Deborah Helt, Michael Hansen, Matthew Trickel. Grace Merkwan, Shirley Dyson, Roland Zimany, Donald Swanson, Elizabeth Rudisill, Joshua Appenzeller, Kayleigh Medhurst, Carla Peterman, Riannon Brown, Kenneth DeBolt, Laynne Weber



**Happy Anniversary to:** Stuart & Martha Mitchell, Paul & Melissa Kallenbach, Howard & Alice Kulzer, Kevin Stinn & Kristin Kopperud-Stinn, Ryan & Rachael Bigg

**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.

### **Seven -Mile Saturday Bike Ride**

Grace Bike Group meets every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to ride to the downtown Farmers Market. It is a 7 mile trip. If you are interested, contact Brian Barks to be added to the email list.

[bebarks@aol.com](mailto:bebarks@aol.com)



Help us with Grace Garden watering and harvesting!

The garden is doing so well, 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!

**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

**Lector/Communion assistant** –

**Pianist** – Bill Henderson

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

## Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310

**Pastor Michael Schmidt**

515-276-6873

[worship@gracedm.org](mailto:worship@gracedm.org)

[www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org)

